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Dear Consultee,

Proposed Lane Rental Scheme

The London Borough of Southwark is considering introducing a Lane Rental Scheme on a proportion of its road network in accordance with the Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Lane Rental Regulations) made under Section 74A of the NRSWA 1991.

In accordance with the 'Lane Rental Schemes: Guidance for English Highway Authorities' issued by the Department for Transport on the 3rd April 2025, the London Borough of Southwark is entering a period of public consultation. The consultation period will be open from the 1st August 2025 – 29th August 2025.

The following information is attached to this email and will also be made available on the Council website.

- The proposed Southwark Lane Rental Scheme Document
- The proposed Southwark Lane Rental Network Maps
- The proposed Schedule of Locations
- The supporting Cost Benefit Analysis
- The Evaluation Plan

Southwark have been working on the development of the proposed scheme in conjunction with Transport for London and in consultation with representatives of other London Boroughs.

The proposed scheme network has been determined in accordance with the Pan-London borough data analytical approach, which for consistency purposes retains the basis of the algorithm used to calculate TfL's Lane Rental locations and charge band distribution. The Council is considering introducing a Lane Rental scheme to achieve better control of road works and street works which take place on its network, with a core objective of reducing disruption to the most sensitive parts of the network, at the most sensitive times.

The Scheme seeks to limit the amount of disruption to the road network by encouraging the undertaking of works at the least disruptive time for road users, and the early completion of works. Southwark are committed to being a clean, green and safe borough. Traffic congestion affects communities, journeys, the economy and the environment.

The proposal to operate a Lane Rental scheme supports the London Mayor's election manifesto pledge to expand Lane Rental across London.

Details of the proposal will be published on the Council website. Please email southwarkpermits@southwark.gov.uk to ask questions or seek further information. Any party wishing to make comment or object to the proposals should submit their comments in writing before the end of the 29th August 2025. Comments may be sent via the postal address seen below marked for the attention of the 'Network Management', or by emailing the above email address.

At the end of the consultation period, we will review all comments so that we can make a final decision on if we will proceed in applying to implement a Lane Rental scheme and if so, what form the proposed scheme should take. A report will be published to respond to questions raised throughout the period of consultation. We will need to submit an application to the Department for Transport to implement a Lane Rental scheme and, depending on the outcomes of this consultation, we may do so in Autumn 2025.

Regards

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