

Item No. 2.2	Classification: Open	Date: 22 November 2023	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
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From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION FROM JUDY PEVAN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

While recognising the strength of opposition to blanket CPZs and despite evidence of parking pressure, why is there still a desire to implement CPZ's in smaller areas of Nunhead and Queen's Road? Particularly as confirmed there will be a yes/no option. Can you publish all data that informed decision making?

2. QUESTION FROM STEVE HALL TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Can the council confirm if they will continue to allow a car-owning minority to dictate council policy on CPZs to the detriment of pedestrians and cyclists (including the disabled - not all disabled people drive), or will they return to Labour's one-time ethos of serving 'the many not the few'?

3. QUESTION FROM RICHARD KERNICK TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Can the council offer a revised version of point 1.3, page 14 of the Streets for People policy, following the acknowledgement that a borough-wide CPZ is ineffective? The update should align with the recognition that CPZs should address parking stress in specific areas after thorough consultation with local residents.

4. QUESTION FROM LINDSAY CHATHLI TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Regarding e-bike hire companies active in Southwark, will Councillor Williams confirm what contractual arrangements or agreements are in place with Southwark Council governing their activities and what terms govern the e-bike trial in which Southwark is 'working with' Human Forest and Lime to deliver e-bike services across the borough?

5. QUESTION FROM CLIVE RATES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Please can Councillor McAsh confirm whether Southwark Council

received legal advice, prior to the Cabinet meeting on 10 July 2023, on the lawfulness of the proposed borough-wide CPZ plan including the consultation plan denying residents the opportunity to reject the CPZ, and whether the advice confirmed that it was lawful.

6. QUESTION FROM ALEX HAMILTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Councillor McAsh has stated that ‘residents in many areas told us that they did not need or want controlled parking’. Please can Southwark publish the full results of their CPZ consultations, and of the work undertaken ‘to understand parking pressure and traffic levels in these areas’, without delay.

7. QUESTION FROM CAROLINE PLATT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Given the council’s commitment to inclusivity, it’s concerning the implementation of Trafalgar Extension CPZ relies heavily on use of smartphones, which will inevitably exclude elderly, disabled residents without access to technology.

How will you ensure parking services across Southwark are accessible to all residents, regardless of access to digital solutions?

8. QUESTION FROM JEAN CARY-ELWES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Given the ongoing harm being caused by the Dulwich LTN, including to disabled residents, why is Southwark Council refusing to participate in the Department of Transport’s review of these schemes? Is it afraid that the review would demonstrate the lack of local support for the LTN?

9. QUESTION FROM BELINDA BORASTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Southwark routinely denies the digitally excluded access to information and consultations. Will you therefore rectify the uninformed, flawed Streets for People Equality Impact Assessment to become compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty regarding the protected characteristics of Age and Disability, including adverse impacts on those without a Blue Badge?

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