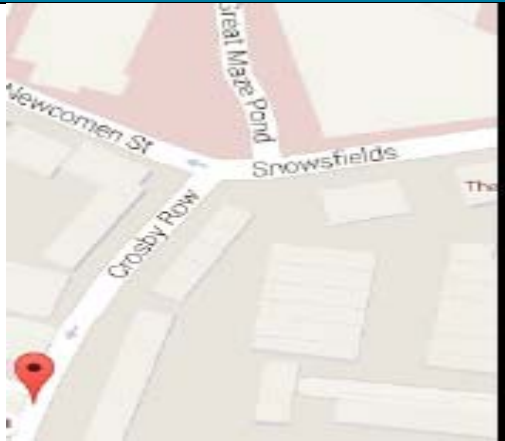
 Local parking amendment Determination of statutory objection(s)		
Reference	H/ND/TMO 1617-008	Location overview
Location	Snowsfields – between Crosby Row and Kipling Street	
Proposal	Introduction of one-way system with contraflow cycle lane between Great Maze Pond and Kipling Street. Installation of a new zebra crossing on Snowsfields, east of its junction with Great Maze Pond. Permanent retention of the temporary zebra crossing at the northern end of Crosby Row.	
Community council meeting	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	
	22 June 2016	
Ward(s) affected	Grange	

Background

The council are proposing to make a one-way system on Snowsfields with vehicle flow eastbound between Great Maze Pond and Kipling Street. This section of Snowsfields is currently operating one-way westbound and the one-way system has been in place since 4 February 2013 (for the duration of Guys Hospital Cancer Centre construction work on the site). The proposal to make this section of highway one-way has been part of the Councils strategy for this area for a long period of time and formed part of the transport recommendations on the Cancer Centre planning application (12-AP-2062). Snowsfields is currently operating a rat run for vehicles wanting to avoid congestion on Long Lane and making it eastbound for vehicular traffic only will eliminate this.

The developer was granted planning permission (12 AP 2062) on 31 January 2013 which allows a redevelopment of premises that include the erection of a 14 storey building for Cancer Treatment Centre (with additional 2 storeys of roof plant) 71 metres in height and 29000 sqm floor area with preservation insitu of a Scheduled Ancient Monument (Roman Boat), public realm works, disabled parking, cycle parking facilities and basement link to hospital campus.

A report was presented at the Community Council meeting on 17 September 2014 seeking approval to make the permanent changes associated with the Guys Hospital site (Crosby Row reverting to two-way/ Snowsfields one-way eastbound with cycle contraflow). This is as per the highway layout agreed in principle as part of the planning application.

The recommendations in the report were approved in order for the statutory consultations to commence as part of the making of the traffic management order.

At the time of the September Community Council report, the highways DC team expected the s278 works to be completed during summer 2015. However, there have been a number of delays in agreeing the detailed design for the highway works, partly due to the location of trees and underground services.

Officers are also proposing to retain the existing 'temporary' zebra crossing on Crosby Row as a permanent feature. Both of these elements form part of the highway works that Guys Hospital are undertaking as part of their planning obligations.

Outside of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, but forming part of the Guys Hospital highways agreement works, is also the retention of the 'temporary' zebra crossing on Newcomen Street as a permanent facility. This section of highway is located within Chaucer Ward and a report was presented to Borough Bankside and Walworth Community Council for consideration of this element (29 September 2014).

There are also a number of related highways changes in this area resulting from the conclusion of the temporary traffic arrangements to accommodate the Guys Cancer Centre works, and from the proposed cycling Quietway running east-west along Snowfields.

With the end of the construction work on the Cancer Centre, Crosby Row will return to its two-way operation. Since February 2013 Crosby Row has operating as one-way southbound under a temporary traffic order. Crosby Row was changed to operate one-way southbound to match the one-way westbound operation of Snowfields as part of the construction management plan for the hospital. This also allowed vehicles to use Crosby Row to exit the network otherwise they would all have to travel via Newcomen Street.

The Quietway scheme (running between Nicholson Street and Tanner Street) includes the closure of Newcomen Street to through traffic as part of its proposals.

