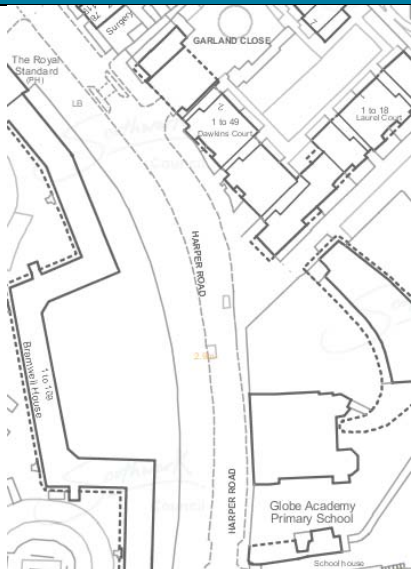


Reference	16/17_Q1_002	Location overview
Location	Harper Road	
Proposal	To Install double yellow lines on the east and northeast side and the southwest side to improve traffic flow and access at any time.	
Community council meeting	Borough, Bankside and Walworth	
Community council date	5 October 2016	
Ward(s) affected	Chaucer	

### Background

At the community council meeting held on 29 June 2016, Members approved this proposal subject to the outcome of statutory consultation.

The proposal originates from a resident who raised concerns that the Academy occasionally holds functions during the evenings and at weekends, as a result more vehicles are parking in Harper Road, some of which are parking dangerously or inconsiderately on the existing single yellow line restriction.

This type of parking activity can pose a safety risk to all road users.

Harper Road is part of the Newington (D) controlled parking zone which operated Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6.30pm. It is within walking distance of music venue and a nightclub and with the CPZ not operating after 6.30pm allows vehicles to park on single yellow lines making the street an attractive parking location for non-residents.

Statutory consultation was carried out between 18 August 2016 and 08 September 2016. During this period, the council received eight 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

### Summary of objection(s)

The objections received is attached to this report and can be summarised as:

- That Harper Road is possibly being used at a main route instead of Elephant and Castle junction
- Noise and pollution
- Harper Road is used as a Truck and Bus hub
- Vehicle speeds are increasing
- Removing off peak parking

Officers wrote to the objectors acknowledging receipt of their representation. They were also advised that their objection would be sent to the Borough, Bankside and Walworth community council for determination.

### Recommendation and next steps

It is recommended that the objections made against the proposal to the introduction of double yellow lines are introduced on the north and south sides adjacent to the width restriction and on the east side be considered and rejected.

The council do not consider this part of the road suitable for parking. The current single yellow lines restrictions mean that parking can only take place late in the evening and on the weekends. The double yellow line restriction will be no longer than current single yellow line.

With this section of road being on a slight bend, close to a pedestrian crossing, vehicle width restrictions, pedestrian refuges and road chevrons reduces the highway to a single carriageway in both directions, it is clearly unsuitable to accommodate parking at any time.

### Objection 1

Dear team,

I'd like to express my deep concern regarding the possibility to use Harper road as a main route to Old Kent road. We have in the past months seen a substantial increase of traffic including HGV, vans, trailers, coaches and buses not in service, not only during day time but up until late at night.

The noise pollution is really inconvenient, to the point where we have to close the windows to have a conversation or watch the TV as trucks, trailers and HGV's loads rattle considerably as they drive over humps.

Even opening the windows to let fresh air has become painful.

More than often long coaches can hardly squeeze between the traffic islands parked and parked cars.

This also increases the level of air pollution and H&S issues. Indeed, there is also a high level of pedestrian traffic on Harper Road since not only there are a lots of flats, but there are also a reception, a primary and a secondary school, a surgery, two small parks with sport facility and a mosque.

As a resident of Harper road I am strongly oppose to any decision that will increase the traffic on our road and will support any decision to reduce it.

### Objection 2

Dear Sir/ Madam

Good day

We do not want Harper road turned into a bus and truck Hub with its associated noise and risk to health. We are prepared and willing to fight for this position to its logical conclusion Best Regards

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### Objection 3

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to protest the plan to use Harper Road as the main connection for the New Kent Road, following the recent changes at Elephant and Castle roundabout.

I bought my 1st floor property on Harper road three years ago. What attracted me to Harper Road, was that it is a quiet residential road with a school. Recently I have been constantly woken up at night and interrupted during the day by the increased number of vehicles driving down Harper road. This includes HGVs, off duty buses, coaches, articulated lorries and a significantly increased number of cars and bikes plowing down the road (often above the speed limit - especially at night!) and who fly over the speed humps directly outside my property creating loud crashing noises when they land again and disrupting my sleep and quality of living.

