

Item 47.**Parking - Ticket Parking and Car Share - Greens Road, Paddington**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/267140

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of parking:

- (A) 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 Ticket 8am-8pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12 Midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15";
- (B) On the eastern side of Greens Road, Paddington between the points 15 metres and 28 metres (four angle parking car spaces) north of Albion Avenue, as "2P Ticket 8am-8pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12 Midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15", "60° Angle Parking, Rear to Kerb, Vehicles Under 6 m Only";
- (C) On the eastern side of Greens Road, Paddington between the points 38.2 metres and 94.5 metres (nine car spaces) north of Albion Avenue, as "2P Ticket 8am-8pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12 Midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15"; and
- (D) On the eastern side of Greens Road, Paddington between the points 94.5 metres and 99 metres (one car space) north of Albion Avenue, as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Zone CND".

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 in Greens Roads, Paddington (eastern side) 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 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.

The City referred the proposal to reinstate the original "2P 8am-2am, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" restrictions along Greens Road, Paddington, between Moore Park Road and Albion Avenue, to the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) on 19 July 2018. Following feedback at the LPCTCC meeting, received from both residents and businesses opposing the proposal, the Committee deferred the proposal to allow City staff to complete further investigations and develop a parking proposal that will benefit both residents and businesses in the area.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Greens Road, Paddington, between Moore Park Road and Oxford Street, is currently signposted as "4P 8am-12 Midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15".

Following discussions with local businesses and residents, the City proposes to reallocate the existing 4P permit parking to "2P Ticket 8am-8pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12 Midnight, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15" to increase parking turnover and create more parking opportunities for customers to the businesses in the area, as well as residents and their visitors.

2P ticket parking is preferred during the day to allow short term parking and 4P ticket in the evenings allows visitors to spend more time in the area. Ticket parking encourages compliance and turnover of parking spaces. It helps local residents and businesses by making parking spaces available more often.

Residents (and their visitors) who are eligible for a parking permit, may park in any of the ticket parking spaces for an unlimited amount of time without purchasing a ticket.

The proposed parking change would limit any vehicle that does not have an Area 15 parking permit to two hours of ticket parking from 8am to 8pm and four hours of ticket parking from 8pm to 12 Midnight seven days where the signs are installed.

One car share space is also proposed on the eastern side of the Greens Road, just south of Oxford Street, to improve car share usage in the area. The kerb space will be signposted as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Zone CND".

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 is currently three spaces allocated for Car Next Door car share vehicles.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 255 letters sent out with four responses supporting the proposal and thirteen responses opposing the proposal.

The four responses that supported the proposal noted that the 2P and 4P ticket parking restrictions would encourage parking turnover for visitors to the area.

Out of the 13 responses that opposed the proposal, four of the responses noted that ticket parking restrictions may discourage customers from visiting the area, adversely impacting local businesses. Two of the responses also noted that ticket parking will be visually intrusive and negatively impact on the significance of Victoria Barracks which is in a heritage conversation area. Three of the responses requested that the City reinstate the original 2P parking restrictions and two of the responses perceived that the proposed parking restrictions would not encourage parking turnover.

It is noted that there continues to be no consensus as residents prefer the entire eastern side of Greens Road (non-residential side) to have 2P parking restrictions, whereas the businesses prefer 4P parking restrictions. The current proposal incorporates the needs of both residents and businesses where 2P Ticket parking during the day encourages parking turnover and 4P Ticket in the evening allows visitors to spend more time in the area.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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