

# Shad Thames (Zone G) – Parking zone review

## Consultation Report

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## Executive Summary

The main aim of the Shad Thames (Zone G) consultation is to review the current parking restrictions deployed in the Shad Thames area and determine whether these restrictions are still fit for purpose in the context of residents' and businesses' needs.

The Shad Thames parking zone was introduced in 1998. The current and original restrictions are Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 6:30pm and exist to deter non-residents from all day parking, particularly for work or leisure purposes.

Shad Thames and the Bermondsey area has seen a wealth of regeneration and dynamic growth of different residential communities, businesses, bars and restaurants and the construction of Bermondsey underground station. It is vital that our parking measures align with the Council's Air Quality action plan and draft Movement plan and fulfil the needs of those that live, work or leisurely visit the area.

The consultation aims to discover whether residents or business are having difficulty parking, and if so, when. It also looks to outline the broad preferences of parking restriction amendments, if appropriate.

### Summary of Key Consultation findings

- A total of 9517 consultation surveys were sent to residents and businesses in the parking zone. We received 397 responses which is a 4% response rate.
- 65% of respondents would like the current parking restrictions to be amended.
- Respondents had most difficulty parking on Saturday with 61% stating they struggle to park. They also reported difficulty parking on Sundays and Monday – Friday evening.
- In tandem with the above, 55% of people were in favour of amending the current parking restrictions to include weekend restrictions. In addition, 45% stated they would like to see the parking restriction amended to include Monday-Friday evening times.

### Recommendations

Based on the consultation findings, officers are making the following recommendations:

1. Carry out a further in-depth parking study to determine whether amending the parking restrictions to Monday to Friday evening and weekends is feasible and meets the needs of the area

## Introduction

Since the Shad Thames (Zone G) parking zone was introduced in 1998 competition for parking in the area has increased considerably. The main factors generating this parking stress are:

- An increase in residential developments and therefore population within the zone
- Attractiveness of the area to non-residents as a tourist attraction
- The expansion of bars and restaurants increasing visitors who are spending leisure time in the area
- The opening of Bermondsey underground station and bus routes linking people to Central London

Current legislation permits that residents of future developments are not eligible to purchase resident permits. This protects the area, to an extent, from parking stress caused by population increase. However, this does not combat parking stress caused by visitors and deliveries outside of parking restriction hours.

Parking Zone G was last reviewed in 2009. The review resulted in changes to the type of parking bays in some areas however no changes were made to the restriction times.

During a recent consultation regarding public realm improvements in the Shad Thames area, parking issues were highlighted by a large number of residents.

89 residents out of the 130 that responded were in support of extending the CPZ into the weekend and evening. This is 68% support.

The parking review consultation commenced on the 19 November 2018 and closed on 16 December 2018 boundaries are shown below in Figure 1.

