

Representations in Support of the proposals**1. Porden Road - Resident Support 001**

I own ■■■ Porden Road for the past over ■■■ years. My concern is most houses have delivery nearly every day and when delivery car, van or lorries come they don't find any parking place and many time parking on double line or in parking in permit holder bay they get Parking ticket. On porden Road at least one or two bays should be allowed for delivery drivers. Most of the residents they are in favour but no body has got time to write. Hope you will consider it urgent.

Officer response:

Delivery vehicles are allowed to load and unload on yellow lines and parking bays, with Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) allowing for 5 minutes observation time before issuing any Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's). It is an offence for any vehicles to wait or load whilst their vehicles is causing obstruction. Increasing the parking capacity from 11 to 20 spaces on Porden Road and introducing a double yellow line passing gap should assist delivery vehicles.

Representations in Opposition of the proposals

1. Porden Road - Resident Opposition 001

I object to the amendments on the following grounds:

1. Since new development was completed, the number of residents parking in Porden Road has increased (despite Porden Road Residents' Group being assured by developers/Lambeth during the planning stage that this would not be the case). As a result it is now very difficult for Porden Road Residents to park in Porden Road or even close to it. I would suggest that rather than take precious resident bays from Porden Road, 4 Business Bays could be allocated on the stretch of Acre Lane just beyond Baytree Road which is currently allocated to short-term (30 minute parking). If people need to park for short periods they are able to use Tesco's Car Park free of charge.
2. Porden Road is now 2 way. With parking on both sides there will be nowhere for delivery vans to park so there is a high probability that congestion will be caused by these vehicles parking in the middle of the road with the associated inconvenience for other road-users and implications for emergency vehicles. A 20 minute parking bay might be useful.
3. There is no mention of a cycle hangar. Quite a few residents have bikes and currently have to carry them through their houses every time they use them. A cycle hangar would be useful for both business users and residents.
4. If Porden Road was restored to being a one-way street (which effectively it is as the bollards on Buckner Road are permanently down - what a waste of Council Tax they were) there would be less chance of congestion in Porden Road once the new parking bays are in place.

I would appreciate your consideration of these suggestions.

Officer response:

Following further investigation, we found 8 parking permits were sold in error to some properties in the new car free development on Porden Road. I can confirm these permits has now been rescinded and the system rectified.

When the Civic Centre was redeveloped and parking removed from Buckner Road, there was a loss of 28 parking spaces which business permit holders could access. Therefore, these 4 bays are required to assist in alleviating parking pressure for business permit holders in this central Brixton location. The 4 business only parking bays were specifically located not to be outside residential properties on Porden Road. The number of resident parking spaces will increase from the current 11 spaces to 20.

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The introduction of cycle hangars are subject to its own processes and residents can request a cycle hangar in their road using the following link, www.lambeth.gov.uk/parking-transport-and-streets/cycling/cycle-parking-scheme-guide

There are no plans to revert Porden Road back into one way working.

Representations - Comments for the proposals

1. Porden Road - Resident Comment 001

As a resident of Porden Road, please can we have Residents & Business parking in the 4 bays ear-marked for Business only parking. We have suffered with a lack of residents parking & I feel both BB & BR parking would be appropriate for these bays

Officer response:

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2. Porden Road - Resident Comment 002

I have been the owner of No [redacted] Porden Rd for the last [redacted] years. Originally there were 20 spaces for residents and a motor bike bay the spaces being on both sides of the rd. Obviously a lot has changed since the new town hall and other building at the end of our street.

However the one thing that has not changed is that Porden rd is only a residential st,. And the parking within the street should remain residential. We have already lost many of the original residential spaces in the st. I understand the pressure Lambeth is under to provide business parking , however that was obvious to us residents from the beginning of the development and provision should have been made for that in the original plans, So that business parking could be provided in the town hall street and/or a deal made with Tesco to provide a section for business parking, (as has happened in the past.) or more parking in Acre lane which is an extremely wide street.

We have had an immense amount of inconvenience over the last years and lost many of the intrinsic benefits of a residential street due to the building noise etc which I am sure that our residents association has brought to your attention.. Please don't take away any more.

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3. Porden Road Residents Group Comments 003 (004) (005)

Porden Road residents have reviewed the plans for the redevelopment of our road for the extension of parking, adding a disabled bay and business parking.

Whilst we appreciate getting more spaces back on to our road, the residents object to the business spaces at the end of Porden Road, the consensus is that the BB spaces are relocated in the spaces along Tesco's car park on Acre Lane. Taking 4 spaces for businesses on a residential street is not acceptable, it is safer and more practical for the BB spaces to be on Acre Lane as it will prevent BB drivers entering a road where often there are near misses with cars speeding around from Buckner Road or high footfall from pedestrians using the cut through.

The residents want to park in the road they live in rather than around the corner especially when they are either elderly, have young children or are loading/unloading items to transport to their homes.

Also we request the BB spaces are shared with BR permit holders to allow the spaces to be used to their maximum.

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4. General - Resident Comment 006

I have one question to ask, is there any free parking for shoppers coming into the area proposed?

Please bare in mind that you need to consider that it is very difficult to get parking in the area at present. I hope you guys are not using this opportunity to swindle money from residents when parking in these areas? I look forward to your response.

Officer response:

There are currently no plans to provide addition free parking in this area. The purpose of the parking proposals is to provide additional parking for local residents and businesses.