Following recommendations made by Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council on 17 September 2014 officers proceeded to statutory advertising of the traffic orders for:

- **Snowfields - between Great Maze Pond and Kipling Street**
 - Introduce a one-way system with vehicle flow to be eastbound with contraflow cycle lane on the southern side.
 - Reinstatement of zebra crossing on Snowfields east of its junction with Great Maze Pond. This zebra crossing was temporarily moved to facilitate the Guys Hospital Cancer Centre development work.

- **Crosby Row**
 - Formalise the temporary zebra crossing facility by making this permanent.
 - With the expiration of the temporary traffic order on Crosby Row, this will return to two-way working with no further statutory process.

Statutory consultation and summary of objection(s)

Statutory consultation was carried out between 12 May 2016 and 02 June 2016. The traffic order was advertised in the London Gazette and Southwark News and notices were erected on lamp columns on Snowfields.

During this period, officers received 15 objections.

Paragraph 16 of Part 3H of the Southwark Constitution sets out that the community council will take decisions on the following local non-strategic matters:

- determination of objections to traffic management orders that do not relate to strategic or borough-wide issues

Details of the objections received are attached to this report and can be summarised as:

- Making Crosby Row the only access into the Hospital and reverting it to two-way working will lead to an increase in traffic, lead to congestion & gridlock and would be unsafe.
- Crosby Row is too narrow to allow two-way working and will not cope with an increase in traffic. It will cause air pollution, noise pollution and delays to patients.
- Weight of traffic on Crosby Row will affect the Victorian water main and listed buildings in the area.

The full objections are provided in pages 4-21.

None of the objections received relate to the traffic order advertised which covered making the two zebra crossings permanent and Snowfields one-way.

No traffic order is required to return Crosby Row to two-way traffic as this has only been operating one-way, under a temporary order, relating to the construction of the Guys Hospital Cancer Centre.

Only one of the comments received expressed the opinion that making Snowsfields one way eastbound means Crosby Row could become a 'rat running' for traffic coming onto Long Lane from Borough end wanting to get north towards London Bridge and Bermondsey Street.

On 9 June 2016 officers wrote to the 15 objectors acknowledging receipt of their representation. They were also advised that their objection would be sent to the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council for determination.

Officers response to objection(s)

The Transport Statement that accompanied the planning application (12-AP-2062) identified making Snowsfields one-way eastbound between Great Maze Pond and Kipling Street. This was considered acceptable to the highway authority as it would deter east-west 'rat running' in the local road network.

Crosby Row is two-way working but currently temporarily operating as one-way. Snowsfields is also temporarily working one-way westbound. Both of these temporary changes have been implemented by a temporary traffic order made to facilitate the development of the hospital under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Such temporary orders have a maximum lifespan of 18 months. Once the temporary order has elapsed, the highway automatically reverts to its former state. No public consultation on this change is required.

Crosby Row is the only vehicle access to the new Cancer Centre for patients and visitors. Vehicles accessing the unit may include private cars, hospital taxis, ambulances, patient transport services and oxygen delivery services. All other servicing and delivery will take place at the existing servicing yard (FM yard) off Weston Street at the junction with St Thomas Street which has no public access.

Southbound vehicles in Great Maze Pond having a maximum length in excess of 7.5m will be prohibited from turning left into Snowsfields, providing a compulsory ahead only via Crosby Row. This is to ensure that the large vehicles wishing to proceed to Long Lane/Borough High Street do not get stuck negotiating the bends at Kipling Street and Weston Street.

According to the Transport Assessment submitted for the Guys Hospital Cancer Centre planning application, traffic that would be generated by the new Cancer Centre are low and would not have an adverse impact on the existing transport infrastructure. The site is well served by both bus and rail means of travel resulting a Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) value of 6b (highest rating possible). The Transport Assessment further concluded that making Snowsfields one-way would result in a reduction in traffic flows in the east-west direction which has been used as 'rat running' to access Borough High Street.

Recommendation and next steps

In view of the objections received, it is recommended that:

1. The 15 objections made against the proposal are recognised by the community council as not relating to the traffic order which was advertised (Making of Snowsfields one-way), considered and rejected
2. The proposals contained in the advertised order were agreed by the planning committee as part of the Guys Hospital Cancer Centre
3. Officers are instructed to proceed with the implementation of the highway works contained within the traffic order.
4. Officers are instructed to write to the 15 objectors to explain the decision.
5. Officers are instructed to monitor the traffic flows along Crosby Row following the implementation of the one-way working on Snowsfields.