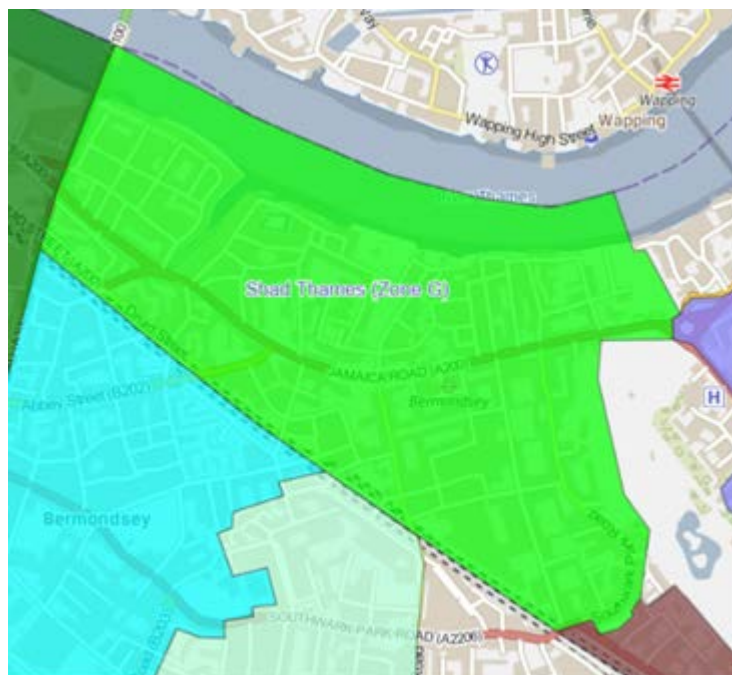


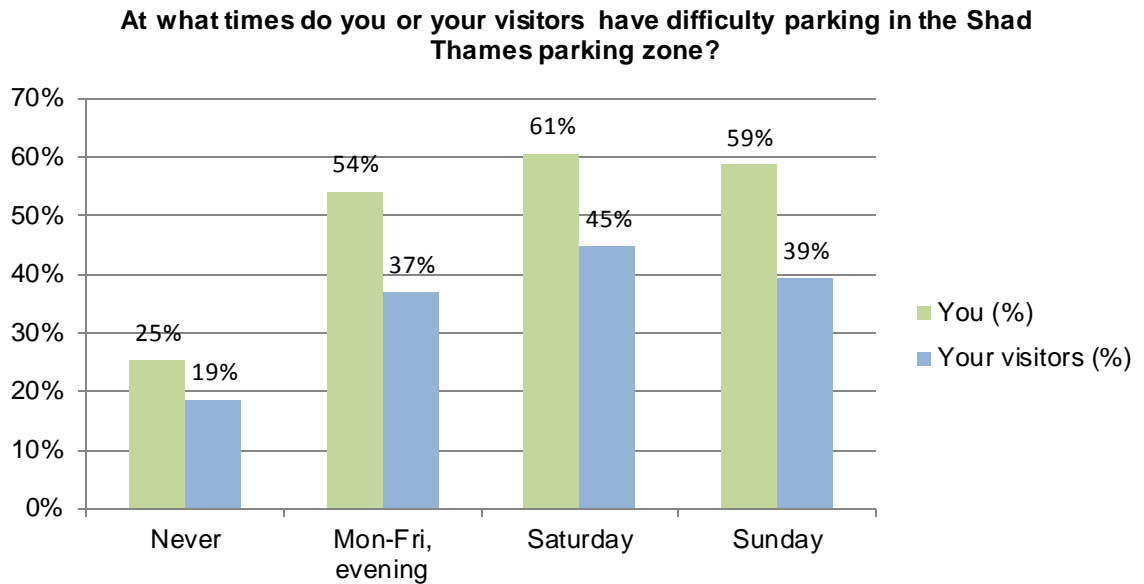
Figure 1: Consultation boundary

## Analysis of responses

1) Are you a resident or business?

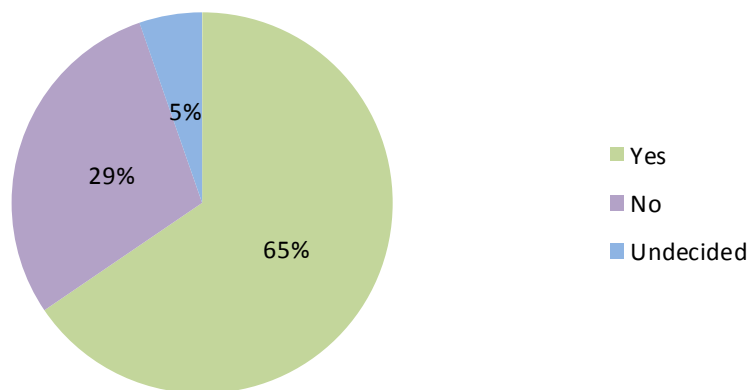
Resident	Business
96%	4%

2) At what times do you or your visitors have difficulty parking in the Shad Thames parking zone?



3) The current parking restrictions (Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 6.30pm) exist to prevent all day parking, does this need to be amended?

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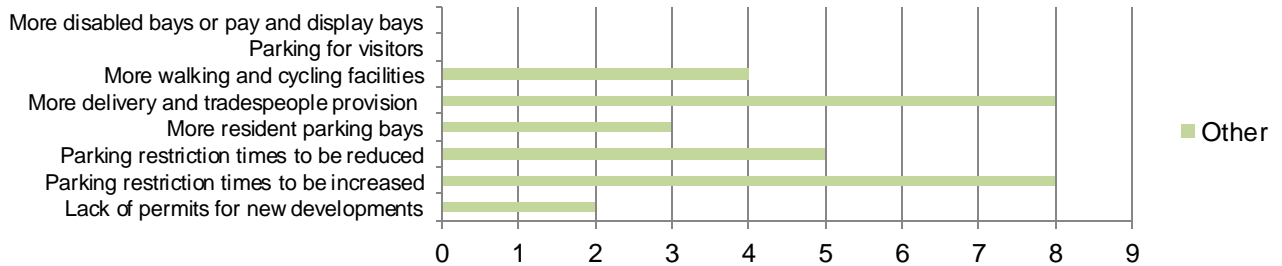
4) If yes, how would you like them to be amended?

