

ITEM 23. PARKING - PERMIT PARKING - BELMONT STREET ALEXANDRIA

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/456599

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking in the following sections of Belmont Street, north of Maddox Street, Alexandria as "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36":

- (A) Between the points 25.3 metres and 77.9 metres (18 angle car spaces) on the western side; and
- (B) Between points 25.9 metres and 83.6 metres (10 parallel car spaces) on the eastern side.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

In November 2012, the City consulted with residents to identify streets with strong support for timed permit parking as part of the Alexandria Parking Trial.

At that time, residents in Belmont Street did not support the timed permit parking proposal. It was noted that the City would monitor parking conditions in the street and reconsider the permit parking proposal if there was strong support from residents in the future.

In September 2015, the City received a joint submission from residents requesting for timed permit parking in the street.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on Belmont Street, Alexandria north of Maddox Street is currently unrestricted for parking.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide timed permit parking to increase parking turnover and improve resident access to on-street parking.

The City originally consulted on the proposal to introduce "2P 8am-6pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36" restriction in Belmont Street. Following residents' feedback, the parking proposal was amended to "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36"

The proposed changes would limit any vehicle which does not have a permit to two (2) hours of parking from 8am to 10pm, seven days where the signs are installed.

Residents with an Area 36 parking permit will be exempt from the two-hour time limit.

A two-hour parking limit is preferred for streets in the inner residential areas as it better balances the long-stay parking needs of permit holders with the needs of all households to use parking for visitors, family, carers and tradespeople.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 105 letters sent out with a total of 21 responses with 15 responses supporting and six responses opposing the original proposal.

Following residents' feedback on the original proposal, the City amended the proposal and consulted with the same 105 properties. There were a total of nine responses with seven supporting and two opposing the revised proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal believed the parking changes would improve resident access to on-street parking. There were also requests to decrease the proposed number of unrestricted spaces.

The responses opposing the proposal include concerns about the loss of unrestricted parking and increased pressure on surrounding streets with unrestricted parking spaces. Also residents are concerned about visitors being unable to park for longer than two hours any day of the week.

The City proposes parking restrictions to meet the different needs of residents, businesses and visitors in Belmont Street.

Some unrestricted parking are proposed to provide for long term visitors to the area and residents who are not eligible for parking permits.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking - Permit Parking - Belmont Street Alexandria

Clement Lim, Senior Traffic Engineer

60° Angle Parking – Rear to Kerb
Existing
 Unrestricted

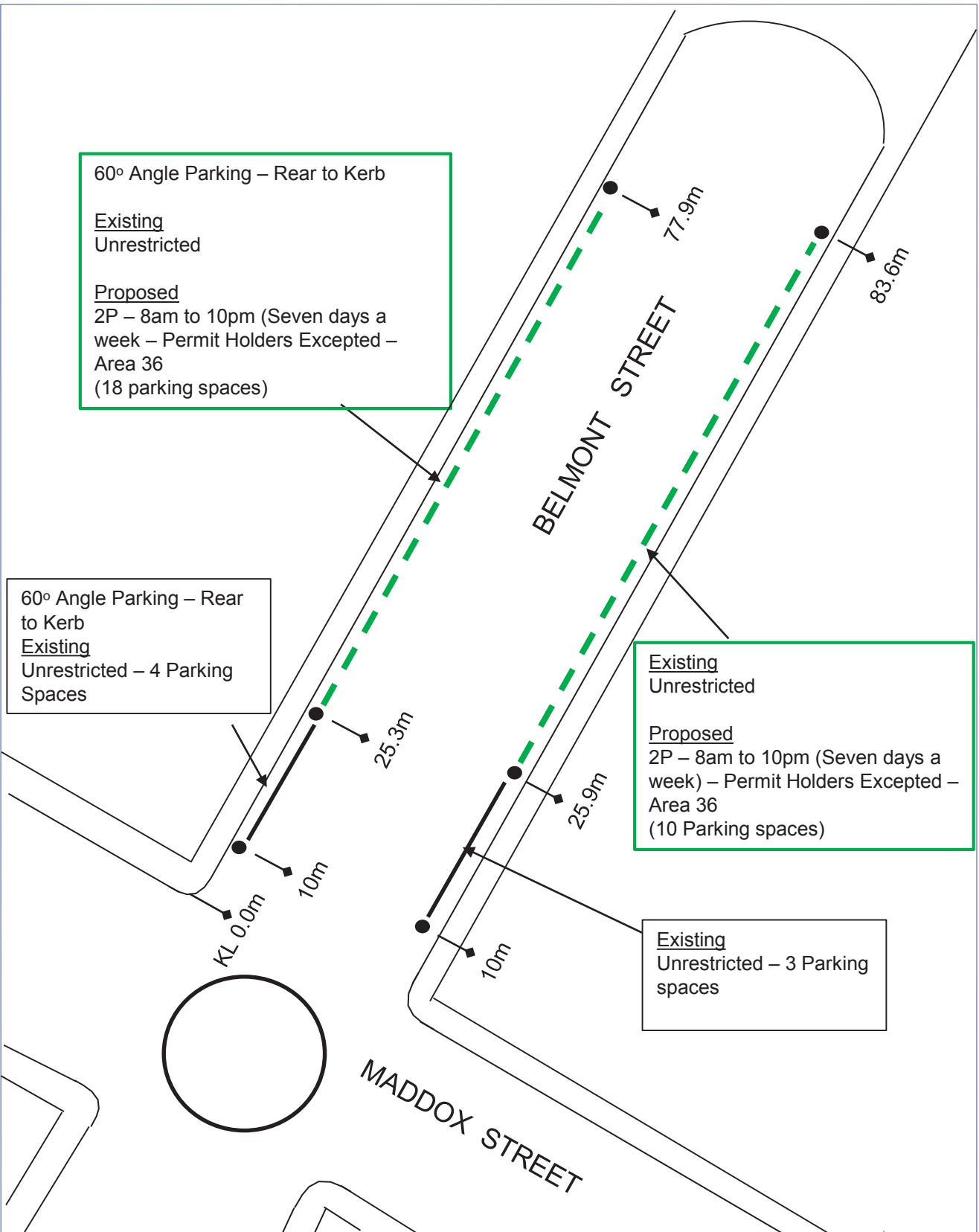
Proposed
 2P – 8am to 10pm (Seven days a week – Permit Holders Excepted – Area 36)
 (18 parking spaces)

60° Angle Parking – Rear to Kerb
Existing
 Unrestricted – 4 Parking Spaces

Existing
 Unrestricted

Proposed
 2P – 8am to 10pm (Seven days a week) – Permit Holders Excepted – Area 36
 (10 Parking spaces)

Existing
 Unrestricted – 3 Parking spaces



PROPOSAL

BELMONT STREET, ALEXANDRIA
 PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES



