

Item No. 8.	Classification: Open	Date: 7 December 2016	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Rotherhithe Parking Study	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council comment upon the consultation findings and approve the following recommendations:
 - 1.1 Not to implement a parking zone in this area
 - 1.2 Install double yellow lines where it is unsafe to park subject to statutory consultation.
2. It is recommended that the objections received against a non-strategic traffic management order are considered and determined as follows:
 - 2.1 Rotherhithe Street – reject objections and proceed to install double yellow lines to provide unrestricted access to the entrances of No.135.
 - 2.2 Rotherhithe Street – reject objections and proceed to install double yellow lines to provide unrestricted access to the garages at Columbus Court and along Rotherhithe Street between Brunel Road and Clarence Mews.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. In accordance with Part 3H paragraph 19 and 21 of the Southwark constitution, community councils are to be consulted on the detail of strategic parking/traffic/safety schemes. In practice this is carried out following public consultation.
4. In accordance with Part 3D paragraph 21 of the council's constitution the decision to implement a new or amended strategic transport scheme lies with the individual cabinet member for environment and public realm.
5. A decision on the two sets of objections outlined in paragraph 2 was deferred at community council on 22 June 2016 due to the upcoming parking zone consultation. The community council is empowered to consider such objections.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The strategic parking project programme included a review of parking arrangements within a network of streets bounded by Elephant Lane, the B205

Brunel Road, Surrey Water and the River Thames adjacent to the existing CPZs 'H' and 'G'.

7. Following approval of the programme but in advance of public consultation, a report was presented to Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council on 22 June 2016. This report set out the proposed consultation methods and boundaries.
8. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, options and analysis can be found in the "Rotherhithe Parking Study Report" (Appendix 1) but the key issues are summarised in the following paragraphs.
9. Informal public consultation took place with all residents and businesses within the proposed Rotherhithe parking zone boundaries between 26 September and 21 October.
10. The informal public consultation yielded 181 returned questionnaires from within the consultation area, representing a 15% response rate.
11. Figure 1 details the overall response to the headline question.

Area	Response rate	Do you want a parking zone?		
		Yes	No	Undecided
Rotherhithe parking zone	15%	33%	52%	15%

Figure 1

Conclusions

12. There was no widespread support to implement a parking zone.
13. The consensus was that there is no significant parking problem.
14. The review identified some locations within the zone where modifications are considered necessary to improve safety and parking practice in the area. Officers have reviewed existing parking restrictions within the zone and will consider comments made through the informal consultation.
15. The aim will be to implement double yellow lines where parking is unsafe.

Policy implications

16. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011, particularly:

Policy 1.1 – pursue overall traffic reduction

Policy 4.2 – create places that people can enjoy.

Policy 8.1 – seek to reduce overall levels of private motor vehicle traffic on our streets.

Community impact statement

17. The implementation of any transport project creates a range of community impacts. All transport schemes aim to improve the safety and security of

vulnerable groups and support economic development by improving the overall transport system and access to it.

18. The introduction of yellow lines at junctions gives benefit to all road users through the improvement of inter-visibility and therefore road safety.
19. There is a risk that new restrictions may cause parking to be displaced and, indirectly, have an adverse impact upon road users and neighboring properties at that location. However, this cannot be entirely preempted until the recommendations have been implemented and observed.
20. With the exception of those benefits and risks identified above, the recommendations are not considered to have a disproportionate affect on any other community group.
21. The recommendations support the council's equalities and human rights policies and promote social inclusion by:
 - Providing improved access for key services such as emergency and refuge vehicles.
 - Improving road safety, in particular for vulnerable road users, on the public highway.

Resource implications

22. All costs arising from implementing the recommendations will be fully contained within the existing public realm budgets.

Legal implications

23. Traffic management orders would be made under powers contained within the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984.
24. Should recommendation 1.2 be approved the council will give notice of its intention to make a traffic order in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
25. These regulations also require the council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order for a period of 21 days following publication of the draft order.
26. Should any objections be received they must be properly considered in the light of administrative law principles, human rights law and the relevant statutory powers.
27. By virtue of section 122, the council must exercise its powers under the RTRA 1984 so as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic including pedestrians, and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.
28. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters:
 - a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

- b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected including the regulation and restriction of heavy commercial traffic so as to preserve or improve amenity;
- c) the national air quality strategy;
- d) facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers; and
- e) any other matters appearing to the council to be relevant.

Consultation

- 29. The community council was consulted prior to commencement of the study.
- 30. Informal public consultation was carried out in September and October 2016, as detailed above.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment and Leisure Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH Online: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011	Paul Gellard 020 7525 7764

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Rotherhithe Parking Study Report and appendices A,B,C and D
Appendix 2	Objection Report – Rotherhithe Street opposite Columbus Court
Appendix 3	Objection Report – Rotherhithe Street outside no.135

AUDIT TRAIL

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