

## APPENDIX 2

### Southwark Council Full Council Meeting – Theme: Traffic & Transport Submission by Southwark Living Streets

Southwark Living Streets thanks Southwark Council for the opportunity to contribute. We are a fully constituted group with over 100 members in the borough. We campaign on behalf of those on foot. We meet on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is always very welcome. <http://southwarklivingstreets.org.uk/>

We believe that this debate comes at an excellent moment, with the publication of the New Southwark Plan and its strong commitment to walking and cycling. Across London the debate about how we travel is being prompted by the GLA's Road Task Force, the removal of gyratories, more cycling, and air pollution from diesel vehicles.

Southwark, like other Inner London boroughs, stands at a crossroads. On the one hand, there is a real sense of progress as more people wish to live in Inner London and benefit from the vitality of urban life; on the other hand, the legacy of 60 years of auto-centric development is poor air quality, less walking, growing obesity and communities severed by out-of-date road infrastructure (eg Bricklayers Arms Flyover or Peckham High Street by the former Wooddene Estate).

The population of Southwark has risen from a low of 215,000 in 1982 to about 300,000. It will be over 350,000 by 2033, the end of the New Southwark Plan. To enable our current and future residents and sustainable businesses to thrive, we believe that walking, cycling and public transport and sustainable goods transport have to be designed in and private motorised travel reduced.

We propose the following six policies to get a better balance between people and vehicles:

- 1. Local Shops and Services.** No one needing to live more than 5 minutes walk from a convenience store or local centre, and desirably from key services.
- 2. High Streets.** Good walking and cycling routes to local high streets, which are welcoming to those on foot and who cycle.
- 3. Green Routes.** A network of green pedestrian-friendly routes linking people to their local green space and linking up those spaces.
- 4. Safe Routes to School.** Streets and roads near schools designed to enable far more young people to walk and cycle safely to school.
- 5. Road Pricing.** To lobby for road pricing or congestion charging north of the South Circular.
- 6. Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).** To lobby for a ULEZ covering the whole borough.

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