

Item No. 6.1	Classification: Open	Date: 31 October 2011	Meeting Name: Peckham Community Council
Report title:		Petition – Stop the current market stalls trading on Peckham Square	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Peckham	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham Community Council considers a petition in respect of market stalls on Peckham Square.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A petition containing 250 signatures or more maybe presented to the community council. A petition can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Petitions must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
3. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the petition will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the petition for a period of up to 15 minutes and may decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting.
4. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. A petition containing 250 signatures has been received in respect of market stalls on Peckham Square. The petition states:

“Stop the current market stalls trading on Peckham Square: Monday – Saturday.

The space became available when the Surrey Canal Basin was infilled. It is a popular successful space, at the meeting point of the Surrey Canal Walk and Peckham High Street. Peckham Square is the heart and soul of the newly regenerated Peckham. There’s the Pulse Health Living Centre and an award winning library, designed by Will Alsop and Jan Stomer in 1998 and more recently the new Peckham Square Art Gallery which goes to show how much Peckham is changing.

Therefore we object to the market stalls that have recently started trading on Peckham Square Monday-Saturday: currently selling cheap clothes and handbags in an already heavily saturated market of the same goods in Peckham. Moreover, at present, the stalls obstruct a clear view and access of

the library and leisure centre from Peckham High Street. We, the residents with the current market stalls to cease trading on Peckham Square Monday-Saturday and thus return the square to its original free open space for all to enjoy. Therefore, we would like Southwark Council to withdraw the market license issued to trade on Peckham Square, London, SE15 5RS.”

6. The community council should decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. The community council has no decision making powers in relation to this issue but could refer the issue to officers to investigate further.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments of the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure

7. Peckham Square is currently licenced for street trading. There is a successful Farmers Market operating on Sundays and recently there has been three to four temporary licences granted Monday to Saturday.
8. Although the current stallholders are doing a steady trade, it is clear that the location is not suitable for long term trading of these types of goods. Therefore, a decision has been taken to terminate these temporary licenced pitches from Saturday 29 October 2011, and to place these traders on other available pitch locations around the Peckham area.
9. This will allow these traders to continue their trading in the area, and will allow their customers to continue to purchase from these stallholders.
10. We would like to explore market trading opportunities on Peckham Square. But first we will need to fully understand local needs and aspirations. We therefore hope to consult with local residents, businesses and councillors on the type of market arrangements that might be more suitable on the square. Following which we would report back to a future community council meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Petition - Stop the current market stalls trading on Peckham Square	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer, Alexa.coates@southwark.gov.uk 020 7525 7385

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager	
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Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	Yes	Yes
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