I have been told that the plan is to make this, once quiet road, into the main connection. I would like to protest against this plan. I am also aware that you are planning to replace the single yellow lines, with double yellow lines, removing all parking from the road at any time. I am also strongly against this. We are unable to apply for council resident parking permits, as we are a new build property. My boyfriend frequently travels from Uxbridge to visit me at my home. At the moment if he is able to park on the single yellow lines, however, if they change to double yellow lines, he will be unable to do so and public transport takes too long for him to be able to get to work on time. (At the moment he has to leave before 7am to get out of the congestion charge zone).

I am adamantly against this proposal to put Harper Road as the main connection and to replace the single yellow lines with double yellow lines. This will greatly affect my standard of living (as it has already been proven with the increased traffic noise). It will also put all the children at Globe Academy school at a greater risk of being knocked over.

Please put my name down as a protest against this H/ND/TMO1617-013 proposal.

#### Objection 4

Dear Southwark Council,

I live in the recently constructed Dawkins court development. We were informed that due to the changes in the Elephant and Castle round about, the intention was to use Harper Road as an alternative route to New Kent Road (H/ND/TMO1617-013).

This is a residential area with a primary and secondary school and several parks. To use Harper Road as the alternative route, will not only make more difficult, the already challenging parking situation for the residents, but more importantly it will pose a hazard to all the children commuting to and from the school and playgrounds. The speed bumps are in place for a reason.

Furthermore, the use of Harper Road is particularly strange as there is an existing alternative for the majority of the traffic via Great Dover street and New Kent Road itself.

I firmly oppose this action and will expect that should this action be approved that Southwark council will take legal and financial responsibility for all related accidents that occur on this road.

#### Objection 5

Dear Sir

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Trinity Newington Residents' Association ("TNRA"). TNRA was formed in 1976 for the residents of Newington Trust Estate in London, SE1 (now rebranded as Trinity Village). This consists of Trinity Church Square ("TCS"), Merrick Square and Bedford Row, and parts of

Cole Street, Falmouth Road, Swan Street and Trinity Street. TNRA's paid up membership each year is over 200 households, comprising around 400 individuals.

We object to the proposal in these traffic orders relating to Harper Road viz to convert existing single yellow line restrictions to 'at any time' waiting restrictions on both sides between its junction with Falmouth Road and the southern wall of Globe Academy primary school.

As you should be aware, local residents are in discussion with our councillors (copied in) and Cllr Ian Wingfield (Cabinet Member for Environment & the Public Realm) to identify measures that could slow down HGVs and other traffic and discourage them from using Harper Road and the surrounding area as a rat run.

The proposal in this traffic order will have the opposite effect – it will remove parked traffic and make Harper Road a more attractive, obstacle free route for HGVs to speed along.

Please can the proposed changes to Harper Road in this traffic order be withdrawn/put on hold until the broader strategy of how best to address heavy traffic in Harper Road and the surrounding area is resolved.

#### Objection 6

I would like to lodge an objection with regard to the proposed changes to Harper Road.

I am a resident of a ground floor/1st floor maisonette in Newall House in Harper Road and I am Treasurer of the Rockingham Tenants and Residents Association. I object to the proposed order on the basis of my personal experience and on the basis of discussions with other residents of my estate.

The consultation on these changes has not been adequately conducted. The order was issued on 18th August with a closing date for objections on 8th September. This is during the peak holiday period making it difficult to canvas opinions, especially from non-resident users of the area affected by the proposed double yellow lines - the Globe Academy pupils, parents and the people attending the churches and other weekend activities that take place on the site. I am also very concerned that while our Council members raised the yellow line proposals for Rockingham St at TRA meetings no mention was made of the Harper Road proposals. Further, the consultation does not seem to have taken into account ongoing discussions about the increase in traffic that has occurred since the alterations to the Elephant junction and the attendant road safety issues. It is bizarre that there has not been one process to look at the traffic conditions and safety in one road. It is even more concerning that the two processes seem to be at odds with each other - one is about easing the flow of traffic while the other is about reducing the flow.

Removing off-peak parking from the section of Harper Road nearer to the New Kent Road represents a significant loss of amenity to users of the Globe Academy at the weekend and in the evenings. In particular this affects people attending church services and related events.

Removing off-peak parking from that section of Harper Road will cause people who currently park there to move their vehicles to other parts of Harper Road and to adjacent roads and on to the Rockingham estate. Parking at the other end of the road is already under pressure due to the mosque and to the low number of parking spaces on the estate.

Adding double yellow lines will give the message to drivers that this a road through which they should be moving speedily. This is at odds with the residential nature of the road, with the presence of the school, the mosque and the three parks, and at odds with the existing, inadequate measures to reduce the flow of traffic.

The incident which seems to have given rise to the concern about road safety could equally well be resolved by the proposal to restrict the type of vehicles using the road and by the enforcement (or reduction and enforcement) of the 20mph speed limit. There were no incidents like this before the changes at the Elephant led to an increase in

commercial and heavy goods vehicles using Harper Road. Therefore it is wrong to enact a partial measure before the situation of the road as a whole has been properly considered.

