ITEM 47. CAR SHARE – RESERVOIR STREET SURRY HILLS

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/448864

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Reservoir Street, Surry Hills between the points 11.8 metres and 16.8 metres (one car space) east of Reservoir Lane, as "No Parking Car Share Vehicles Excepted" subject to the following:

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

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Surry Hills LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

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 Car Next Door for a car share space in Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, east of Reservoir Lane.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on the southern side of Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, where the car share space is proposed, is currently signposted as "1P 8am-10pm, Mon-Sat; Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

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.

Within a 250 metre radius of this location, there are currently no spaces allocated for Car Next Door car share vehicles.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 94 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and five responses opposing the proposal.

The submissions opposing the proposal noted that the changes could result in too many car share spaces in the area and increase the demand for parking spaces. However, the existing car share spaces nearby have consistently high turnover usage and membership numbers in the surrounding area necessitate further capacity.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

Car Share – Reservoir Street Surry Hills

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