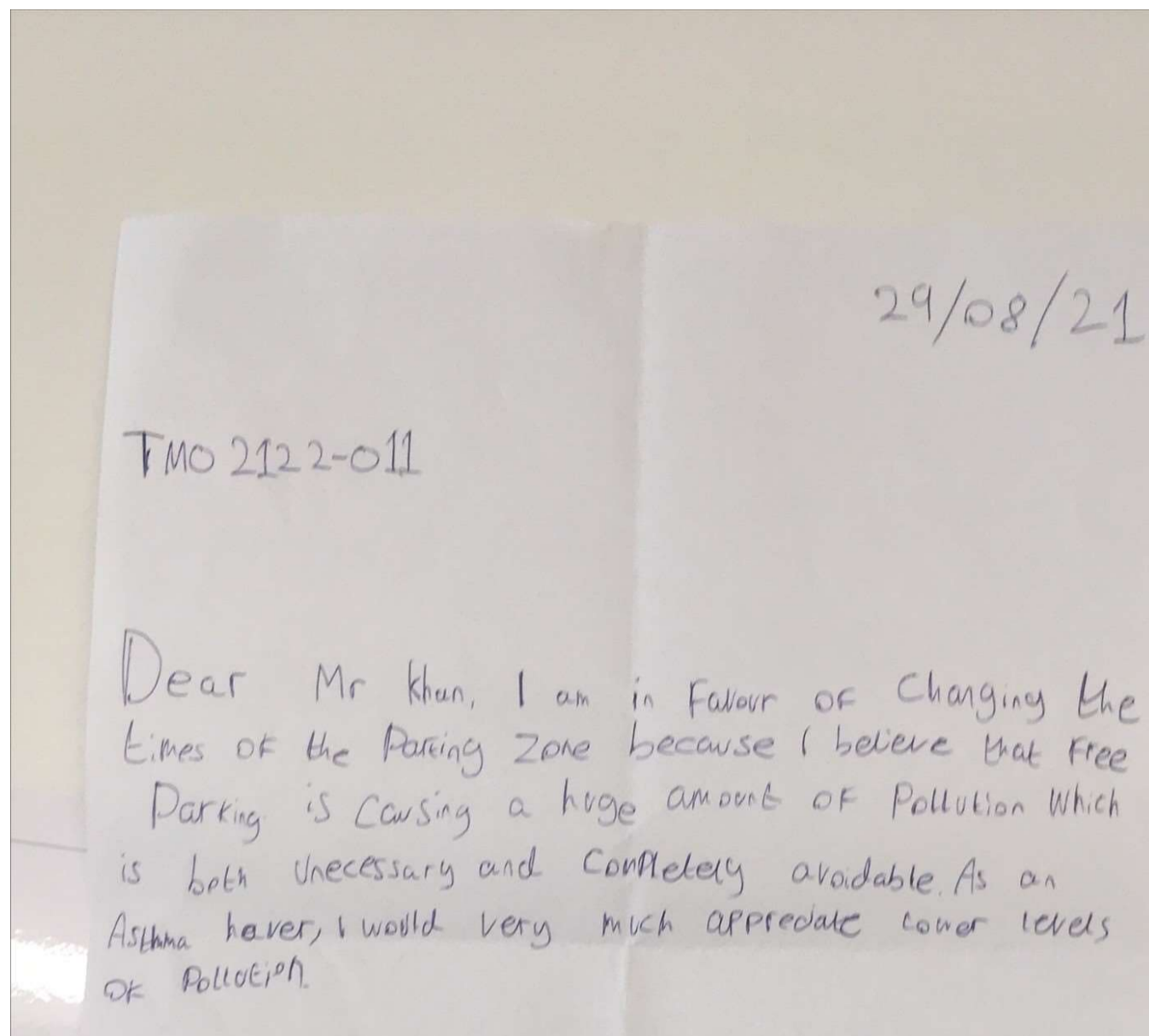


Postal Responses



London SE1 2QH

Dear Sir/Madam,
Statutory Consultation – Bermondsey 'G' Controlled Parking Zone.

We wish to express our opposition to the proposed changes to the operating hours of this zone.

