

Item 39.**Parking - Permit Parking - Greens Road, Paddington**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/267140

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Greens Road, Paddington between the points 27 metres and 139 metres (19 car spaces) north of Moore Park Road, as: "2P 8am-2am, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

Background

In March 2016, the City changed the parking restrictions on the eastern side of Greens Roads, Paddington between Oxford Street and Moore Park Road, adjacent to Victoria Barracks, from "2P 8am-2am, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" to "4P 8am-12 midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15".

This change was in response to concerns raised by the local business community and residents that the original controls were too restrictive and should be modified to better share the available kerbside parking space.

The 4P permit parking on Greens Road was installed for a two year period. Residents have continually raised concerns that this restriction has reduced the parking availability for residents and their visitors.

On 14 May 2018, Council adopted the revised draft Neighbourhood Parking Policy 2018. During discussion on the revised draft Policy, the City was asked to review the 4P permit parking restrictions on Greens Road and reinstate the original 2P permit parking restrictions to improve parking opportunities in the area for residents and their visitors.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Greens Road, Paddington between Moore Park Road and Albion Avenue, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted "4P 8am-12 Midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15".

On-site inspection shows that reallocating the existing 4P permit parking to "2P 8am-2am, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" would improve parking opportunities in the area for residents and their visitors.

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

Residents with an Area 15 parking permit will be exempt from the 2-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.

Given that the section of Greens Road, between Albion Avenue and Oxford Street, is not residential (with the College of Fine Arts on the western side and Victoria Barracks on the eastern side) no changes are proposed to the existing 4P permit parking spaces on the eastern side of this section of Greens Road. Retaining the 4P in this non-residential section of Greens Road would provide more time for visitors and support local businesses near Oxford Street.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 256 letters sent out with eight responses supporting the proposal, five responses partially supporting the proposal and five responses opposing the proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal noted that the proposed parking changes will improve parking opportunities for residents and their visitors.

The responses partially supporting the proposal requested that the proposed parking changes should also include the non-residential section of Greens Road, between Albion Avenue and Oxford Street. However, the City is maintaining the parking restrictions along this section of Greens Road to support local businesses such as restaurants, cafes and cinema on Oxford Street.

The responses objecting the proposal stated that the parking changes would impact their visitors as they would not be able to park for longer periods when visiting the area. However visitors to the area, who need to park for longer periods, may park in the retained section of 4P on the eastern side of Greens Road, between Albion Avenue and Oxford Street.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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