I will be pleased to provide further information in support of this objection if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

#### Objection 7

For the attention of the Traffic Orders Officer, Highways, Southwark Council,

Attached is my letter covering my objections regarding the proposed changes to Harper Road.

The letter goes into some detail but as I am copying in my local councillors and MP, I feel it appropriate to provide a short summary of my objections for their information.

Considering the fact that the Traffic Management Order containing the proposed change was issued on the 18th of August and was not made known to local residents I feel that the deadline for objections set at 8th September to be unreasonable.

The three aspects of my Objections are as follows:

- There has been no proper consultation with residents and other interested parties with regard to this proposed change and the timescale employed in its implementation removes all opportunities to carry out any proper consultation therefore it must be stopped.
- Its purposes do not stand up to examination because the measure does not take into consideration the context and the range of serious issues currently being discussed regarding Harper Road as a whole. Its implementation would, at best seriously hinder other measures being discussed and would most likely add to the problems already being experienced on the road.
- Removing off-peak parking from this section of the road would constitute a major withdrawal of current amenities enjoyed by a range of local people throughout the week and would have seriously negative implications that extended well beyond the road itself.

Please contact me if you require further details regarding my Objection

Thank you

#### Objection 8

In February I raised this issue with you on the understanding that you would endeavor to resolve the issue in a way that would benefit residents. You and your colleagues support for residents has been at best lukewarm given the

1) Lack of real resolution to traffic incidence on Harper Road

2) Lack of meaningful consultation

at worst irresponsible given the solutions

1) Double yellow lines

2) More Traffic through Harper Road

You as our representative should be able to effectively represent us and that would mean protecting what we have or enhancing what we have as a community. I do not expect council workers to represent me or understand my requirements but I do expect elected councilors to represent the community that voted for them rather than follow policies that are going to blight the lives of residents based on ideology.

The policies I mention above would include

- a) Allowing TfL to blight the lives of local Residents by rerouting traffic away from Elephant castle "roundabout" experiment
- b) Engaging in a life-threatening ideology about no parking in new builds when we need car parking spaces (Please note this only moves issues which could be resolved by underground parking within the footprint of new builds onto nearby roads)
- c) The lazy solution of double yellow lines to resolve an issue which if some creative time was applied to the issue would result in different and varied solutions
- d) Short sighted resolution of "Harper Road" issue without reference to the Borough High Street/Great Dover Street/New Kent Road triangle and the impact
- e) Prioritisation of Cyclists over residents who pay council tax/rent
- f) Ineffective monitoring of entertainment licences in particular the Ministry of Sound and the Coronet

I have lately not engaged in numerous emails by concerned residents about the Harper road traffic (by various residents on or around Harper Road). However the farce of consultation that is currently ongoing and having read the notices I have come to the conclusion that common sense will not prevail and I have to object

BATH TERRACE - to convert existing single yellow line restrictions to 'at any time' waiting restrictions on both sides at its junction with Rockingham Street;

HARPER ROAD - to convert existing single yellow line restrictions to 'at any time' waiting restrictions on both sides between its junction with Falmouth Road and the southern wall of Globe Academy primary school;

ROCKINGHAM STREET - to convert existing single yellow line restrictions to 'at any time' waiting restrictions (i) on both sides between its junctions with Newington Causeway and Tiverton Street, (ii) on the north-east side at its junction with Tiverton Street, (iii) on the north-east side at its junction with Tarn Street, (iv) on the north-east side at its junction with Bath Terrace, (v) on the north-east side at its junction with the vehicle access to Aird House, (vi) on both sides between its junction with Meadow Row and the vehicle access to Martin House, and (vii) to provide a new permit holders' parking place on the north-east side outside Aird House, and (viii) to extend an existing 'shared-use' parking place on the north-east side outside Rankine House and No. 15 Rockingham Street;

TARN STREET - to convert existing single yellow line restrictions to 'at any time' waiting restrictions on both sides at its junction with Rockingham Street;

TIVERTON STREET - to convert existing single yellow line restrictions to 'at any time' waiting restrictions on both sides at its junction with Rockingham Street;

The above sounds like an attempt to create a lifeless community bounded by fast moving vehicles with limited regard for residents and the community which includes Church/Mosque attendees and after school activities at Globe and including whatever is happening to Dickens Square.

To say I am disappointed in the activity is an understatement. For other ..... but this latest design to turn the Rockingham Estate and Harper Road into a Ghetto confirms my decision.

Please note that this is an objection to all the proposed changes. I would also want to know what the cost of all the changes are going to be and please do not tell me that it is within budget as that response will only further confirm my sentiments

Thanking you in advance for your attention. I do not think I need to remind you that you have a duty to represent your residents but I will do it for completeness

