

**Item 24.****Parking - No Parking and Car Share - Ross Street and Cullen Close, Forest Lodge**

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**Recommendations**

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

- (A) On the eastern side of Ross Street, between the points 92.1 metres and 100.4 metres (one car space), south of the Ross Street dead end as "No Parking"; and
- (B) On the northern side of Cullen Close, between the points 15.3 metres and 20.3 metres (one car space), west of Ross Street as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay 854".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Roads and Maritime Services	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[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 Ross Street, Forest Lodge, opposite Cullen Close.

Following community consultation, it is proposed to introduce the car share space in Cullen Close and reallocate the parking space in Ross Street to “No Parking” to allow drivers to pick-up and drop-off.

## Comments

In February 2019, the City sought community feedback on a proposal to introduce a car share space in the “No Stopping” bay on eastern side of Ross Street, opposite Cullen Close.

While feedback from the community showed support for a car share space, residents also suggested changing the “No Stopping” bay to “No Parking” to allow drivers to pick-up and drop-off.

It is now proposed to reallocate one “2P 8am-8pm Mon-Fri” parking space on the northern side of Cullen Close, west of Ross Street, as “No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay 854”, and reallocate the “No Stopping” bay on eastern side of Ross Street, opposite Cullen Close, as “No Parking.”

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 is currently no spaces allocated for Popcar car share vehicles.

Drivers can pick-up and drop-off passengers and goods in a “No Parking” zone provided the vehicle stops for no more than two minutes and the driver remains within three metres of their vehicle.

## Consultation

The City notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 876 letters sent out with no response supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal due to the loss of parking.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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