

Item No. 8.	Classification: Open	Date: 13 March 2018	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Petition from the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church – Parking Issues	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the cabinet consider a petition from the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church, Elephant and Castle relating to parking issues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A petition containing 500 signatures or more maybe presented to the cabinet. 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 cabinet will debate the petition for a period of up to 15 minutes and may decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. A petition containing 1,160 signatures has been received from the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6SD.
5. The petition states:

“We are deeply concerned about the probable loss of both on-street and off-street parking in the vicinity of the Tabernacle resulting from redevelopment, from the current controlled parking zone C review and other traffic management initiatives. This would cause immense difficulties for our very large Sunday schools and youth meetings with rolls of over 1200 children and teenagers. These community activities have helped keep thousands out of gang culture over the years and are the largest of their kind in our city. To maintain them we need parking and access for our numerous minibuses and volunteer helpers vehicles.

We appeal to our council, with its strong community ethos; to continue to make available free parking on single-yellow lines and payment bays on Sundays and to only install double-yellow lines where absolutely necessary; to consider the impact on the Tabernacle of local traffic management proposals; and to consider any further opportunities for additional parking for the Tabernacle where it can be safely permitted.”

We currently have use of off-street parking on the premises of the London College of Communications and we rent spaces in the shopping centre car park. Both would be lost to development. The review of CPZ C2 threatens to change significant lengths of single to double yellow lines.”

Community impact statement

6. The Southwark constitution allows for petitions to be presented by members of the public and can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Environment and Social Regeneration

7. The council has received requests to carry out a review of the C2 area controlled parking zone from local residents and has reacted to those requests.
8. In line with the council’s current standards the new design provides parking bays wherever it is considered safe to do so. Double yellow lines are only proposed in locations where it is deemed necessary, for road safety reasons, to prevent vehicles from parking. The council has a duty of care to users of the highway to ensure their safety as far as is reasonably practicable and, furthermore, is required carry out such works as it deems necessary to comply with that duty.
9. A number of parking spaces were lost in this area while development work was carried out and this review has given the council the opportunity to carry out a full review of the area and reinstate parking in a number of locations.
10. Although received after the end of the consultation period, which ended on the 22 February, this petition will be recorded as a formal objection to the statutory consultation currently being carried out and will be considered along with any other objections received.
11. As part of the consideration of objections the highways department will be instructed to carry out a review of the proposals to fully satisfy the council that double yellow lines will only be installed where it is absolutely necessary for the safety of road users.
12. Once this review has been carried out officers from the highway department will be required to present their findings to the cabinet member for environment and the public realm for determination.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.13 on petitions	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395
Link: (copy and paste into browser) http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s67579/Committee%20Procedure%20Rules%20March%202017.pdf		

AUDIT TRAIL

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