CITY OF WESTMINSTER – CITY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITIES

DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT 7309

TRAFFIC ORDERS – VICTORIA SQUARE

INTRODUCTION OF DIPLOMATIC PARKING BAY & REVISIONS TO WAITING & LOADING RESTRICTIONS

(Drawing No. 7309/SD)

(St James's)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Ambassador of the Philippines in the UK has requested the provision of a diplomatic parking bay in the vicinity of his official residence at No. 12 Victoria Square.

The City Council's Parking Services Team in the City Management and Communities Department has confirmed that, in addition to the diplomatic parking bays in the vicinity of the Embassy of the Philippines in Suffolk Street, the Ambassador is also entitled to a diplomatic parking bay near his residence.

It is not possible to place a diplomatic parking bay directly outside the Ambassador's residence, as this would result in the loss of an existing residents' parking space and demand in the area is high. The Ambassador has agreed to the bay being located in the northern arm of Victoria Square, outside No. 16, to replace a pay-by-phone bay.

In addition, a complaint has been received from a resident at No. 25 Victoria Square regarding the problems caused by vehicles mounting the pavements.

Following a site visit, representatives from the City Council agreed measures to deter vehicles from mounting the footway which is detrimental to safety. As well as the installation of a bollard adjacent to No. 28, it is also proposed to replace the existing single yellow lines throughout Victoria Square with double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions (except those immediately surrounding the inner garden). This would improve pedestrian safety by preventing obstructive parking. "At any time" loading restrictions would also be introduced in the section of Victoria Square west of Buckingham Palace Road to deter delivery vehicles from obstructing access into the main part of the Square.

The proposed restrictions are shown on Drawing No 7309/SD.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Traffic Orders are made to facilitate the implementation of the diplomatic parking bay and waiting and loading restrictions outlined above and as shown on Drawing No. 7309/SD

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

The introduction of the diplomatic bay on the north-west side of Victoria Square, adjacent to No. 16 Victoria Square, is necessary to satisfy a request to provide diplomatic parking facilities close to the official residence of the Ambassador of the Philippines.

The introduction of "at any time" waiting and loading restrictions in Victoria Square is intended to improve pedestrian safety by preventing obstructive parking and deterring vehicles from mounting the footway.

I agree / do not agree to the above recommendation and statement of reasons and give the following authorisations:

(a) that procedural steps be taken with a view to Traffic Orders being made under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

(b) that subject to no objections being received as a result of public notices and consultation, such Traffic Orders be made as proposed; and

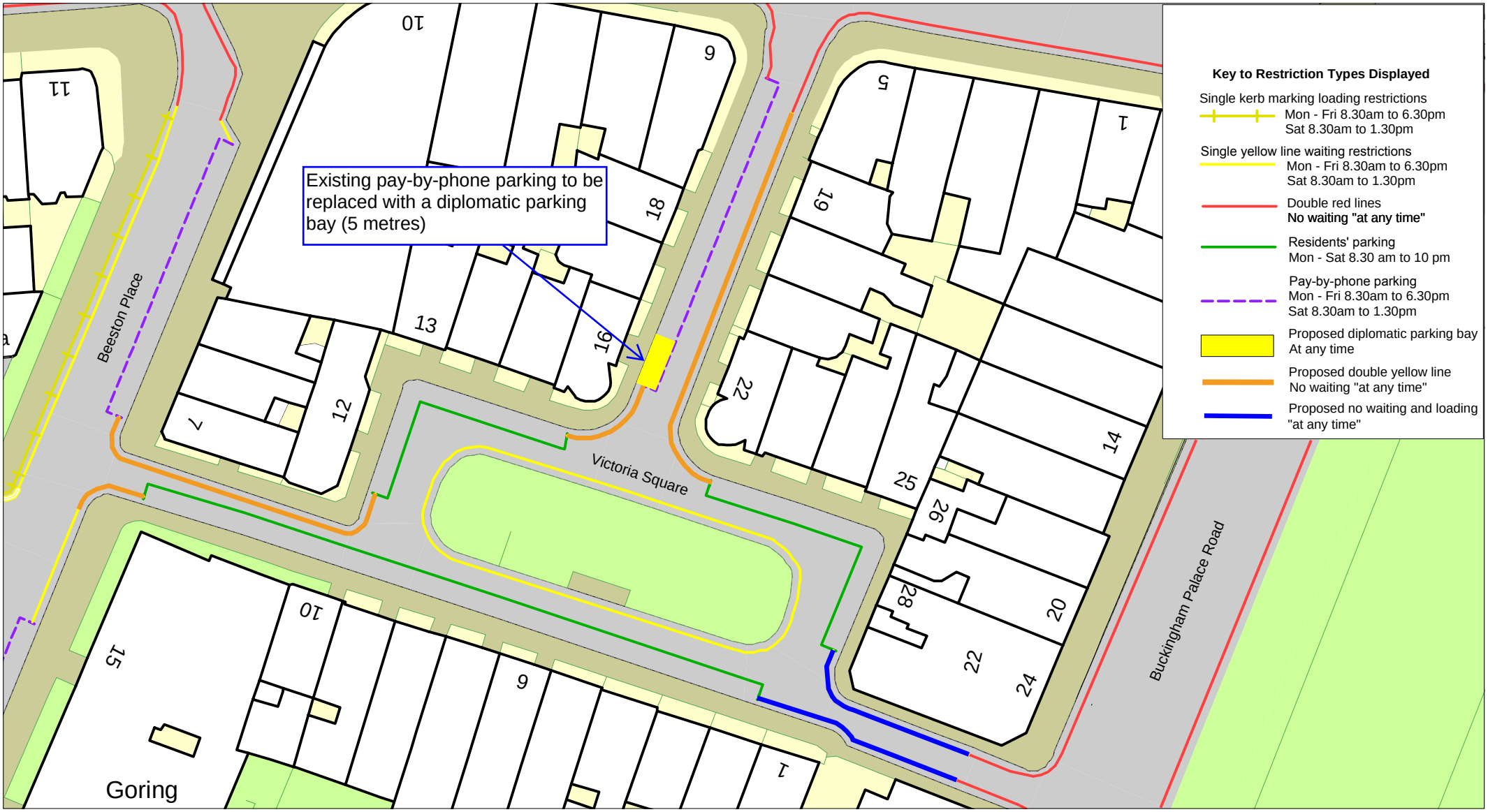
(c) that in the event of objections being received, they be referred to me for consideration and reported to the Cabinet Member(s) if I consider it to be necessary in accordance with City Council procedure, following which I will decide whether or not the Traffic Orders should be made, with or without modification.

Signed [redacted] Date 19-7-17

Contracts Officer
(Parking Services)

Signed [redacted] Date 19/7/17

Head of Road Management
City Management and Communities



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