

Item 28.**Car Share - Gowrie Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/497368

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the western side of Gowrie Street, Newtown between the points 13.5 metres and 17.5 metres (one car space) south of Erskineville Road, as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bays 670 and 847" subject to the following:

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

Voting Members for this Item

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

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

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 Popcar for a car share space in Gowrie Street, south of Erskineville Road.

Comments

The kerb space on the western side of Gowrie Street, Erskineville, between Erskineville Lane and Erskineville Road, where the space is proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking, adjacent to an existing car share space.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Service's Technical Direction 2018/001 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 Popcar car share vehicles.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 80 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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