

Item No. 16	Classification: Open	Date: 27 April 2011	Meeting Name: Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Local parking amendments	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within Rotherhithe Community Council	
From:		Senior Engineer, Network Development	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the following local parking amendment, detailed in the appendix to this report, is approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Hawkestone Road – Install one new loading only bay and extend the length of an existing permit bay and “at any time” waiting/loading restrictions

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. This report presents proposals for a number of local parking amendments, which are reserved to the Community Council for decision under Part 3H of the constitution.
3. The origins and reasons for the proposals are discussed in the main body of the report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Hawkestone Road (1011Q2029) – Proposed loading only bay, extension to permit bay and extension of waiting/loading restrictions

Background

4. The network development team received correspondence from a local business in July 2010 concerning the lack of available loading opportunity outside their premises on Lower Road.
5. An engineer from network development visited this location to ascertain the loading availability and to identify possible options for loading to the businesses.
6. The frontage of the businesses is situated on Lower Road where existing parking restrictions prohibit waiting and loading at any time. These restrictions are required due to the strategic nature of Lower Road, proximity to a signalized junction and width of the carriageway. The highway at this location is unsuitable to support any loading facility.
7. The nearest alternative location for provision of a loading facility for this business is in the adjacent road: Hawkestone Road. It is further noted that the business also has an entrance on this road, due to its corner location.

8. A recommendation was made to Rotherhithe Community Council on 20 January 2011 that a loading bay should be installed in Hawkstone Road. However no decision was made for the following reasons *“The local parking amendment for Hawkstone Road (1011Q2029) was not approved because Members felt that further consultation should take place so that consideration could be given for additional ‘loading only’ parking bays to be installed further along Hawkstone Road.”*
9. Officers have subsequently reevaluated the matter and revised the proposal so as to offset the loss of four pay and display bays with two additional permit parking bays.
10. This approach is recommended on the basis that there is no logical alternative to the position of the loading bay originally proposed to the community council in January but will provide additional parking bays for residents and their visitors (through use of resident-visitor permits) that are reported to be in short supply.
11. The business premises (The Yellow House) currently take deliveries up to 6 times per day and are being forced to do so in contravention of existing restrictions (ie on an existing loading ban).
12. To have located the loading bay further away from the premises would make no logical sense as delivery companies are likely to continue to load in contravention if the facility isn't suitably located (and thus just waste kerb space). Furthermore, this proposal would not be in line with policy.
13. The policy context for this recommendation is clear, the council's parking hierarchy places "local business essential parking/servicing need" (i.e. a loading bay) above "visitor parking" (i.e. pay and display parking).
14. The new permit bay will replace a stretch of existing single yellow line which serves no clear purpose except to delineate the change in parking type between two adjacent parking bays; there is no legal requirement to have such a gap.
15. It is recommended, as shown in Appendix 1, that a 10 metre length of "at any time" waiting/loading restriction, a 10 metre loading only bay and a 9.2m permit bay extension is installed in the locations shown in that drawing.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

16. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Parking Enforcement Plan and associated Local Implementation Plan (LIP)
17. The proposals will support the council's equalities and human rights policies and will promote social inclusion by:
 - Providing a loading only facility for deliveries to business premises

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

19. 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

20. No informal consultation has been carried out.

21. Should the community council approve the item, statutory consultation will take place as part of the making of the traffic management order. A proposal notice will be erected in proximity to the site location and a press notice will be published in the Southwark News and London Gazette. If there are objections a further report will be re-submitted to the community council for determination.

22. The road network and parking manager has been consulted on the proposals and has no objections.

23. No consultation or comment has been sought from the Strategic Director for Communities, Law and Governance or the Finance Director.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Parking and Enforcement Plan	Network development Public realm Environment 160 Tooley Street	Tim Walker 020 7525 2021

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Hawkstone Road - Proposed loading only bay, permit bay extension and "At any time" waiting restrictions

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Tim Walker, Senior Engineer	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Finance Director	No	No
Parking operations and development manager	No	No
Network manager	Yes	No
Parking and network management business unit manager	Yes	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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