A local parking amendment (LPA) is 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.

The council have received a number of requests from residents for double yellow lines to prevent obstructive and dangerous parking, which is taking place on Tower Mill Road at all times.

Tower Mill Road is mainly unrestricted except for small sections on double yellow lines and disabled parking bays. The street has a high residential density, this along with being close to the boundary of an existing parking zone, as well as Burgess Park means that there is likely to be high demand for on-street parking.

Officers have carried out a number of site visits and on each occasion it was noted that vehicles were parked close to the road junctions. A major concern that was observed is the obstructive parking adjacent to the junction with Pearse Street. During the visit the officer noted that large delivery vans were having difficulty manoeuvring past the parked vehicles. The way vehicles were parked would effectively block the road for emergency and refuse sized vehicles.

During 2016 the council has received four requests from residents for a parking zone; this indicates that parking stress is increasing in the area. There are currently no plans to carry out a consultation on the possible introduction of a parking zone. However there is clearly a safety concern with dangerous and inconsiderate parking that requires safety measures.

As the entire highway is unrestricted and vehicles are parking wherever possible including, this reduces the highway width and makes access difficult for large vehicles.

Note: This recommendation is also being reported to Camberwell community council as the proposal also partially falls within Brunswick Park ward.
Recommendation

Based on our investigation and conclusions the council are recommending the introduction of double yellow lines on all road junctions on Tower Mill Road and in sections of the street where parking is deemed unsafe, this to maintain access and prevent obstructive parking at any time.

The council recognise that this proposal removes parking, however in the instance road safety and vehicular access needs to take priority over the loss of unsafe parking.

A detailed design drawing of the proposal is provided within this document.

Next steps

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