

Item No. 7	Classification: Open	Date: 26 April 2012	Meeting Name: Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council
Report title:		Petition – Peckham Multi Storey Car Park – free trial	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Peckham Rye	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham Community Council consider a petition in respect of Peckham multi storey car park and introducing a free trial for parking.

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 over 250 signatures has been received in respect of market stalls on Peckham Multi Storey car park. The petition states:

“We the undersigned petition the Council to open Peckham Multi Storey CAR Park for free trial period of four weeks to encourage and support trade to the area. Should this trial show an increase in trade we would like the car park to be free permanently. In the economic down turn local traders need support to encourage footfall to the Peckham Town Centre area. The council already recognise the benefits of free parking as highlighted by their Christmas initiative and free weekend parking at the Eat Street Market. Peckham Town Centre is in the early stage of regeneration and the availability of free parking will help support the local traders by offering a vital service to increase the appeal to potential customers. Currently potential customers divert to the free parking offered at the East Street Market and Surrey Quays way from Peckham.

Peckham Town Centre is recognised as a unique shopping location with a large number of independent traders and services ranging from the Cinema,

West African fresh foods, Chinese fresh foods, Churches, Mosques, Fusion Gym, Library the list in endless. With the Olympics it is a great opportunity to put Peckham on the map!"

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 the appropriate decision maker.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

7. Comments to follow

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Petition - Peckham Multi Storey Car Park – free trial	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer, 160 Tooley Street.
Southwark Council Constitution Community Council Procedure Rules (procedure rule 7.5 – petitions)	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer, 160 Tooley Street.

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager	
Report Author	Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer	
Version	Final	
Dated	16 April 2012	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	Yes	To follow
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		16 April 2012