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Dear Resident/Business-Owner/Trader

SE Bermondsey CPZ – Help us change your streets

Residents and businesses have told us that the area around and to the south of The Blue in Bermondsey has been subject to parking stress which is making it very difficult to park for residents, businesses and visitors, including shoppers. We've received petitions from residents and businesses south of The Blue asking for the situation to be urgently addressed and we've met with traders to discuss on-street parking solutions to meet the needs of businesses and to compliment the Good Growth Fund, a £2M project currently underway to revive The Blue Business Improvement District (BID). Off street parking at The Blue will be managed separately by the housing parking team alongside the Good Growth Fund.

The highways division of the council is proposing a parking zone in the area where we have received the most requests: the area bounded by St James Road to the west, Lynton Road to the south and the railway line to the east. We are consulting the residents and businesses in the area to find out in what streets there is majority support for a parking zone, what days and times of operation are most popular, and if the proposed preliminary design can be improved. Parking zones have been found to free up space in the road, ensure more effective enforcement of loading and short stay bays, and reduce commuter traffic and air pollution in the area.

We have drafted a preliminary design that indicates what the zone might look like on ground and we welcome your feedback on both operating times and layout:

- Permit bays: permit parking for residents and businesses; passes for visitors could be requested online for variable lengths of time. Please let us know if you want these to operate all day, part day, or two hours.
- Shared use bays: can be used either for limited stay paid parking for tradespeople and visitors or for permit parking. These tend to be at the end of roads on the side of buildings. Blue Badge holders can park for free in these

bays. Please let us know if you want maximum stay for two or three hours for visitors.

- Existing short stay bays for visitors to the market and shops. Please let us know if you would like these retained as they are or if you would like these extended to two or three hours at £2.75 per hour after an initial half hour free. A one hour stay would therefore cost £1.38 including the first free half hour. Blue Badge holders can park for free in paid bays. Please note that free parking is also available at The Blue car park for customers.
- Loading bays - please let us know at what time you would like these to operate and if they could be combined with short stay bays for visitors.
- Double yellow lines at drop kerbs to prevent residents being parked in, and at junctions to protect vulnerable road users. These are designed based on design standards and legal obligations to ensure safety.

Please refer to the proposed preliminary design and consultation information including key milestones on the website www.southwark.gov.uk/sebermondseycpz.

It is worth noting that within approximately six months of new parking zones being implemented we review the zone to see if it can be improved or extended. We will take the opportunity at this time to propose new ways of using freed up space, such as cycle parking and places to stop and rest for pedestrians, so as to encourage more active travel in the community.

Please respond to the online questionnaire from **31 August 2019** at www.southwark.gov.uk/sebermondseycpz or using the paper questionnaire enclosed which can be returned using the freepost address noted (no stamp required).

It is important to fill in this consultation, whether or not you own a car or have off street parking particularly the key question (question 4) which will be the main question analysed. Visitors are welcome to respond to the consultation. Please ensure we receive your paper or online questionnaire no later than **22 September 2019**.

Officers will analyse the results on a streets by street basis and typically recommend a zone with a logical boundary including most streets that are in majority support, and the days and times of operation that are most popular in the area.

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To discuss the proposals and meet with the officers please come along to the **South Bermondsey ward meeting 1pm 14 September 2019** at Rennie and Manor Estates Tenants Association Hall Galleywall Road SE16 3PB Please check meeting details on our website www.southwark.gov.uk/sebermondseycpz.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me using the details at the top of this letter.

Best wishes,

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