

**Item 18.****Parking - Disability Parking - Phelps Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/113854

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Phelps Street, Surry Hills between the points 11 metres and 18.8 metres east of Phelps Lane, as "Disability Parking Only".

**Voting Members for this Item**

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

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting

**Background**

A resident of Phelps Street, Surry Hills has requested a disability parking space. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

## Comments

Phelps Street, Surry Hills between Phelps Lane and Kendall Street, is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 7.7 metres. The road and footway grades, adjacent to this proposed space, are relatively flat.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on both sides of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 3.5 metres.

Footpaths (approximately 2.6 metres wide) are provided on both sides of the street.

The Australian Standard for on-street disability parking (AS 2890.6 – 2009) requires the provision of a 3.2 metre wide by 7.8 metre long bay.

A 7.8 metre long bay is proposed, however with consideration for the constrained width of Phelps Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. However as Phelps Street has very low traffic volumes, low vehicle speed and only provides local access then the requested disability space can be provided with reduced dimensions.

Although the resident is not wheelchair-bound and kerb ramps are not necessary, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 100 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal.

The response objecting to the proposal stated that the resident should not require a disability space. The City will only consider providing a mobility parking space outside an individual's home where the resident holds a valid mobility permit. Mobility parking permits are assessed and issued by the Roads and Maritime Services, not the City of Sydney.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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