

STATEMENT OF 

1. I am the secretary of the 805 Restaurant at 805 Old Kent Road, Southwark, London SE15 1NX. I make this statement to raise objection on behalf of the restaurant in relation to the proposed traffic order under reference PR/PD/TMO1112-023. The order that I wish to object to is to place yellow lines on Hillbeck Close which is adjacent to our restaurant.
2. The proposal to place yellow lines on Hillbeck Close and thereby restrict cars parking there would have a devastating effect on our business.
3. 805 Restaurant has been in business since 2001 and is a popular restaurant serving our local community.
4. We instructed Brown and Co Solicitors to look into the proposed order for us. They advised that they spoke with officers from the Public Realm team in the Council and the following reasons were given for the proposed Order:
 - That refuse workers employed by the Council have complained that they cannot drive down Hillbeck Close
 - That fire engines would not be able to get down Hillbeck Close
5. We do not accept that the refuse companies have difficulty passing down Hillbeck Close. We have our own refuse company that comes to collect our rubbish twice a week and we have been using their service for many years. They pass down Hillbeck Close quite comfortably. We have never heard any complaints from either the driver nor the company regarding access.
6. The road directly behind our Restaurant is roughly the same width as Hillbeck Close. We have on numerous occasions, over the years, seen fire trucks coming in and out. The width of Hillbeck close does not pose a risk to health and safety.
7. There are approximately 10 businesses on or near Hillbeck Close which will be affected by their proposal as they are reliant on customers being able to park in Hillbeck Close.
8. Our Restaurant has a capacity of over 150 people. We require enough parking to accommodate our customers. Our business relies heavily on available parking for our customers. If we have no parking, we will have no business.
9. The majority of our customers and staff drives. We are open from 1pm to 12pm each day. Available parking is essential for business continuity and for peace of mind and at the moment, there is limited parking facilities around this area.
10. We do suggest that they put a single yellow line instead of a double. They can put in place restrictions within certain hours. They could also put in a pay and park metre so that customers can have the option. If the double yellow lines gets put in place, we will have very little parking facilities for our customers. We would ask the Council to consider alternatives that would have a less devastating impact on our business.

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.....DATE 08/12/11.....

