

ITEM 35. PARKING – PERMIT PARKING – GOWRIE STREET NEWTOWN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2018/054035

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on Gowrie Street, Newtown, as “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” in the following locations:

- (A) Western side, between the points 11.5 metres and 144.8 metres (18 car spaces) south of Munni Street; and
- (B) Eastern side, between the points 10 metres and 156 metres (15 car spaces) south of Munni Street.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

<i>Voting Members</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Object</i>
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Newtown PAC		
Representative for the Member for Newtown		

DECISION

BACKGROUND

In September 2017, residents requested consideration of “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” restrictions in Angel, Iredale, Union and Gowrie Streets, Newtown to improve access to parking space near their homes and provide greater turnover of parking spaces for visitors.

Based on the previous consultation results, the City did not to proceed with the installation of parking restrictions in Union or Gowrie Streets. However, the City has since received a petition with 22 signatures in support of “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” parking restrictions in Gowrie Street.

In response to the petition, the City agreed to consult again on a proposal to install “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” restrictions on Gowrie Street.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on Gowrie Street, Newtown between Munni and Iredale Streets is currently unrestricted.

In August 2016, the City commissioned parking occupancy surveys in Newtown. The surveys indicated that an average of 85% of the unrestricted parking spaces in Gowrie Street were occupied during weekdays and the occupancy increased to above 92% on weekends between 7am and 10pm.

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. For the above reasons, the City recommends the installation of “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” in line with the Neighbourhood Parking Policy.

The City has also received a submission from a resident of Gowrie Street requesting the removal of a redundant disability parking space on the eastern side of Gowrie Street.

On 16 October 2013, the Committee endorsed a disability parking space on the eastern side of Gowrie Street to facilitate access for a resident who has a disability. The resident has advised that the disability parking space is no longer required.

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

Residents with an Area 36 parking permit would 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 180 letters sent out with 13 responses supporting the proposal and 7 responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the changes would improve resident access to on-street parking and increase parking turnover, particularly at weekends.

Submissions opposing the proposal noted that the changes would require residents to pay for permits and impact parking availability for residents who are not eligible for permits.

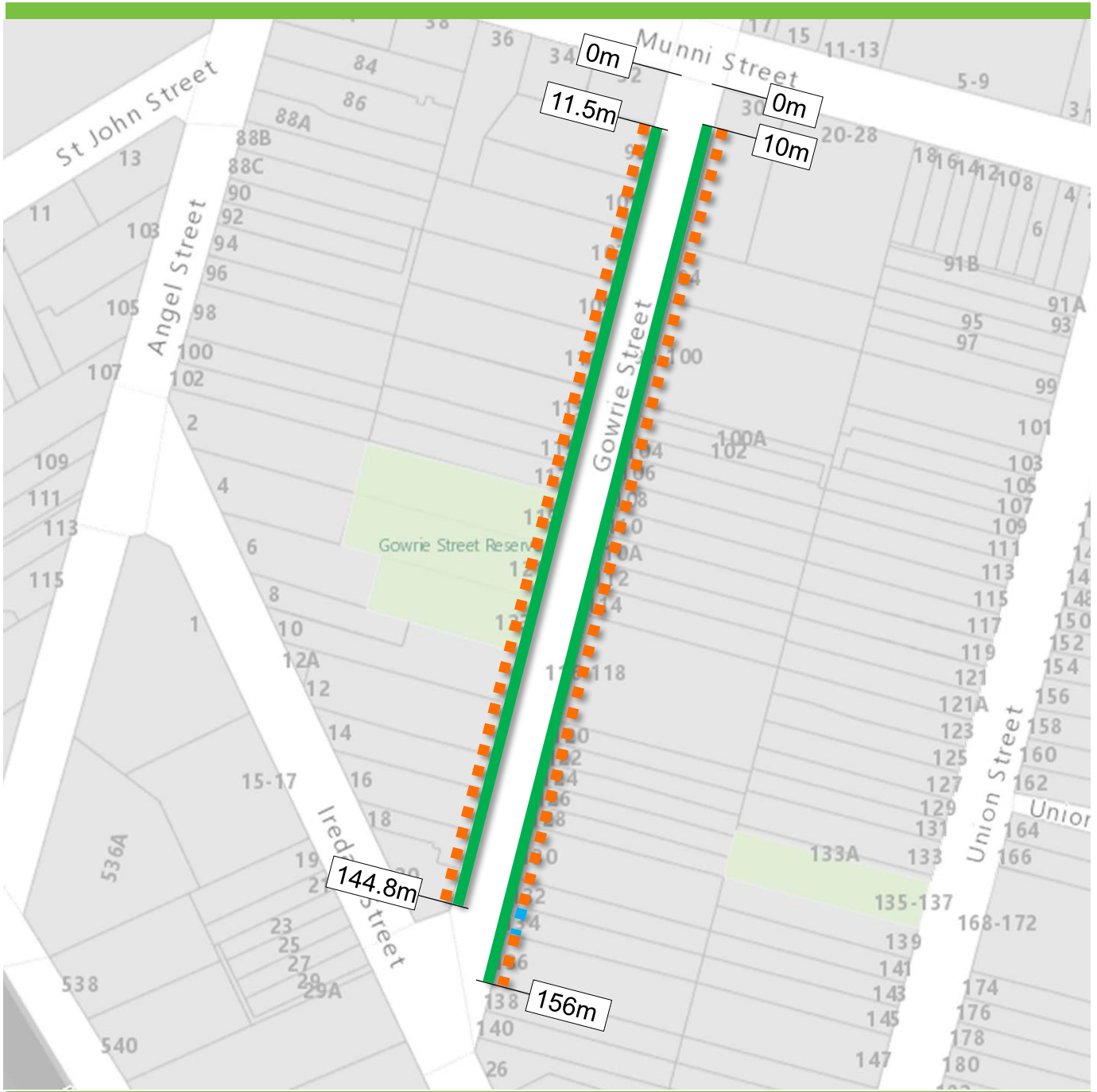
FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.



Parking – Permit Parking – Gowrie Street Newtown

Eoin Cunningham, Senior Traffic Engineer


Gowrie Street, Newtown Proposed parking changes



Existing

-  Unrestricted Parking
-  Disability Parking

Proposed

-  "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36"

