

Rotherhithe Community Council

Wednesday 11 January 2012

6.30 pm

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Date: 6 January 2012

Item No. 17.	Classification: Open	Date: 11 January 2012	Meeting Name: Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Determination of statutory objection to proposed formalisation of existing at any time waiting restriction in Hillbeck Close.	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within Rotherhithe Community Council	
From:		Senior Engineer, Public Realm Projects (Parking Projects)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the Community Council consider the one objection received in regard to the proposed formalisation of an existing at any time waiting restriction in Hillbeck Close.
2. That the community council reject the objection and instructs officers to make the Order for the existing at any time waiting restriction and instruct officers to write to the objector giving reason for the decision.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. In May and August 2011 the council's refuse and recycling contractor, Veolia, contacted the parking design team to report the access problem the refuse vehicles are currently experiencing in Hillbeck Close.
4. Parts of Hillbeck Close is currently controlled with double yellow lines which over the years have become very worn and faded, this has therefore resulted in vehicles parking in undesirable spaces.
5. Our initial investigations identified that a fire engine would not be able to access Hillbeck Close if vehicles are parked on either side of the road, this is illustrated in Appendix 1.
6. As it was evident that the existing double yellow lines are worn and faded, it was not deemed necessary to seek approval from Rotherhithe Community Council for what would effectively be formalising an existing double yellow line road marking.
7. The Council gave notice of its intent to make a new order on 15 December 2011, under section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984
8. Statutory consultation was carried out for a period of three weeks via street and press notices; a copy of the proposed orders was also sent to statutory consultees.
9. This report presents details of the one objection that was received during the statutory consultation period.
10. Part 3H paragraph 18 sets out that determination of such matters is reserved to community council for decision.
11. The origins and reasons for the recommendations are discussed in the main body of the report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Objection

12. The proposed Traffic Management Order (TMO) was made by way of street and press notices in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
13. During the statutory, three week consultation period one written objection was received on 8 December 2011. The detail of the objection is provided in Appendix 2.
14. The objection states:

There are approximately 10 businesses on or near Hillbeck Close which will be affected by their proposal as they are reliant on customers being able to park in Hillbeck Close.

Reasons for report recommendations

15. It is apparent that double yellow lines do exist in Hillbeck Close on west side of the street, but have become very worn and faded.
16. If vehicles continue to park on the west side of Hillbeck Close, access for a fire engine would be obstructed in the case of an emergency. This has been concluded using swept path analysis.
17. In view of the above, it is recommended that the objection is rejected and the order is made and the yellow lines are refreshed.
18. It should be noted that we are not proposing to introduce any additional yellow line only formalising that which is existing. This means that a stretch of the east side of Hillbeck Close (approx 4 car spaces) remains without restriction for general parking.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

19. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies contained within the Transport Plan.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

20. The policies within the Parking and Enforcement Plan are upheld within this report have been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

23. All costs arising from implementing the proposals, as set out in the report, will be fully contained within the existing local parking amendment budget.

CONSULTATION

24. The statutory consultation carried out to date is detailed within the body of the report.
25. Formal notification of the council's intent to make a Traffic Management Order has been made in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996

REASONS FOR LATENESS AND URGENCY

26. Local parking amendments are implemented on a quarterly basis and the cost of the Traffic Management Orders required to implement the changes are included in the budget for quarter 3 therefore decisions need to be taken in January for implementation before March 2012. The report was omitted from the agenda in error.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Back ground Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment Public Realm Network Development 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH Online: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011	Tim Walker (020 7525 2021)

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Map of Hillbeck Close
Appendix 2	Objection

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Tim Walker, Senior Engineer	
Report Author	Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer	
Version	Final	
Dated	21 December 2011	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director for Legal and Democratic Services	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		21 December 2011

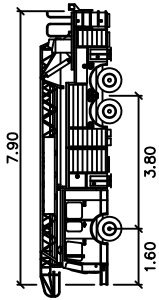
NETWORK DEVELOPMENT



Environment & Housing Dept, Public Realm Division
PO Box 64529, London, SE1 5LX

LEGEND

- Double yellow line
- Double red line
- Single red line
- Parking/disabled red route bay
- Loading/disabled red route bay



Fire engine meters
Width : 2.50
Track : 2.20
Lock to Lock Time : 6.0
Steering Angle : 33.3

Revision details	By	Date	Suffix
			A
			B

Project Number

1112Q1_LOCAL_PARKING_AMENDMENTS

Title

HILLBECK CLOSE
EXISTING RESTRICTIONS

Layout

DETAILED DESIGN

Scale

1:500

File Name

1112Q1_032

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MH	MH	PG	PG
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STATEMENT OF 

1. I am the secretary of the 805 Restaurant at 805 Old Kent Road, Southwark, London SE15 1NX. I make this statement to raise objection on behalf of the restaurant in relation to the proposed traffic order under reference PR/PPD/TMO1112-023. The order that I wish to object to is to place yellow lines on Hillbeck Close which is adjacent to our restaurant.
2. The proposal to place yellow lines on Hillbeck Close and thereby restrict cars parking there would have a devastating effect on our business.
3. 805 Restaurant has been in business since 2001 and is a popular restaurant serving our local community.
4. We instructed Brown and Co Solicitors to look into the proposed order for us. They advised that they spoke with officers from the Public Realm team in the Council and the following reasons were given for the proposed Order:
 - That refuse workers employed by the Council have complained that they cannot drive down Hillbeck Close
 - That fire engines would not be able to get down Hillbeck Close
5. We do not accept that the refuse companies have difficulty passing down Hillbeck Close. We have our own refuse company that comes to collect our rubbish twice a week and we have been using their service for many years. They pass down Hillbeck Close quite comfortably. We have never heard any complaints from either the driver nor the company regarding access.
6. The road directly behind our Restaurant is roughly the same width as Hillbeck Close. We have on numerous occasions, over the years, seen fire trucks coming in and out. The width of Hillbeck Close does not pose a risk to health and safety.
7. There are approximately 10 businesses on or near Hillbeck Close which will be affected by their proposal as they are reliant on customers being able to park in Hillbeck Close.
8. Our Restaurant has a capacity of over 150 people. We require enough parking to accommodate our customers. Our business relies heavily on available parking for our customers. If we have no parking, we will have no business.
9. The majority of our customers and staff drives. We are open from 1pm to 12pm each day. Available parking is essential for business continuity and for peace of mind and at the moment, there is limited parking facilities around this area.
10. We do suggest that they put a single yellow line instead of a double. They can put in place restrictions within certain hours. They could also put in a pay and park metre so that customers can have the option. If the double yellow lines gets put in place, we will have very little parking facilities for our customers. We would ask the Council to consider alternatives that would have a less devastating impact on our business.

SIGNED..

.....DATE 08/12/11.....



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