## How would you like the current parking restrictions to be amended?



Summary of 'Other' by response theme

### Other

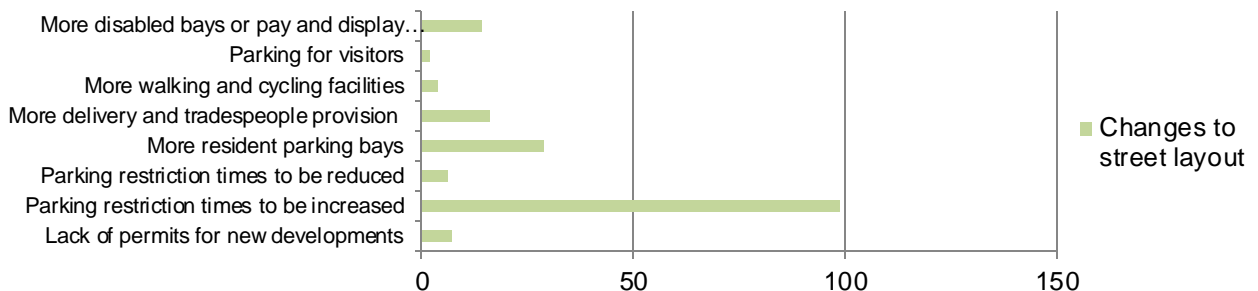


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- 5) Are there any changes to the parking restriction's layout, location or type of parking bays on the street that you would like to see?

Summary by of responses by theme

### Changes to street layout

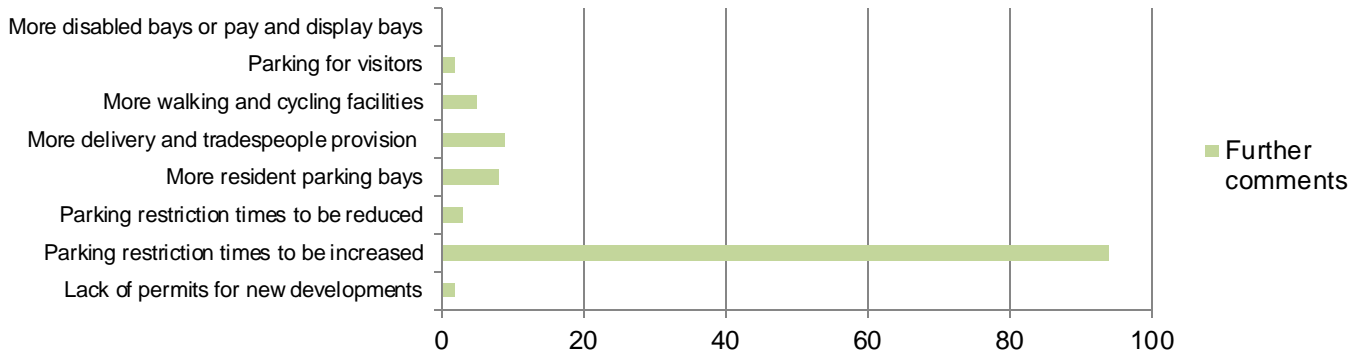


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- 6) Do you have any further comments?

## Summary of comments by response theme

### Further comments



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### Conclusion

The findings of this consultation show that 65% of those residing or working in the Zone G parking zone who responded would like to see the parking restrictions amended. A majority was also in favour of amending the parking restrictions to include weekends. A near majority was in favour of amending the parking restrictions to include Monday to Friday evenings.

It is recommended that a further parking study is conducted to determine the nature of the amendments to stop parking stress at weekends and weekday evenings. The parking study should also review certain bay provisions such as pay and displays and disabled bays with additional facilities to make the street a healthier environment. All proposals should be coordinated with the Shad Thames street improvement scheme. The recommendation outputs of the subsequent parking study will be tabled to Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality for decision.

