

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 2 March 2013	Meeting Name: Peckham and Nunhead Community Council
Report title:		Deputation Request – Peckham Road South Controlled Parking Zone	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council area	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council consider a deputation request from Denman Road residents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A deputation can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Deputations must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
3. The deputation request relates to item 10 Peckham Road South area controlled parking zone detailed on the agenda.
4. The deputation outlines the following:
 - We the residents of Peckham Road south wish to know why the Council are proposing putting more pressure on parking in this area by possibly introducing double yellow lines at every junction in the area after the recent consultation for a CPZ? While we appreciate the importance of safety there has not, to the best of our knowledge, been an increase in accident rates at these junctions and it's arguable that in a residential area with slow moving traffic there needs to be a balance between safety and provision of parking.
 - We request that the Council either does not go ahead with these plans or considers each junction on an individual basis and doesn't simply take a 'blanket approach' to what are guidelines and not laws - thereby increasing safety for road users while not putting too much additional pressure on parking for residents.

Procedure for Deputations

5. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the deputation and at the conclusion of the deputation the chair will seek the consent of councillors to debate the subject. Councillors may move motions and amendments without prior notice if the subject does not relate to a report on the agenda. The meeting can decide to note the deputation or provide support if requested to do so. The community council shall not take any formal decision(s) on the subject raised unless a report is on the agenda

5. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
7. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
8. Councillors may ask questions of the deputation, which shall be answered by their spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her or him for up to five minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's address.
9. If more than one deputation is to be heard in respect of one subject there shall be no debate until each deputation has been presented. The monitoring officer shall, in writing, formally communicate the decision of the meeting to the person who submitted the request for the deputation to be received.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments of the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure

10. (to follow)

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Correspondence received from local residents around Peckham Road south area.	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Beverley Olamijulo 020 7525 7234

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Education and Leisure	Yes	Yes
Date final report sent to the Constitutional Team		19 February 2013

Address delivered by Deputation to Southwark Council at the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council Meeting on – 02/03/13

With regard to the recent CPZ consultation in the Peckham Road South area and subsequent proposal to put double yellow lines in at every junction in the area, the residents ask the Council to consider the following:

1. A blanket approach to double yellows at every junction would remove approximately 72 parking spaces from within the Peckham Rd south area.
2. The Highway Code 'guidelines' for not parking within 10 metres of a junction are just that - they are guidelines and not UK law.
3. It was perceived pressure on current parking availability for residents that lead to the recent CPZ consultation. We all want to avoid the expense of another CPZ consultation, which we feel double yellow lines throughout the proposed area would inevitably lead to. There has been a pattern in the Peckham Road South area over the past 10 years of CPZs being proposed by the Council and pushed back by the residents (Councillor Mark Glover informed us that this issue has cropped up at least twice before during his 11 years as a Councillor and that it seems to crop up every 4 years).
4. From feedback to the Council 's forms and 3 resident petitions it became clear that the vast majority of residents were overwhelmingly against a CPZ. There were 70 signatures online and over 520 signatures on paper against the CPZ.
5. While safety is very important, to the best of our knowledge, and we believe to the best of the Council 's knowledge, there has been no increase in accident rates at any of the junctions where double yellows are proposed.
 - We received an email from Paul Gellard stating that current plans are 'not based on any reported accident data'.
 - Peckham police station couldn't provide us with any evidence of accident at junctions within the area.

It's a fact that tight corners, narrow roads, sleeping policemen, etc. are all just everyday hazards of urban driving.

6. Many residents are angry and now feel that this is 'the thin end of the wedge ' and the Council are nannying them over perceived safety issues to pave the way for another CPZ consultation in a few years time. If required I can provide emails against what residents see as interference in their lives in a negative way.
7. We request that the Council leave the area as it currently is and appreciate that putting double yellow lines in place at every junction would put additional pressure on available parking with questionable benefits to safety.

We would also like to know what the Council are doing to address the wider issue of parking within the area. Forcing residents into a CPZ is clearly unpopular and not an efficient or long-term solution, especially when a lot of the parking pressure is created by Council employees. For example, there is additional pressure by Council staff parking on Denman and surrounding roads even though the Council promised staff would not park on these roads. This goes on while the car park behind Crane House continues to remain relatively empty. There is also the nearby multi-story car park off Rye Lane has lain empty for years. Where is the area-wide, efficient, parking strategy that we all need?