Objection 1

From:

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 9:14 AM

To: traffic orders

Cc:

Subject: Crosby Row

H/ND/TMO/1617-008

I am alarmed to read that there are plans to make Crosby Row the only vehicle access to Guys Hospital and to revert it to a 2 way road.

As a resident of Crosby Row since 1991 i know the traffic flow in this area very well. with other residents we clearly pointed out a number of things when the planning for the Cancer Centre was passed.

1. We pointed out that Crosby Row was the only vehicle access to Guys and the Cancer Centre as a result of the removal of vehicle access from the north or the west. At the planning meeting this statement was refuted.

2. The volume and speed of traffic moving down Crosby Row is a real hazard for the residents (particularly the Ark Nursery) and the high volume of students moving between the halls of residence to the south and the hospital and public transport hub at London Bridge.

3. The resident parking spaces and disabled parking spaces were essential to curb the speed of the traffic.

4 It was essential to have a Zebra crossing.

5 The Victorian water main that passes under the street in front of the two listed houses at [REDACTED] is constantly subsiding under the weight of traffic and is causing major vibration and potential structural damage to the last two significantly intact Georgian houses in the immediate area (See the English Heritage report on these two properties). The introduction of one way traffic and a re-tarmacing of the road in this area helped the situation - it did not resolve it.

All of the comments above were presented at the planning hearing when the permission for the Cancer Centre was passed (not by a unanimous vote). With the new proposals it is clear that there are going to be significant problems and issues unless this receives more consideration.

It seems unwise to have a major hospital and Cancer Centre with only one vehicle access. In any accident or disaster this seems to be a real issue. With the additional weight of traffic a collapse of the watermain or one of the listed houses does not seem impossible and urgently requires monitoring and an engineering survey. If this happened all access to the hospital would be cut.

I suggest that this has not been fully thought through and that there are many reasons to reject this proposal and seek a more sustainable solution. Apart from anything else the traffic on Long lane is often backed up to Borough tube station and this will serve to significantly block vehicle access to the hospital.

I am open to further discussion at any time.

Objection 2

From:

Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2016 2:54 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: TMO1314-040 local parking issues 1314Q3 reference H/ND/TMO1617-008

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference H/ND/TMO1617-008

██████████ would like to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to make Crosby Row both the only vehicular access to such a busy hospital as Guy's (especially now it has a new cancer centre) and to make it two-way and the only exit for large vehicles (over 24ft 6 ins long). This will lead to gridlock. Even a brief inspection of Crosby Row should make it obvious that it is simply not wide enough to support so much two-way traffic without the removal of all parking spaces down one side or the other. The gridlock will lead to significant disturbance in the street and potentially much increased levels of air pollution.

We would therefore like to formally request that you either (a) reconsider your decision or (b) remove all parking down one side of the street.

Alternatively we would like to formally request that you set up a camera to monitor traffic flow and carry out tests to determine air quality before the scheme comes into effect and 6 months after it has started and to reconsider the scheme if air quality, and in particular the presence of particulate matter, has significantly worsened.

Objection 3

From:

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 6:46 PM

To: traffic orders;

Subject: reference H/ND/TMO/1617-008

I would like to raise an objection against proposed changes to be made to traffic flow on Crosby Row SE1, reference H/ND/TMO/1617-008

I am resident at [REDACTED] and strongly believe that that by making Crosby Row two way flow of traffic will cause serious problems for congestion and residents health in the area. I believe that the increased pollution, due to extra vehicle movements, will be detrimental to the health of both me and my partner. We are disabled, as are some of our neighbours , and all were awarded housing here due to our health issues. One of the reasons we were drawn to accept the council offer of housing in this area was due to the minimal traffic flow around the building and the reduced emissions; plus the peace and quiet afforded as a result of one way traffic flow.

