



Southwark Highways

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Dear Sir or Madam

The Estate as a major landowner, responded to the Council's proposals to introducing controlled parking zones in Dulwich, in September 2023. It also represented the views of Dulwich traders, at two meetings in late 2023 and early 2024.

We are glad the Council has reduced the area of the proposed CPZ, in light of consultation responses. However significant concerns remain, as previously noted and included at the end for reference.

For the long-term viability of the retail and hospitality on the main high street, Dulwich Village, it is essential that customers aren't penalised for shopping and dining in the area and that customer needs and trading conditions are supported, if a CPZ is introduced on the surrounding local roads.

You will be aware that the retail environment is incredibly challenging. Any further squeeze on trading conditions due to parking controls risks driving essential businesses out of the area, and customers into their cars to seek basic services like the supermarket, pharmacy, post office and dry cleaners.

Specifically we request:

- 1. No restrictions to customer parking on the high street of Dulwich Village (also called Dulwich Village) retailers**

An extension of the exemption granted to Gallery Road, so that the high street Dulwich Village does not fall within the CPZ at all.

Paid or limited parking on Dulwich Village retail parking bays will negatively impact retail viability. Southwark Council is aware of the value of local traders to the local economy and the vulnerability of thriving high streets. We request an exemption for customer parking from paid parking and a restriction of resident parking on Dulwich Village.

If Southwark decides it cannot grant an exemption, we request a three-hour customer parking allowance.

2. Request for loading bays to support retail logistics

There are currently no loading bays in front of retail outlets. We request that these are installed so that loading for businesses can take place safely and efficiently.

3. Signage and payment options

On implementation of any controlled residential parking in the area, we request payment options for visitors and residents not using smart phones – often the elderly who are more reliant on cars. Further, the Estate requests clear signage of charges and payment options accompanies any changes to parking.

4. [Response to consultation on Dulwich controlled parking zone \(thedulwichestate.org.uk\)](http://thedulwichestate.org.uk)

Yours faithfully



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