

Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 5 October 2016	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Deputation Request	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Chaucer ward	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council consider a deputation request from residents and other stakeholders in Harper Road.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The deputation request has been submitted by residents and other stakeholders in Harper Road and refers to traffic issues in Harper Road.
3. The deputation states:

“With the safety, health and well-being of the residents and other stakeholders to the fore, we petition the council to take urgent steps to address the issue of the greatly increased volume, excessive speed, type and size, and associated air-borne pollutions of the traffic using Harper Road as a short cut to and from the A201 New Kent Road avoiding congestion at the Elephant & Castle since the changes to the northern roundabout system commenced.

Following, and in coordination with, any immediate actions deemed possible, we further request a commitment for a study to be urgently undertaken to produce a workable integrated plan for Harper Road and environs in relation to the general increase in traffic heading south from points to the north. This study to be conducted in open consultation with the key stakeholders and to report back in time for funding to be included in 2017-2018 budget.”

4. A deputation can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Deputations must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
5. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the deputation and at the conclusion of the deputation the chair will seek the consent of councillors to debate the subject. Councillors may move motions and amendments without prior notice if the subject does not relate to a report on the agenda. The meeting can decide to note the deputation or provide support if requested to do so. The community council shall not take any formal decision(s) on the subject raised unless a report is on the agenda.
6. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
8. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
9. Councillors may ask questions of the deputation, which shall be answered by their spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her or him for up to five minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's address.
10. If more than one deputation is to be heard in respect of one subject there shall be no debate until each deputation has been presented. The monitoring officer shall, in writing, formally communicate the decision of the meeting to the person who submitted the request for the deputation to be received.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OFFICERS

Director of Environment

11. Transport for London (TfL) have undertaken detailed traffic surveys whilst the works at Elephant and Castle have been carried out. This data was shared with council officers and Harper Road residents, interested in this matter, on 16 September 2016.
12. The data shows that northbound traffic has changed little since the 2014 base line survey but that southbound traffic has increased.
13. The next step is for council officers to interrogate the data and then meet with TfL to discuss any measures that may be necessary to minimise the impact of the increase on local residents. Local residents will of course be kept fully engaged throughout the process.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Chidi Agada, Principal Constitutional Officer		
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