I also need to draw to your attention the risk posed as a direct result of your plans to the school children attending Beomund School situated and accessed on Crosby Row and the SILS inclusive learning centre adjacent on Porlock Street. Both schools cater for challenged children with exceptional care needs and behavioural problems. Increasing traffic in the area will only add to the risk posed to these young people with a higher risk of accident and damage to health by diminished air quality. The new Church , St Luke's housed in the building I live in, has play group for toddlers and their main entry access is via a door on Crosby Row, again has anyone in the planning department given thought to the risk posed to these children. They also host meetings for pensioners and obviously services held in this building mean an increased volume of pedestrians that will be subject to issues caused by your plans.

I would like to ask that you send me full risk assessment relevant to this planned change as soon as possible so I can review the details therein. I would also like to question why Crosby Row is subject to this change when the next road along, Kipling Street, is much wider and far more suited to two way flow. Could you also send me details of the any planned consultation that I could attend. I will also be raising this issue with my local MP [REDACTED] and our new Mayor [REDACTED], given that one of the main manifesto pledges of our new mayor was to reduce overall pollution in the London area I am sure that this matter will be of interest. One key statement from his Manifesto is that he intends to "introduce cleaner walking routes to school, working with local councils to reduce congestion around schools as a means of protection our children from filthy air". Your plans are in direct contravention of this pledge.

I look forward to your response.

Objection 4

From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 11:03 AM

To: traffic orders

Subject: H/ND/TMO/1617-008

Importance: High

Hello,

I wish to make it known that [REDACTED] opposes the potential re-introduction of two-way traffic for snowfields and Crosby row.

Due to the congestion, which creates irate drivers whom become loud and verbally abusive to one and other which is not conclusive to best practice at the arc.

Coupled with this, there is also an increased danger to crossing the road, with only one crossing point on the whole of Crosby Row and two-way traffic, when parents are dropping and collecting their children at the nursery.

Objection 5

From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 6:20 PM

To: traffic orders

Cc:

Subject: - OBJECTION - Snowfields and Crosby Row - H/ND/TMO/1617-008

I am angered by this proposal as it will have a highly detrimental impact on the quality of life on Crosby Row.

Crosby Row contains homes, businesses, a school, a church and community centre, and a toddlers' nursery. This street is our community. This proposal will blight our lives and destroy our community by stifling it with traffic gridlock and stress. Due to the increase in traffic, it will also greatly increase the chances of an accident in the street's high-risk areas (outside church, nursery, school, etc).

Background:

Crosby Row has been my home since 2006.

It was five years ago that Maze Pond Road (with St Thomas St) was closed for Guy's hospital traffic and pedestrianised. This was a big mistake as it removed North / South bound access to the Hospital, and saw Crosby Row further struggle with the traffic, especially when the Guy's to St Thomas' shuttle bus started running up and down the street all day long. Quite simply the street is too narrow.

At the Guy's Cancer Centre (12/AP/2062) Planning Committee it was recognised that Crosby Row had serious traffic congestion problems, and so we successfully argued our case such that Crosby Row has been one-way ever since and we no-longer have any congestion issues.

Therefore, this proposal is a huge backward step AND it will make the situation significantly worse than we experienced in the past (when Newcomen St was open and the new Cancer Centre did not exist).

Reasons for Objecting:

There are three key reasons why this is a terrible proposal:

1. Above all else and quite simply, Crosby Row will be unable to cope with the increased level of traffic associated with it being the primary vehicle access route for a major London Hospital.

Obvious to all, Crosby Row is physically too narrow to operate as a two-way street. Due to parking and single yellow parking, the street is only one vehicle wide. Crosby Row will be unable to cope with all the traffic associated with it being the only access route to Guy's hospital.

The extra traffic on Crosby Row will undoubtedly increase the chances of the accident outside the toddler's nursery, church and community centre, or school. This proposal ignores these high-risk areas and is fundamentally unsafe. We are also the pedestrian route of choice for the local halls of residence and London Bridge station.

This proposal will close Newcomen Street to vehicle traffic. The change will remove vehicle access exiting the hospital to the west, and will return the Guy's to St Thomas' shuttle bus to running up and down our street all day. This is a nightmare scenario for us as it currently uses Newcomen Street.

