

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 21 July 2015	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That cabinet consider whether to hear deputations as set out in paragraphs 4-8 from:
 - a. local residents in Camberwell in respect of a car wash operating within Parkhouse Street, Camberwell, London SE5
 - b. residents of Highshore Road and the surrounding area in respect of the Rye Lane conservation area
 - c. Homeowners Council in respect of item 15, proposal to implement the extension of licensing powers under the Housing Act 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, cabinet can decide
 - To receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; or
 - That the deputation not be received; or
 - To refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
3. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than five minutes. After this time cabinet members may ask questions of the deputation for up to five minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Local residents – Car Wash in Parkhouse Street, Camberwell

4. The deputation would like to address cabinet on behalf of the local community to request that a local car wash business operating within Parkhouse Street, Camberwell be required to apply for planning permission. The deputation claims that the car wash is causing a nuisance in terms of noise, parking, ambience, and environmental pollution for local residents.
5. The deputation have also had a deputation request heard at a Camberwell Community Council meeting on 4 February 2015 on the same issue.

Residents of Highshore Road and the surrounding area

6. The deputation would like to address cabinet on behalf of the local community. They have made the following statement:
 - a. “We, the residents of Highshore Road, Peckham and Nunhead wish to preserve the special character of Rye Lane Conservation Area, neighbouring Conservation Areas and the protected shopping frontages of the borough. We strongly support development (economic and social) but suggest that it needs to be very actively managed in Peckham, so as not to put at risk a successful micro-economy that keeps money within the vicinity and clearly meets the needs of specific clientele. We are concerned that recently relaxed planning laws will threaten local businesses and the well being of the community - restricting the council's powers to manage change of use from shops and other use classes, to financial and professional services such as estate agents. Estate agents tend to cluster together – when one moves to a new location, others follow – with an immediate impact on local rents, which has already started – threatening to cause catastrophic disruption of the very idiosyncratic local economy. This goes much deeper than any particular brand but is about recognising the way that estate agents and chains work as a sector and parallels can be drawn to similar harm that betting shops, mobile phone and pound shops, or any chains, can cause to the high street if not controlled.
 - b. There is a requirement for elected members to have real foresight and care as they plan the development of Peckham, particularly Rye Lane. We support the improvement of the area but believe the special character of the locality and its economy requires much more nuanced and careful thought than looking to bring big name national chains to 'lift' the high street. We strongly urge that council cabinet members support the invocation of an Article 4 Direction, that will withdraw permitted development rights from estate agents and brand name chains with Immediate effect, so that they must submit planning applications for change of use, to help ensure the long term protection of the local economy.”

Homeowners Council

7. The deputation would like to address cabinet on behalf of the local community, in respect of item 15, proposal to implement the extension of licensing powers under the Housing Act 2004. They have made the following statement:

Purpose

- a. To consider the proposal to introduce selective licensing and additional licensing to the private rental sector (PRS) borough wide.
- b. To provide a response as part of the council's consultation of homeowners to get their view in the proposal to introduce selective licensing and additional licensing to the PRS.

Recommendations

- c. That the council note the response from Homeowners council to the proposed proposal to introduce selective licensing.
- d. That the council work with the Homeowners council to review the proposal.

Community impact statement

8. The Southwark Constitution allows for deputations to be made by groups of people resident or working in the borough.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

9. The deputation requests were received in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests and are therefore eligible for consideration by cabinet as to whether or not to hear the deputations at this meeting.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

10. The deadline for the receipt of deputation requests was midnight on Wednesday 15 July 2015, after the main cabinet agenda despatch on Friday 10 July 2015. It has therefore not been possible to send out this report five clear days in advance of the meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.11 on deputations (page 163)	Southwark Council, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055 or Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395
Link: http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=04.6%20Cabinet%20Procedure%20Rules&ID=50000039&RPID=536134161&sch=doc&cat=13459&path=13459		

APPENDICES

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None	

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