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Dear Mr Gore

Thank you for your email to the Mayor of Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock. He has asked that we look into your concerns and reply directly to you. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

The Council as highway authority is responsible for all public highways within its area. However, it is not responsible for those roads which are part of the Red Route Network, Transport for London (TfL) are responsible for the Red Routes and any enquiries relating to these roads should be directed to them. Any enquiry regarding works on the public highway, parking, and transport issues can be sent to the Council's highways email address at highways@lewisham.gov.uk.

In answering your enquiry about the introduction and subsequent removal of the parking bays in Goffers Road I should stress that little or no documentation remains from this time. Generally the Council keeps material relating to traffic and parking schemes for a period of 6 years. It is now almost 9 years since the bays were removed. What follows therefore is a representation of what is recalled by those officers who were involved and who remain in the employ of the Council.

The parking bays in Goffers Road were originally introduced at the request of the management of the sports club in Talbot Place, who were concerned at the lack of available parking for sporting events. The bays were also installed to formalise the already extensive parking that was taking place in Goffers Road by the Tea Hut resulting in the erosion of the heath at that point.

After the bays were constructed there were complaints from the Blackheath Society regarding the encroachment into the heath land. Upon inspection of the bays it was discovered that the Council's then Streetcare Team had constructed the bays 1 metre deeper than was agreed in the design which meant that in constructing the bays the Council had strayed further into the heath land than had been intended, or had been consulted on.

Following meetings with the head of Engineering Design and the Ward Councillor, the design team was instructed to remove the two bays at the top of Goffers Road.



I hope this clarifies the history of these parking bays

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'S'.

Malcolm Smith
Executive Director for Regeneration

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Mayor of Lewisham