I am also greatly concerned about our air quality. We currently have private ambulances sat 12hrs a day on our street with their engines running. The increase in traffic due to this scheme, most of which will be stalled, will of course further reduce air quality. Air quality tests need to be made before and after this change if implemented. I know it is currently at seriously dangerous levels – this will make it materially worse.

2. [REDACTED] I strongly object with Crosby Row being the main traffic thoroughfare for Guy's Hospital.

Crosby Row contains two of a very small number of Grade II Listed houses in Southwark. The two listed houses ([REDACTED]) were built in 1770 and are very fragile. This proposal is utterly incongruent and incompatible with the long-term welfare of the buildings.

In addition, please see planning application 12/AP/2062 for the Guy's Cancer Centre. The Planning Committee Meeting on 6th Nov 2012 approved the scheme with one amended Condition (8) to include specific reference to [REDACTED] Crosby Row as sensitive buildings needing careful consideration. At the time this was recorded as Condition 8, item iv. – As per Addendum Report. This has been completely ignored and [REDACTED] will of course be pursuing a breach of condition if this change goes ahead, as absolutely no consideration has been given for the long-term survival and welfare of these buildings.

As undertaken ahead of the construction phase of the Cancer Centre, if this proposal goes ahead a Schedule of Condition will need to be undertaken as these houses will literally be shaken apart.

3. The poor condition of the street itself being unable to support its use as the main access for Guy's Hospital.

The Victorian sewage system below the street is in such a poor condition that most of the properties shake when anything bigger than a van drives down it. Using the street as the main access for Guy's shows no respect or consideration for the street and its two listed building. The Building Surveyor that undertook a Schedule of Condition ahead of the Cancer Centre construction highlighted this as a serious and genuine problem (please see the report he produced). I don't think the seriousness of this is currently acknowledged by the traffic planners, but during the recent water-mains replacement the risk assessment that was

undertaken ensured that the road was hand dug over large stretches of the street (rather than vibrating machinery).

Alternative Options:

The general opinion on the street is that there are two alternative options:

1. Reinstate Maze Pond and therefore St Thomas to traffic North / South bound (could be just for Hospital access).
2. Keep Newcomen Street open to traffic.

Alternatively, share the impact with surrounding streets by keeping Crosby Row one-way. It's that simple; it currently copes very well that way. I am flabbergasted at the incompetence of the traffic planners to be able to produce a scheme that can achieve this aim. It must be possible, because that's how it works right now.

To Conclude:

This is an atrocious, low-grade and disrespectful proposal that will have a highly detrimental impact on all those that live on and use Crosby Row. To say nothing of the fact that it's fundamentally unsafe.

I would be happy to work on an alternative to ensure that our community is not destroyed.

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Objection 6

From:

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 10:43 AM

To: traffic orders

Subject: Crosby Row

Reference H/ND//TMO/1617-008

I note from the traffic notice posted that you intend to make Crosby Row two way traffic and the main route in and out of Guys Hospital, I regularly use this road along with many others to walk to London Bridge Station and feel by dramatically increasing traffic flow it will create considerable danger to pedestrians.

Surely spreading traffic with other roads by creating a practical one way system would be a sensible option.

Please consider my suggestion

Objection 7

From:

Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 8:37 AM

To: traffic orders

Subject: Crosby Row proposals (H/ND/TMO/1617-008)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was shocked to see the Proposal to return Crosby Row to 2-way traffic again. **(H/ND/TMO/1617-008)**

Despite being a new resident on the road I have known the road for years and clearly remember the log-jams and horns beeping as cars and lorries got stuck whilst negotiating what is a narrow road with limited parking.

Even now, as a one-way road, we see congestion as large trucks struggle to make it through the gaps.

Even worse, Crosby Row would, it appears, become the only route into Guy's hospital which would mean a huge increase in incremental traffic coming North towards the Hospital. Shuttle buses, taxis, cars and vans every minute of every day.

I don't see how this small road can deal with this type of traffic.

Reversing the Snowfields access also means Crosby Row will become a rat-run for any truck or traffic coming onto Long Lane from the Borough end and wanting to get north towards London Bridge or Bermondsey Street.

All I can foresee is total grid-lock for much of the day?

I also see we are to lose a Resident Parking spot as well? Having lived at number 37 since early March I have managed to park in a Resident's bay just a handful of times near my house so it seems crazy to remove one at a time when we sorely need more?

Please please consider these points as I have no doubt this will cause chaos on our road and I urge you to find an alternative solution.

Objection 8

From:

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 12:39 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: H/ND/TMO/1617-008 Traffic Plans for Crosby Row

Dear Sirs

I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED], Crosby Row, Bermondsey, many of whom are regular [REDACTED] and also residents of Crosby Row and the surrounding streets.

We are particularly concerned about the plans for Crosby Row to take two-way traffic and to be the only access to Guy's Hospital and the new Cancer Care Unit. Crosby Row is home to the ARC Nursery which holds sessions in St Hugh's church three days per week, together with Beormund School and Southwark Inclusive Learning Service. All have vulnerable young people for whom a much busier road would pose serious health and safety issues. In addition to this, St Hugh's is starting a new toddler group this month and there are two afternoon sessions held at the church for vulnerable older people. Greatly increased traffic to the hospital, including the regular shuttle buses, will have an adverse effect on those accessing services and sessions at the church. Crosby Row is not a wide road and was not built to cope with the high volume of traffic envisaged by the planned changes.

In addition, the proposed removal of part of an existing short stay disabled parking place on Crosby Row will have a detrimental effect on those with limited mobility who come to the church.

Crosby Row is currently a quiet residential street which is greatly valued by those living in the area. This will be greatly devalued by the planned changes to traffic using the street.

I very much hope that you will take into account these concerns I have raised and to keep Crosby Row with one way traffic only.

Please do contact me directly if you would like to discuss anything further.

With best wishes and thanks

Objection 9

From:

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:14 PM

To: traffic orders;

Subject: H/ND/TMO1617-008

Dear Sirs,

I would like to raise my concerns about the proposed changes to Crosby Row as both a homeowner and cyclist. As a homeowner, I am concerned about the effects that the increased traffic will have on my property [REDACTED] given that as the other historic properties our houses it does not have foundations and therefore is vulnerable to increased traffic. I am also concerned about the increased noise and pollution in what has become a residential street. As a cyclist, I am concerned about the dangerous situation created by having cyclists to contend with two-way traffic and parked cars in what is essentially a narrow street, particularly as this is the obvious connection between Newcomen Street and quietway 1 that starts in Pilgrimage Street. I understand that this is balancing act, but I think the plans should be revisited with a longer-term strategy in mind namely the reorientation of Guy's towards St Thomas Street, which I understand where eventually the visitor entrance will be, with some of the traffic going up Snowfield into Weston and then St Thomas Street. So therefore I suggest you look into a way of keeping Crosby Row one way with two way traffic for cyclists, with the other direction of travel going via Snowfield, with 10m speed and weight restrictions on both access roads to dissuade traffic.

I look forward to hearing from you

Objection 10

From:

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:34 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: H/ND/TMO/1617-008

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a house owner in Crosby Row I am writing to comment on the traffic plans for Snowfield and Crosby Row SE1. We are extremely concerned about the current plans to make Crosby Row open to two way traffic and to be the only access to Guy's hospital, the new cancer centre and NCP. We want to express our opposition to this plan and recommend, to help traffic flow and share the load with other streets, that Crosby Row is kept one way. This is because Crosby Row is too narrow and will not physically cope with two way traffic. This is especially relevant due to Guy's Hospital being a major destination, which will be increased when the cancer centre is opened attracting a significant increase in traffic flow. We believe this will cause increased pollution, grid lock (with associated driver frustration), noise, all of which will be at the detriment of all those who live on Crosby Row.

Yours faithfully,

Objection 11

From:

Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 2:33 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: Crosby Row Traffic Plan H/ND/TMO/1617-008

Dear Traffic Planners

With reference to the traffic proposals H/ND/TMO/1617-008 I object to the proposal for Crosby Row to become a two-way street.

This street is not very wide and previously when it was two-way there were numerous traffic jams which brought the area to a virtual standstill. It appears that this is now the only entry to Guys Hospital and emergency vehicles could get blocked for quick access which in turn could put lives at risk. With the closure of Newcomen Street and Snowsfields becoming one way the traffic will be even more congested as there will be less "escape" routes.

