

## Local parking amendment Determination of statutory objection

Reference	15/16_Q3_021	Location overview
Location	Rotherhithe Street - opposite Columbus Court	
Proposal	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.	
Community council meeting	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	
Community council date	7 December 2016	
Ward(s) affected	Rotherhithe	

### Background

At the meeting held 27 January 2016, the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council approved this proposal for statutory consultation.

An officer carried out a site visit on the 25 November 2015 to assess the situation and to determine if the request could be met.

This section of Rotherhithe Street is predominately residential and many properties have off-street parking. Most vehicles that park in this section of Rotherhithe Street are likely to be commuters as there is easy access to the underground and bus routes with onward connections to the Canary Wharf and the City.

There were no vehicles parked opposite Columbus Court and access to the garages was unrestricted during our site visit, however it was noted that if vehicles were parked on both side of the highway it would reduce access into the garages and obstruct large delivery, refuse and emergency vehicles.

The resident has supplied photographic evidence that shows vehicles parked on both sides of the highway and this clearly reduces the width of the road and makes travel along the Rotherhithe Street very difficult but not impossible for large vehicles to pass.

Statutory consultation was carried out between 14 April 2016 and 05 May 2016. During this period, the council received four objections and one email of support.

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 four objection received are attached to this report and can be summarised as:

- further restrictions will reduce available parking space
- we should not install double yellow line across dropped kerb of No.218
- the area needs a controlled parking zone
- objector believes that there's enough space for cars to park both sides of road
- Introducing parking restrictions will cause parking problems for residents

Officers wrote to the 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.

### Recommendation and next steps

It is recommended that the four objections made against the proposal to install double yellow lines to provide and maintain access to the section of Rotherhithe Street from Brunel Road to Clarence Mews, be considered and rejected, as the proposed restrictions are for highways safety reasons and access for refuse, delivery and emergency vehicles.

It is recognised that parking stress is high in this area, however preventing obstructive parking and maintaining access should take priority of the loss of what is deemed as unsafe parking.

We are proposing to consult on a controlled parking zone in this area this year but the time scales for that project mean we are taking this minor change forward separately.

It is also recommended that officers be instructed to write to the objectors to explain the decision and proceed with making the traffic order and implementing the road markings.

The extent of the proposed restrictions is shown in the plan overleaf.

## Objection 1

From:

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 6:08 PM

To: Parking

Cc: traffic orders

Subject: local parking issues re: H/ND/TMO1516-042

Dear Mr Herd,

I would like to strongly object to the proposal of introducing double yellow linea in Rotherhithe Street outside 135 Rotherhithe street and on the SE side outside N.218 and Nelson Court.

The cars that are parked in that stretch of road are 99% cars belonging to commuters and by introducing yellow lines you will prevent local residents from parking outside their homes as that stretch of yellow lines will take away at least 10 parking spaces.

The commuters parking their cars even outside people's gates are indeed a nuisance, however, introducing yellow lines is not the solution but will cause more misery to local residents than what they have to face already on a daily basis when dealing with commuter traffic and parking. When commuters did not park all around this area, there was never any problem and it all started when the overground station opened and the introduction of the Congestion Charge

What needs to be done is the introduction of resident's parking controlled zones which will prevent the over parking by those commuters who dumped their cars in the area all day and use the nearby overground.

Many times we have been unable to get out of our property due to commuters cars parked in front of our gates and being disrespectful of local residents.

The fact that a controlled parking zone has now been introduced in Canon Beck Road is making matters worse with commuters still wanting to park their cars in the area and therefore cramming every available space which is still free.- this decision has not been thought through properly and the consequences in terms of over parking on the other free areas have not been taken into considerations - that decision may have made other residents lives better but has certainly made other residents' lives worse than it was already when it comes to commuters parking

Please reconsider this decision and introduce residents parking only - this would solve the commuters problem and not make the lives of many residents a misery more that what it is already

Thanks for your consideration

## Objection 2

From:

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 10:21 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: H/ND/TMO1516-042

> Mr Herd

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> I wish to object to the proposed introduction of double yellow lines along Rotherhithe Street.

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> As documented on Southwark Councils own website, it is an offence, irrespective of the presence or absence of road markings, to park adjacent to a dropped kerb.

> ([http://southwark.gov.uk/info/473/guide\\_to\\_parking/3069/dropped\\_kerbs\\_and\\_driveways/4](http://southwark.gov.uk/info/473/guide_to_parking/3069/dropped_kerbs_and_driveways/4))

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> The Council already has the power to fine drivers for parking adjacent to drop kerbs and hence it is completely unnecessary to introduce double yellow lines.

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> In addition the current proposal is to continue the double yellow lines from Brunel Road to the joint boundary of 216-218 Rotherhithe Street. If the purpose of the proposed introduction is the safety of pedestrians crossing the roads, why it necessary to continue to the joint boundary of 226-218 rather than either stopping at the start of 218 or continuing the until the corner of Isambard Place.

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> Personally I do not understand what this is adding to the proposed introduction. Drivers that do not live in the area, yet park in Rotherhithe to use the overground, will continue to park outside the joint boundary of 214-216 making it difficult for cars to pass. This proposal isn't addressing this issue.

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> Being a resident of [REDACTED], I do not understand why the Council has decided to introduce double yellow lines outside one homeowner's driveway. Looking at the double yellow lines on the corner of Swan Road and Rotherhithe Street no other dropped kerbs for a driveway has double yellow lines so why has 218 been selected. This is completely arbitrary. Either it is introduced along all dropped kerbs or for none.

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> I wish you reconsider the proposal and stop the lines at the end of 218 Rotherhithe Street.