Whilst understanding the problems that some residents may have – for instance with people parking at weekends in order to use the tube – the proposed change is far too much of a ‘blunt instrument’ for tackling these problems, and would be sure to cause other problems to other groups of residents.

In particular, it would cause difficulties to those whose visitors need to come by car. There are a number of **elderly, disabled, and other vulnerable residents in the area**, some of whom rely on the regular help and support of carers, as well as friends and family. We ourselves rely on visits by family who would not readily be able to call by public transport, and are aware of a close neighbour who relies on almost daily support from a helper who would not be able to maintain the same level of care if unable to visit by car.

To find a solution that meets the different needs in this area requires a more imaginative and flexible approach than simply extending a wholesale restriction. Possible alternative answers might include:

- limiting the extension to a smaller area of streets, adjacent to the station;
- an extension only to more limited hours, but which would serve to deter all day parking (eg. a restriction from 10am to 2pm at weekends);
- or devising some system whereby vulnerable residents could obtain a ration of free parking vouchers for necessary visitors.

Too often support for schemes restricting traffic comes from those who are fit and well able to walk and cycle, whilst **disregarding the needs of older and vulnerable people who still have little alternative but to rely on the car**. We would therefore urge a rethink on the proposals for this zone.

Joanna Redshaw
Principal Project Manager
Highways - Transport Project
Environment and Leisure.
Southwark Council.
P.O. Box 64529
London SE1 5LX.
Dear Miss Redshaw,

Thank you for your letter dated
19/8/2021 regarding statutory consultation - Bermondsey
'G' Controlled Parking Zone.

We do not agree to the extension
of operating hours from Monday to Sunday 8.30 am
to 11 pm. This is not right, we have families and
friends who come to visit us in the evenings and
weekends. Also repair people who come on Saturdays
as they can't park during the working hours in
the weekdays.

Please, please don't extend the hours please
leave it as it is. We need our families and friends.

The other thing I have a Disabled
Bay in George Row but people residing in our square
keep using the bay and I am left without parking
can I use the Resident parking with my Disabled
Badge or not? Is it possible to put pay & Display
meters instead of the yellow line so people can
park in anticipation.

TH02122-011 CPZG
Area 4 Square Estate
Southwark park Rd and
Drummond Rd

To Joanna Redshaw

We are really against
new controlled parking G zone
and didn't have chance
to vote July August 2019.
We are pensioners and have
family visit quite a lot,
where will they park, surely
it should not be so severe,
we hope lots more people
will object. your sincerely

Dear Southwark Council
I am writing about the renewal of the CPZ 'G' Zone. I recently received a letter regarding the consultation. I would like to say changing the hours to weekends and longer into the evenings is a much better idea so far as I am concerned. I live on the four squares & we have a large amount of cars coming to park for a football match on Tuesdays/Thursdays. It's quite dangerous as all cars are double parked. It means that residents can't park. It causes huge amounts of pollution & I would imagine - if you are coming to play sport, exercise etc why not travel in a more sustainable way...? Make Southwark a greener borough :) yours.

Southwark Council
TMO Officer
Third Floor
Hub 2, 160 Tooley Street
London SE1 2QH

Dear Sir/Madam

REF: TMO2122-011CPZ G Review Shad Thames SE1

Thank you for your letter dated 19th of August regarding extending the statutory control parking zone hours in zone G and most particularly in Shad Thames, SE1. As a business, we would like to object to this as over the weekend the demands for parking are much less but in terms of the weekend and night-time economy it is important that visitors are able to park.

We hope that you will take this into account and do not extend these hours.

Dear Joanna Redshaw

As longterm residents of Mill Street / Dockhead, SE1, we strongly oppose the proposed extension of controlled Zone G parking in the Dockhead Area (Mill Street, Dockhead, Parkers Row and George Row) from the current, Mon – Friday 8.30 – 6.30pm, to Mon – Sun 8.30 – 11pm.

This is, in effect, penalising all the residents who live in / close by to Mill Street, Dockhead, Parkers Row and George Row who do not have off-road and underground parking facilities enjoyed by the, now numerous, newer apartment buildings in our surrounding areas.

