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Improvements to the Leather Lane Market area

5th November 2014

The Council has developed proposals to make Leather Lane market area a better place for traders, residents, businesses and visitors. This leaflet sets out these proposals, and as a local resident, business or group, this is your opportunity to let us know what you think.

Leather Lane has a well established market that trades on the street throughout the week. The street is also lined with a variety of popular small independent shops. Currently, when the market is on, vehicles drive through Leather Lane which makes the street less safe for market traders and pedestrians walking through the market. We are therefore proposing changes to make the area safer during market hours but understand that there are many other businesses in this area and therefore want to minimise any impact on these businesses.

To stop vehicles using Leather Lane when the market is on, we are proposing to close access to Leather Lane. However, as other roads lead directly to Leather Lane, they would also be affected. Closing these adjacent roads would also require changes to parking and loading; these are described in this leaflet.

There are a number of parking bays provided just for use by market traders on market days. Whilst these provide a trader space to park, our surveys show that a number of these are not occupied. which can be frustrating for residents who wish to park

One of the reasons for this is that a number of traders are parking in Greville Street car park which is owned by the Council. Although only 5 spaces in this car park are allocated to traders, a larger number of traders are parking in this car park. We want to manage this space better so that we can consider using some of the space for other uses such as storage of trader goods and market stall units; this will help keep Leather Lane clean and tidy overnight when the market is **not** in operation.

Officers visited the market area last year and discussed proposals with the Leather Lane Community Association and a number of local businesses. These proposals have since been developed to ensure that pedestrian and trader safety is considered when the market is operational and the proposals meet the needs of the residents, traders and local businesses.

What is being proposed?

Measures identified are explained below and highlighted on the drawings provided with this leaflet.

ROAD CLOSURES AND TRADER PARKING

Road Closures - Proposal 1

Proposal 1 seeks to address road safety issues for market traders and pedestrians. The Council proposes to close Leather Lane and several adjacent roads to all traffic on market days (Monday to Friday between 10:30am and 2:30pm). There are two options for the road closures:

Option A

The following roads would be closed from Monday to Friday between 10:30am and 2:30pm:

- Leather Lane
- Hatton Wall, between Leather Lane and Hatton Garden (except for access to off-street premises)
- St Cross Street, between Leather Lane and Hatton Garden (NOTE: This is open under Option B)
- Portpool Lane and Baldwin's Gardens where they meet Leather Lane; access will still be available via Grays Inn Road

Option B

The following roads would be closed from Monday to Friday between 10:30am and 2:30pm:

- Leather Lane,
- Hatton Wall, between Leather Lane and Hatton Garden (except for access to off-street premises)
- Portpool Lane and Baldwin's Gardens where they meet Leather Lane; access will still be available via Grays Inn Road

The closure of Leather Lane would also require the closure of Hatton Wall because it is too narrow for vehicles to turn around safely. At Hatton Wall, there are two properties which have off street parking facilities; access to these will be permitted when the road is closed. Although St Cross Street is wider than Hatton Wall, we consider that this would benefit from being closed as it will help keep the road clear allowing the market to be visible from Hatton Garden; this will help entice people to visit the market and the local businesses. This has been included under option A. Under both options, when the roads are closed, parking and loading on these roads would not be permitted during the hours of closure. Therefore a number of parking changes are proposed and these are explained below.

Trader Parking

There are currently 47 market trader only bays provided in the streets surrounding Leather Lane and an additional 5 in the Greville Street car park. Currently, 18 traders have purchased a permit to park in these bays, as a result of this a number of these bays remain empty. We are proposing to keep 25 trader bays on the street. Therefore 22 bays are proposed to be removed; these will be from Hatton Wall, St Cross Street and surrounding streets. The 25 bays provided will be sufficient to meet the needs of the existing traders who currently hold a permit to park, but also those who wish to purchase a permit to park on a permanent or casual basis. In addition, we are retaining the 5 spaces in the car park and are proposing to use this for storage and for casual users.

PARKING CHANGES

The parking changes proposed are as a result of the road closures. There will be no loss in residents', pay & display or motorcycle parking. These are explained below.

1. **Portpool Lane:**

- Move motorcycle parking bay located opposite 12 Portpool Lane to outside 47 - 67 Portpool Lane.

2. **Hatton Wall:**

- Convert all trader bays (5 spaces) located on of Hatton Wall, between Leather Lane and Hatton Garden, to single yellow line.
- Convert all the existing single yellow line on the northern side of Hatton Wall, between Leather Lane and Hatton Garden to double yellow lines with no loading allowed at any time.
- Convert the existing single yellow line at the junctions of Hatton Wall with Leather Lane and Hatton Garden as well as outside properties 23 – 29 Hatton Wall to double yellow lines.

3. **St Cross Street:**

- Convert all traders parking bays (6 spaces) located on St Cross Street, between Leather Lane and Hatton Garden to single yellow line.
- Convert 15m of existing single yellow line outside 26 – 29 St Cross Street to double yellow lines with no loading allowed at any time.
- Convert the single yellow line outside properties 5 – 7 St Cross Street and at the junctions of St Cross Street with Hatton Gardens and Leather Lane to double yellow lines.
- Convert solo motorcycle parking bay to single yellow line.

4. **Hatton Garden:**

- Convert 8 metres of pay & display parking bay to a motorcycle parking bay outside 43 Hatton Garden.

5. **Kirby Street:**

- Convert the unused disabled bay outside 11 – 18 Kirby Street to a pay & display parking bay.

Overall, there is no reduction in pay and display parking spaces or motorcycle parking bay. There is however a reduction of 22 traders parking bays.

PROPOSAL 2:

This proposal seeks to provide more parking for residents and more flexibility for traders. Traders will be able to park in any of the trader parking bays provided as the bays will not be reserved for any individual trader. All remaining trader parking bays will be converted to shared-use parking bays. Traders will be able to park in these spaces from 8.30am Monday to Friday. However if a trader does not occupy a bay by 11 am then residents with a CA-D permit will be able to park in these bays. (This only applies for the parking bays on the street and not in the Greville Street car park).

This is your opportunity to comment

We need your views as this consultation exercise is intended to find out if there is broad public support for the proposals set out in this leaflet. If approved, the changes will be paid from the Council's own budget.

Please complete the questionnaire provided and send your comments by the **5th December 2014** to: **London Borough of Camden, Culture and Environment Directorate, Transport Strategy Service, FREEPOST RSLT – RJBR – TXAA, Argyle Street, London, WC1H 8EQ.** Please note no stamp is required and only **ONE** reply per household, business or organisation will be accepted. **You must give your postal address if you want us to consider your views.** Alternatively, you can send your response by email to peter.ashley@camden.gov.uk

Details of this consultation are also available on the Council's website, www.camden.gov.uk/consultations

While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. The Assistant Director for Environment and Transport will make a decision whether or not to proceed with the scheme in January 2015.

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, we may not treat your questionnaire or letter confidentially, as it will be available for public inspection. Please only write to us about the consultation issue. If you want to comment on any other matter, please use a separate letter.

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Thank you for replying to this consultation