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> Kind regards

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> [REDACTED]

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## Objection 3

From:

Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 9:32 AM

To: traffic orders

Subject: Parking in Rotherhithe

Dear Mr Herd

Further to your Public Notice, Local Parking Issues dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 reference H/NK/TMO 1516 – 042

First, we did not see the Public Notice on a lamp post on Brunel Road until 24<sup>th</sup> April. There was only this one on this section of the road.

We object to any restriction which will reduce the amount of free parking space in this area.

The length of road which you propose to place parking restrictions, South East side of Rotherhithe Street from the junction of Brunel Road to the entrance of Clarence Mews, can accommodate at least ten cars. If you do impose this restriction, then these 10 or more cars will only park elsewhere, which may be outside our house or in Isambard Place.

This area has been like for over 20 years, with the dust cart every week able to get past cars parked there, so we see no need for any restriction to be imposed now or in the future.

Regards

## Objection 4

From:

Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 12:27 PM

To: traffic orders

Subject: Consultation response

[Title]

[Firstname]

[Lastname]

[Telephone\_number]

[Email\_address]

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A resident

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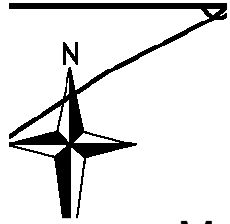
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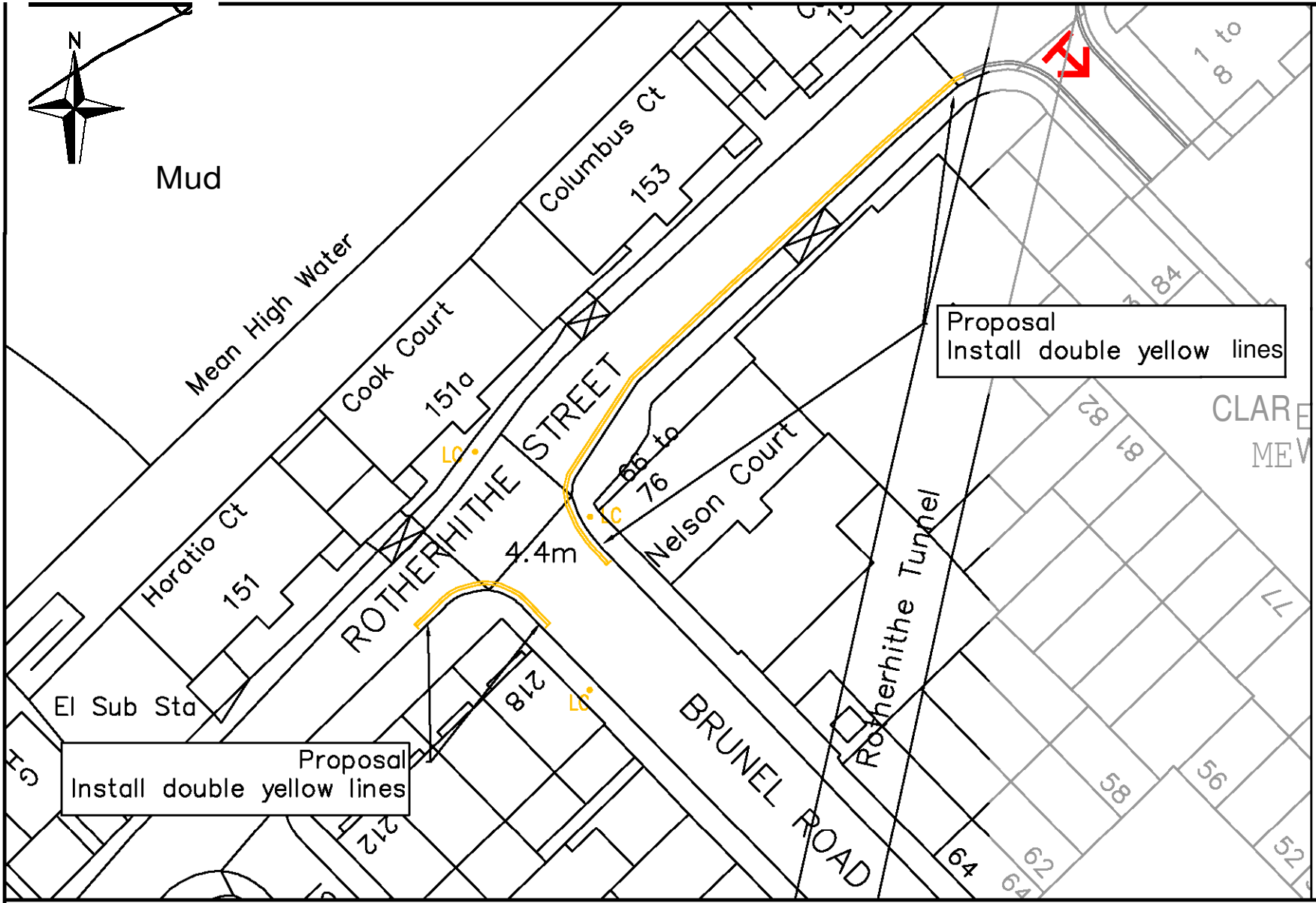
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I believe the installation of double yellow lines to be unnecessary. I have live in Columbus Court for over 2 years now and when cars do park there it is not long-term. More importantly, when cars are parked on both sides of the road there is always plenty of space for vehicles to get through.

Introducing parking restrictions could cause problems for those residents that don't have an allocated space in the block car parks and this may lead to less practical/more dangerous parking.



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PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW UNES

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PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW UNES**

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