I therefore hope that you will reconsider your proposals and find a solution for Crosby Row remaining one-way in order to ensure a smooth flow of traffic in the area.

Objection 12

Dear Sirs

Objection – Traffic Order, reference H/ND/TMO1617-008

I refer to the above proposed order and the letter of objection (copy attached) from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entirely agrees with the comments made in the letter of objection and would ask that you do not make the order as proposed, but instead adopt the suggestions contained therein.

Objection 13

DELIVERED BY HAND AND EMAIL

31 May 2016

Dear Sirs

Objection – Traffic Order, reference H/ND/TMO1617-008

This objection is submitted on behalf of [REDACTED] and should be read in conjunction with previous correspondence sent by [REDACTED] as follows (copies attached):

1. [REDACTED]

We have not received substantive replies from either the Council or TfL to our correspondence and we do not believe our concerns have been taken seriously. To date we have still not received a final report following the public consultation relating to Southwark Council's Cycling Strategy and despite meetings held with officers, we have not been assured that your proposed traffic order will provide adequate safe access and egress to one of London's largest and most historic hospitals. Guy's Hospital has 12,000 visitors and approximately 423 patient transport journeys in and out of the Hospital daily. In addition, 7,000 staff are based on the site. Safe access for patients, visitors and deliveries of goods is critical to the efficient operation of the Hospital.

The Trust is completing the construction of our new Cancer Centre at Guy's Hospital which opens in September 2016. The planning approval included highways works and traffic plans that would retain one way streets around the hospital including Newcomen Street, Crosby Row and Snowfields. The Council has since forced the Trust to change the previously agreed scheme for Snowfields which has incurred significant additional development costs for the NHS as a result but we believe it will restrict access to and from the hospital.

Parking on the Guy's Hospital campus and its close proximity is important and the Trust needs to ensure there is adequate parking provision locally to serve the needs of our patient population. Whilst the majority of people travel to Guy's Hospital using public transport, there is still an important parking need, particularly for our disabled patients or patients with longer term chronic conditions. In our response to the New Southwark Plan, we expressed direct involvement in any consultation about the potential loss of public car parks or on-street parking spaces within the surrounding area.

The Traffic Order, reference H/ND/TMO/1617-008, sets out that:

- Crosby Row will become two-way and the only access to Guy's Hospital and the new Cancer Centre. Given the volume of traffic coming to the hospital we consider it to be too narrow for two-way traffic to operate safely.

- Newcomen Street will be closed to traffic for the cycleway only and will no longer be available as a vehicle exit from the hospital.
- Snowsfields is to stay one-way, but reversed to run eastbound.

From past experience, before Crosby Row became one-way, there was evidence that the street could not cope with the volume of traffic using it as there was regular traffic gridlock which led to delays for patients and impacted on their wellbeing.

We now believe that this traffic order, reference H/ND/TMO/1617-008, if implemented, will not provide adequate nor safe access into and out of Guy's Hospital or Guy's Cancer Centre. Our request is that the Council reconsiders the plans. We suggest it would be appropriate to retain Crosby Row as a one-way street and to reconsider traffic flow to adjoining streets with the objective of providing suitable and safe access and egress to the hospital.

Objection 14

Dear Sirs

Objection - Traffic Order reference H/ND/TMO1617-008

I write on behalf of [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] own a number of properties which will be affected by these proposals namely at [REDACTED]

I would like to express our concern at these proposals and in particular the effects that they will have on the operation of the hospital, as set out in [REDACTED] letter to you (attached) of 31 May 2016, which we support.

I call upon the Council to meet with us to discuss these proposals and to take into account our concerns.

Objection 15

From: Stefan Kaday [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:38 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: Crosby row two way traffic proposal

There is enough of a traffic snag at the top of Crosby Row and the one way leading to Brough High Street, more traffic is not needed. The area around the nursery and hospital does not need to become any busier, and I don't see how this would alleviate any traffic anywhere else or serve to do anything other than make the situation worse. Yes there is a reasonably long route to access Crosby Row via Snowfields but this doesn't take that long or affect that many people