

5th March 2019

Dear business owner / manager,

HGV RESTRICTION - BEDDINGTON LANE / HILLIERS LANE

As you may be aware London Borough of Sutton wish to introduce an HGV restriction to Beddington Lane between the southern kerb-line of Derry Road and Hilliers Lane and Hilliers Lane between Beddington Lane and Transport for London Road Network. Permitting only vehicles of 7.5 tonne and below to have access to one of the main gateways to the industrial area. The Council has agreed to extend the public consultation period so that we may obtain your views and feedback.

We wish to make it clear to all businesses that Beddington Business Improvement District (BID) is **not supportive** of this proposal and strongly opposes plans to introduce an HGV restriction to Hilliers Lane / Beddington Lane. We feel that imposing an HGV restriction to prevent the access of circa 900 HGVs per day (a figure confirmed by LBS) and prevent access to Beddington Lane at the Hilliers Lane end will severely and negatively impact the already congested road network in Beddington as these vehicles will be re-routed around to a much longer route which is already under strain.

We feel that the views and wishes of residents in Beddington Village have clearly been sought and listened to which has ultimately led to the Council's proposals and that this balance needs to be redressed. The Beddington Strategic Industrial Location is one of the largest employment locations in the South East London sub region and the land in the Strategic Industrial Location represents 70% of London Borough of Sutton's employment land and 55% of the total built industrial floor space.

A permanent 24/7 HGV restriction will congest our already failing road network and lead to further queues, longer waiting times which will cost businesses money and may result in businesses moving away from Beddington and new ones choosing not to invest in the area. It will also impact negatively on staff recruitment and retention. We need to ensure that Beddington Industrial Area is fit for business.

Please inform us of your views on this matter and how your business will be affected so that we can send one response to Sutton Council expressing the concerns of local businesses. **Please email Michelle@beddingtonforbusiness.co.uk by Friday 15th March 2019.**

Kind regards

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