

## NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER

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### 1. Title of report and reason for exemption (if any)

Baltic Close, Proposed Pedestrianisation– Results of Formal Consultation

### 2. Decision maker

Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration

### 3. Date of Decision

26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### 4. Date report made available to decision maker

26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### 5. Date report made available to the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and of any relevant scrutiny panel

N/A

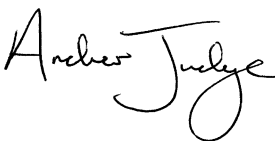
### 6. Decision

I, Councillor Andrew Judge, the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration:

- A) Note the results of the statutory consultation carried out between 8<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 on the proposals to pedestrianise the recently adopted Baltic Close.
- B) Note and consider the representations including objections received in respect of the proposals which are detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.
- C) Agree to proceed with making of the TMO and the pedestrianisation of Baltic Close and the introduction of the associated landscaping proposals.
- D) Agree to the statutory consultation and amendment of the existing TMOs for CW Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to allow parking by residents of Baltic Close.
- E) Agree to exercise discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

### 7. Reason for decision

To provide an enhanced and safe environment for the residents of Baltic Close and visitors including those accessing Wandle Park. The proposals also contribute toward the wider interests of the regeneration and improvement of the public realm of Colliers Wood and are complementary to works carried out by TfL, to provide a high quality, improved access from the centre of Colliers Wood to the nearby Wandle Park.



## 8 Alternative options considered and reasons rejected

### **Do nothing.**

The existing road is in poor condition with no parking controls and presents a poor quality gateway to Wandle Park. Retaining this situation would lead to a congested street where vehicles would compete for space in an ad-hoc and disordered manner. Additionally, now that Baltic Close is a public highway, it is a statutory duty to reconstruct to highway standards. Additionally, when the Pub agreed for the Council to take ownership of Baltic Close, it was based on the implementation of the proposed improvements and leaving Baltic Close as is will do nothing to assist the Pub to continue its business which is likely to lead to legal action.

### **Allow Parking.**

Due to its relatively narrow and short nature, Baltic Close is unable to accommodate parking for all the residents/visitors and the Pub's loading/unloading needs. Additionally, maximising parking in Baltic Close would adversely impact on providing a high quality landscaped gateway to Wandle Park and public realm improvements that the residents can enjoy. To accommodate the resident's parking needs, they will be included within Zone CW. Loading/unloading/dropping off and picking up activities will be permitted and provision of disabled parking bays is also included within the new design.

## 9. Documents relied on in addition to officer report

## 10. Declarations of Interest

None

## 11. Publication of this decision and call in provision

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