

LAMBETH COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO MAKE WYVIL ROAD ONE WAY

This all happened very quickly. We found out about it from the Developers of Sky Gardens by chance. We blocked the original plan due to no consultation.

When we explained our concerns, Lambeth quickly agreed that it was right to talk to us before making a decision. But they had to move quickly because there was a safety issue: approximately 40 heavy lorries a day are expected to arrive at the Sky Gardens building site at Wandsworth Road end of Wyvil Road in the coming months.

We met representatives from Lambeth Council on Wednesday 14th May. A Wyvil School Governor joined us.

We were concerned about:

- safety
- road access to and from the Estate for residents
- parking for residents and visitors
- traffic congestion in Wyvil Road, especially turning into Wandsworth Road
- noise, vibration and dirt from heavy lorries

We agreed with Lambeth Council that we should address illegal and casual parking by non-residents on the Estate at the same time as looking at traffic management in Wyvil Road, which would mean the loss of some parking bays for safety reasons. Already it is difficult sometimes for residents to park due to the Estate being open access and parking restrictions not being enforced. **Lambeth were persuaded to take all these concerns into account and have agreed the following:**

- **one way operation of Wyvil Road from the exit/entrance from our Estate road up to the junction with Wandsworth Road.** This is because lorries will be arriving and turning into the site at this end of Wyvil Road and it would be unsafe to have two way traffic operation.
- **two way operation of Wyvil Road from the exit/entrance from our Estate road up to the junction with South Lambeth Road (no change)**

This means: We can turn left or right when leaving our Estate but we can only drive TO our Estate from the South Lambeth Road.

How to get into our Estate if arriving from Wandsworth Road (routes 2 and 3 are probably better, safer and quicker)

1. Around the Vauxhall gyratory and up South Lambeth Road
2. Lansdowne Way to South Lambeth Road
3. A combination of Thorncroft Street/Hartington Road/Thorne Road to get from Wandsworth Road to South Lambeth Road

Additional Measures

The problems we identified:

Wyvil Road would become very congested at the Wandsworth Road end with the increased lorry traffic. Residents could find it hard to turn into and out of our Estate.

More heavy traffic required the removal of some of the parking bays so that lorries and cars can pass safely, particularly near the school. This could encourage more casual and illegal parking on our Estate

The Solution:

The idea is to reduce traffic by dissuading motorists using Wyvil Road as a cut-through or for casual parking (and therefore from parking on our Estate).

The Action: Prominent advisory signs at the junction of South Lambeth Road and Wyvil Road making the Wyvil Road for 'No Vehicles except for Access' with appropriate language that will deter motorists from using the road as a cut through to Wandsworth Road. This will probably be combined with a warning notice about road width restrictions and traffic flow restrictions. This does not make use of the road illegal but will probably reduce some traffic.

Lambeth Council have advised that this 'has been agreed and will happen as part of the process to implement the already-advertised traffic management notice by way of an order to be advertised this month (May) and to be effective from 2 June'.

Parking Bay Restrictions in Wyvil Road

Lambeth Council have told us that they will remove parking bays along the Wyvil School side of Wyvil Road and the bay almost directly opposite the entry/exit to Wyvil Estate to create a wider passage for cars to pass safely, particularly in view of children and vulnerable residents crossing the road. Lambeth told us: *This will happen through a separate process requiring a separate traffic management order. We are working on this now with a view to implementing these changes as soon as possible.*

Changes on Our Estate:

There will be increased patrols and enforcement of illegal parking. If you need a permit, please get one as soon as possible. They only cost £30 a year and are available from Lambeth Living: <http://www.lambethliving.org.uk/parking>

We are looking into

- re-marking of double yellow lines/parking bays/'no parking' areas
- New, clearer 'No Parking' signs to be erected
- **Barrier controlled vehicle access: Please give us your views.**