

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 03/12/07	<b>MEETING NAME</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Local Parking Issues – determination of objection	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Village Ward	
<b>From:</b>		Tim Walker	

### **RECOMMENDATION (S)**

1. It is recommended that the formal objection received in relation to proposed waiting restrictions at the junction of Pickwick Road and Dulwich Village not be upheld and that the relevant traffic order is made.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. A letter of petition (see Appendix B), including 27 signatories (available upon request) and their comments of support, was sent to the council on 23 October 2007 requesting waiting restrictions be installed at the junction of Pickwick Road and Dulwich Village
3. The main thrust of the request was to improve sight lines when exiting Pickwick Road due to the observed fact that vehicles parked in Dulwich Village too close the junction with Pickwick Road.
4. Officer's site visits noted that vehicles were parking on the corners of the road and sight lines were reduced as well as dropped kerbs being obstructed. It is noted that the Highway Code instructs motorists not to park within 10m of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.
5. A report was presented to Dulwich Community Council on 4 June 2007 and the schemes approved for progression to advertising of the traffic management order.
6. The scheme was advertised with other proposals on 23 August 2007 in the Southwark News, London Gazette and on street.
7. One formal objection (Appendix C) was received which must be determined by the community council (Southwark constitution part 3H)

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

8. The proposed scheme is in line with the council's current practice of introducing waiting restrictions at junctions to prevent obstructive or inconsiderate parking.
9. Sight lines, in both directions, are limited when vehicles exit Pickwick Road if vehicles are parked close the junction.
10. The proposals will assist those of reduced mobility but ensuring that four dropped kerbs are signed and kept clear.

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

11. Implementation of the proposals can be undertaken within existing budgets.

## CONSULTATION

12. The consultation process is outlined above.

13. No Consultation or comment has been sought from the Borough Solicitor & Secretary or the Chief Finance Officer.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

14. The overall impact of would appear to have little impact in terms of age, disability, faith/religion, gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

<b>. Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Parking and Enforcement Plan	Controlled Parking Team, Parking Section, Environment and Housing Department	Michael Herd 020 7525 2131

## APPENDIX A

### Audit Trail

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<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
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23rd October 2006

Dear Mr. Walker

Parking 'hotspot' on the corner of Pickwick Road/ Dulwich Village SE21

As a car owner living near to the Dulwich Village end of Pickwick Road I have become increasingly concerned about the danger encountered when turning out of Pickwick Road into the Village. This danger arises from the presence of vehicles parked in the Village in the spaces between the end of Pickwick Road and the driveways to numbers 104 and 106 Dulwich Village, immediately to the left and right respectively. Vehicles parked in these two spaces make it very difficult (often impossible) to see traffic driving along the Village, particularly so when high-sided vehicles or commercial vehicles without transparent rear windows are parked. When emerging from Pickwick Road it is often not possible to detect the presence of smaller vehicles or cycles without emerging beyond the front of the obstructing parked vehicle and thus into the path of whatever may be coming.

The problem is most serious on the south side of the junction, where traffic is often moving quite fast, Dulwich Village veers to the right and there are often a number of vehicles parked between number 106 and the end of Burbage Road. Visibility here is very limited and I have had more than one narrow escape from a collision.

The situation to the left has been made worse by the recent extension into the Road of the bus stop outside numbers 102/104 Dulwich Village. As well as buses, large vehicles delivering to the shops and cafes/restaurants nearby regularly park at this bus stop for extended periods, with apparent impunity, and obscure traffic coming from the north.

On the advice of Councillor Crookshank Hilton I have initiated a petition of the residents of Pickwick Road and have received signed support from over 50% of them. The results of this petition are enclosed and you will see that there is strong support among the residents for there to be a total prohibition on parking at any time in the two spaces mentioned. This would make very little difference to the overall parking facilities since only two vehicles would be affected at any time.

I shall be most grateful if you will conduct a site survey and, if you agree with us, recommend accordingly to the Dulwich Community Council, which I understand is the body that determines these issues. Will you please keep me informed of developments.

Yours truly

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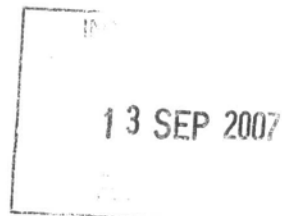
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9 September 2007

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Dear sirs,

I have seen a notice on a lamp-post in Pickwick Road stating that you are proposing to bring in a permanent parking ban at the end of Pickwick Road and the junction with Dulwich Village. I believe this is for safety reasons.

I am writing to object to this proposal, for two reasons.

First, paradoxical as it may seem, I believe it is safer when cars are parked on the corner at the end of Pickwick Road than when they are not. This is because cars entering and leaving Pickwick Road have to slow down more and take more care when the entrance has been narrowed by parked cars. If you bring in parking restrictions, I think the result will be that cars will enter and leave Pickwick Road more quickly, because the entrance to the road will be wider and clearer. However, I do think that Pickwick Road—which has an unusually large population of small children, and a lot of speeding cars using it as a rat run during rush hours—could do with physical speed restrictions.

(By the way, may I ask why—if this is for safety reasons—the same proposals have not been made for Boxall and Aysgarth Roads? It seems to me illogical that Pickwick Road is the only road in Dulwich Village where these proposals have been made.)

Secondly, removing parking places will make it harder for residents to park in Pickwick Road. The parking situation in Pickwick Road has become increasingly inconvenient and problematical, and this proposal is likely to increase the problem.

Yours faithfully.



David Williams

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