ITEM 37. CAR SHARE – GIBBONS STREET REDFERN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/3086790

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Gibbons Street, Redfern between the points 10.0 metres and 15.0 metres (1 car space) north of Boundary Street as 'No Parking Car Share Vehicles Excepted' subject to the following:-

(A) The City will only install signage for the car share space when GoGet has a car to occupy the space.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City is committed to providing dedicated parking for car sharing across the Local Government Area as part of a Council approved Car Share Policy. A submission has been received from GoGet for a car share space in Gibbons Street, Redfern, north of Boundary Street.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on the western side of Gibbons Street, Redfern between Boundary Street and Margaret Street is currently unrestricted for parking.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Service's Technical Direction 2007/04 and the provisions of the Council-approved Car Share Policy.

Car sharing is popular in more than 600 cities worldwide, and research has shown substantial environmental benefits. Car sharing reduces total urban driving, reduces household vehicle holdings, and increases walking, cycling and public transport use.

On average, each car share vehicle in the City can replace up to 12 private vehicles that would otherwise compete for parking. In the twelve months to April 2014, membership in the City has risen by around 418 members per month.

Current membership is approximately 20,115, of which 5,669 are business members.

As of June 2014, there were 146 GoGet car share members within a 250 metre radius of this location with 12 members in Gibbons Street, seven members in Rosehill Street and 29 members in Regent Street.

Within a 250 metre radius of this location, there are currently seven spaces allocated for GoGet car share vehicles.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 87 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal due to the loss of parking and that the number of spaces already dedicated to car sharing in the local area is sufficient for opposing the location.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Car Share -Gibbons Street, Redfern

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