

Non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement

Appendix	24
Location	Great Guildford Street
Proposal	Remove one resident parking bay and replace with a single yellow line. This will provide space for the Welsh Church located on Southwark Bridge Road to load.
Ward(s) affected	Borough and Bankside

Background/Request

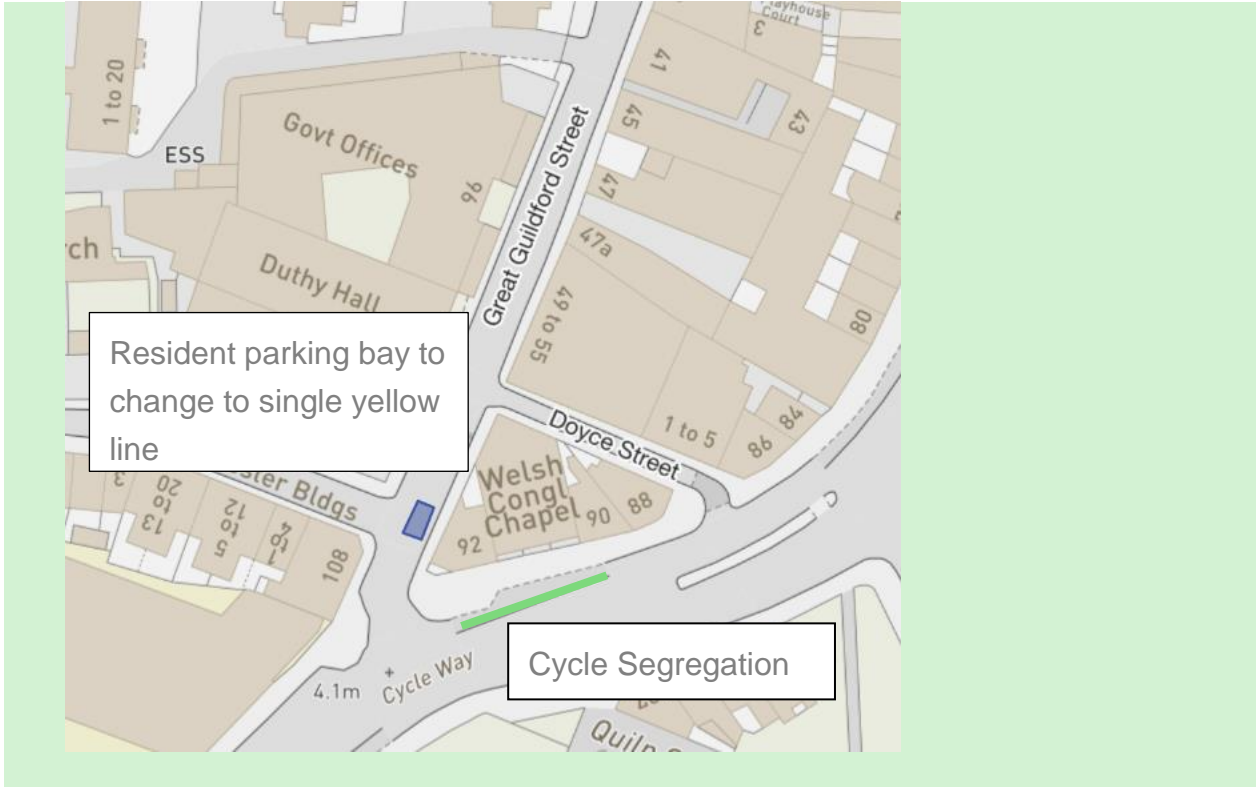
- In June 2020 safety improvements were made to Cycleway 7 on Southwark Bridge Road. This included side road closures and the installation of kerbing to segregate the cycle lane, both measures were to reduce the conflict between cyclists and motor vehicles.
- The Welsh Church is located on Southwark Bridge Road close to the junction with Great Guildford Street. Up until June 2020 church vehicles stopped on the single yellow line directly outside the church, crossing the cycle lane. In June 2020 kerbing was placed on the cycle lane outside the church to make the cycle lane segregated, which no longer allowed vehicular loading directly outside the church.

Background / Request

The Welsh Church have advised the cycle lane segregation does not make it possible for them to bring vehicles on church business to the front of the church. This includes vehicles for weddings, funerals, events in the church and to drop off church members with mobility difficulties. The Church has asked the Council to review the situation.

Location

Blue area shows the location of the current resident parking bay, which is to be removed and a replaced by a single yellow line.



Investigation and conclusions

- The Welsh Church were asked to provide the number of vehicles that needed to access the front of the church. The response provided suggested that there were a higher number of vehicles wanting to cross the cycle lane than expected and there is a high chance of conflict with cyclists.
- Officers have investigated various options and have concluded that it goes against council policy to remove the cycle lane segregation, to allow vehicle access to the front of the church. This conforms to missions in the Council's Movement Plan and in particular Mission 3: Movement to benefit physical wellbeing.
- Currently vehicles can load/unload for 40 minutes on single yellow lines on Great Guildford Street at the junction of Southwark Bridge Road. This is approx. 20 metres from the church entrance.
- The single yellow line is approx. 6 metres in length, which is slightly too short to accommodate church vehicles such as a hearse. Hence, it is proposed to remove one residential parking bay and convert to a single yellow line.
- The single yellow line operate the same time as the controlled parking zone, Monday to Friday 0830-1830. This will enable residents to park on the single yellow out of these hours.
- The Council's Parking Services team have been consulted and they have acknowledged that some church vehicles may exceed the 40 minutes loading time. The Parking Services and Development Manager has confirmed that no ticket will be issued to vehicles clearly on church business.
- To access Great Guildford Street church vehicles will have to go through the Great Suffolk Street Streetspace scheme area, which is a series of one-way roads. The entry point would be Union Street from Blackfriars Road heading east, then a right turn at Great Guildford Street. The design team have undertaken a tracking exercise to ensure that larger vehicles such as the hearse can travel along this route, and this has been confirmed.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the traffic management order is changed from a resident parking bay to single yellow line.

This proposal is subject to Traffic Management Order (TMO) statutory consultation. A TMO is the legal mechanism the council as traffic authority uses to control aspects of the way that the highway is used. They provide the legal backing to signs and road markings used on the highway and allow them to be enforceable.

A detailed design drawing of the proposal is provided within this document.

Next steps

Should this non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement proposal be approved, then arrangement will be made to carry out statutory consultation.

Following the statutory consultation period, the council will make arrangements to change the carriageway markings.

Should objections be received during the statutory consultation period, these will be presented to the Cabinet Member for determination.

Audit trail

Reference	24
Report author	CG
Ward members notified	Yes
Comments	None