Southwark. Council	Local parking amendment	
Reference	16/17_Q1_008	Location overview
Location	Blackwater Street	BACKWATER STREET
Proposal	To install a single yellow line on Blackwater St along the southern frontage of No.126 Lordship Lane to provide a loading facility.	
Community council meeting	Dulwich	
Community council date	22 June 2016	
Ward(s) affected	East Dulwich	

Local parking amendment

A local parking amendment (LPA) is a small project to change an existing parking restriction or to introduce a new one.

These tend to be carried out in locations where we have had a request to look at dangerous or obstructive parking and where small lengths of restrictions could provide a solution.

Request

In March 2016 the council received a request from William Rose Butchers Ltd of Lordship Lane for a loading only bay.

The business informed us that there are no dedicated facilities for loading/unloading on Lordship Lane, or the side roads, and that this impacts on their business as they have to regularly unload heavy cuts of meat into their shop.

Location

Blackwater Street is mainly unrestricted with small sections of double yellow lines and disabled parking bays. It is within walking distance of Lordship Lane shops and bus routes and here is heavy demand for parking.

Investigation and conclusions

An officer carried out a site visit on the 8th April 2016 and met with the owner of William Rose Butchers to discuss their loading requirements.

Until recently the butchers were unloading in front of No.126 Lordship Lane. This is not permitted and there is a loading ban in this road junction with Blackwater Street.

There is a parking bay adjacent to the butchers, which is located outside no.118 to 124 Lordship Lane. The operational setup of the parking restrictions are summarised in the table below.



Parking and loading arrangements outside 118 to 124 Lordship Lane

- This bans loading and unloading Mon Fri, 7am 10am. This is to maintain the morning peak bus lane flow.
- Between Mon Fri, 10am 7pm (outside the bus lane peak hours), the parking bay becomes operational and allows up to 30mins parking to create continuous turnover in space for the shops. Loading and unloading is also permitted but there no guarantee to find space due to high demand of short stay parking.
- Outside the hours of operation; from 7pm 7am and at weekend, the restrictions to not apply and any motorist is entitled to park.

As kerb side space on Lordship Lane is extremely limited and already prioritised to maintain traffic flow, the closest and safest place for the butchers and other businesses on Lordship Lane to load and unload is on side roads including Blackwater Street. However, as the street is unregulated there is no guarantee that there would be parking space free to load and unload.

By providing a single yellow line, operating during trading hours, this would provide a loading facility for vehicles to load and unload for up to 40 minutes during business hours.

Recommendation

Based on our investigation and conclusions, the council are recommending as shown in the drawing below, the introduction of a single yellow lines on the north side of Blackwater Street fronting the southern side of No.126 Lordship Lane operating Monday to Saturday, 8am - 6.30pm. This will permit loading and unloading during the operational times for up to 40 minutes.

A single yellow line also offers some parking flexibility as motorist would be able to park on the restrictions outside the operational period, i.e. late evenings and on a Sunday.

The proposed single yellow line is located at the side of no.126 Lordship Lane and will extend for 13.5m, from the existing double yellow lines up to the vehicle access.

It should be noted the yellow line will provide loading and unloading provision for all nearby premises and will also benefit refuse collection as there are two large waste bins immediately adjacent to the proposal.

Next steps

Should the community council approve this local parking amendment, it is expected that statutory consultation will commence in August 2016.

Following the statutory consultation period, the council will make arrangements to install the restrictions (road marking and signage at the location).

Should objections be received during the statutory consultation period, these will be presented at the next community council meeting for determination.