Whilst we appreciate the seeming rationale for extending the hours across evenings and weekends to prohibit spaces being taken by out-of-Zone G-area visitors who park to use surrounding restaurants, shops, tourist traffic, etc, etc, this really hasn't been an issue at all around the whole of the Dockhead area, where we've been living since the mid-80s and parking our car with a residents permit and always being able to park within a few minutes walk of our home.

Rather, the proposed extension penalises the residents of the area who arrange for friends, family and repair work, services, etc around evenings and weekends when, currently, we don't have to pay for our visitors / trades persons to park in controlled areas when coming to our property.

There is a major imbalance here if the proposed changes go-ahead which, disproportionately, affects lower income households.

Zone G residents with cars already pay the Council for parking permits, and for visitor permits during weekday emergency work, large deliveries, etc.

An extension is really unacceptable, aggravating a social imbalance with the now, many, new apartment buildings in Zone G, which are, in effect, sitting pretty at the expense of those that don't have the luxury of free off-road bays / underground parking.

The social aspects of our area would further be disrupted on Saturdays and Sunday mornings when many churchgoers use the parking alongside the Catholic church on Dockhead, Parkers Row and George Row for duration of services.

The imbalance in the area between have and have nots is further skewed when doing this kind of change based on your % response (the margins of your last responses being very slim indeed, a 4% and 5% response to make such a locally disruptive decision, with, again, the slimmest of margins 'for' and 'against' within a low percentage response).

We note, also, that the financial impact to individuals of the extension proposal has not been set out in your notices, perhaps this may have spurred more responses as there is an 'out of sight / out of mind' psychology playing in the information set out in the notices by not including cost implications. An appendix detailing this cost would have been a fairer measure and would, almost certainly, have prompted a higher response rate than you received on the previous two occasions.

Costs for weekend and extended weekend visits from family and friends could be significant for many residents, as will the increase in cost for any repair work that can currently be accommodated early evenings or weekends.

We would go further and suggest, that it is likely that a great many of your 'in favour' responders may have no concern about paying the inevitable additional costs for visitor permits, etc as a great number of them will, undoubtedly, have their own, off-road, parking facilities: again, disproportionately distorting the response results of the notices.

Furthermore, the new ULEZ coming into force October 24, will, of course, incorporate the proposed Zone G (and the many miles and zones beyond to the South / North circular).

It could be prudent to rethink all Controlled Parking in light of this new development which will remove a great number of vehicles from the area and resolve the issues present in some G zones that started off this review in the first place...

Before instigating any changes, we would suggest finding an alternative that doesn't penalise residents in the area in terms of visiting family, friends and services at weekends and evenings.

Without this option, we strongly object to the proposed control parking extension for Mill Street, Dockhead, Parkers Row and George Row, the later two, especially, currently offering a very large number of parking options for both local residents, businesses and Saturday and Sunday church activities.

We would appreciate your acknowledgement of this email and would be happy to discuss this further at your Tooley Street offices.

Dear Southwark Panel

I am writing in regard to the consultation about changing the G Zone parking hours and days.

I personally feel it is long overdue, the roads surrounding the station serve as free parking for Bermondsey station on the evenings and weekends.

Southwark need to encourage less of this so these extended hours will be an excellent deterrent.

Why can't people make greener choices to go to the station - why can they take public transport walk or cycle?

A huge argument you will be faced with is... "what about our visitors?" - why can't the visitors make greener choices to visit family? why can they take public transport walk or cycle?

Also "what about local business?" - why can't the business users make greener choices to support local businesses? why can they take public transport walk or cycle?

WHY IS IT ALWAYS ABOUT DRIVING??????

Please read attached articles about Ella Kissi-Debrah the little girl whom was killed by pollution in London, please take a look at her beautiful face and tell me you will make Southwark a better place for our children?

We live within a stone throw of Bermondsey station; millions of people use this station every year.... By offering free evening and weekend parking Southwark are ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING individuals

from outside the zone to come and park for free and use the station.

**Our children need to breathe clear air
Our elderly and vulnerable need to breath clear air.**

We are pleading with you, if you are not going to put this through for the whole G Zone at least implement it on the roads that surround the station. This will discourage station users to park in our roads.

Allowing us and our children to breathe clearer air, allowing our children to play on the streets without breathing in toxic air, allow our children to ride their bikes without breathing in toxic air.

Please make the right decision for them.

Thank you