ITEM 33. PARKING - DISABILITY PARKING - WILSON STREET NEWTOWN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/488541

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the northern side of Wilson Street, Newtown between the points 35.7 metres and 43.5 metres east of Fitzroy Street as 'Disability Parking Only'.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

A resident of Wilson Street has requested a disability parking space in Wilson Street, Newtown. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on the northern side of Wilson street is currently signposted as 2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36.

Wilson Street between Fitzroy and Queen Streets is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 13.6 metres. The road and footway grades are relatively flat adjacent to this proposed space.

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on both sides of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 8.6 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 3.0 metres wide) are provided on both sides of the street.

The Australian Standard for on-street disability parking (AS 2890.6 – 2009) requires the provision of a 3.2 metre wide by 7.8 metre long bay.

A 7.8 metre long bay is proposed and with consideration for the width of existing parking lane in Wilson Street, a 3.2 metre wide bay can be accommodated within the carriageway.

Although the resident is not wheelchair-bound and kerb ramps are not necessary, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 36 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal on grounds of loss of parking.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking - Disability Parking - Wilson Street Newtown

Engineering Traffic Officer, Michael Rimac

