

Item 28.**Parking - No Parking - Douglas Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/560713

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Douglas Street, Redfern, between the points 58.8 metres and 64.8 metres (one car space) north of Phillip Street, as "No Parking".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

A resident of Douglas Street, Redfern has requested consideration of a "No Parking" restriction in the street to ensure unobstructed access to their property.

The City of Sydney previously consulted the community on a proposal to introduce a section of "No Parking" in Douglas Street, Redfern, to address this issue. The proposal was considered at the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) meeting on Thursday 15 August 2019.

At the meeting, residents expressed objections to the proposal due to the loss of on-street parking and requested that the City investigate whether the compliance with Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 and the removal of the on-street parking space was required.

Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 gives adjoining land owners a right of vehicle access to the public road.

City staff have since received legal advice in regards to this, which stated that the City will have to comply with Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993, and as a result remove the on-street parking space. As such, the proposal is again being referred for consideration of the LPCTCC.

Comments

Douglas Street is approximately 4.9 metres wide with sections of the eastern side, where the changes are proposed, currently signposted as "2P 8am-8pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 41".

The NSW Road Rules 2014, prohibits drivers from parking at any time across a driveway, or in any other way which blocks access to a driveway. Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 gives adjoining land owners a right of vehicle access to the public road. Complying with this legislation sometimes results in the loss of on-street parking.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide a 'No Parking' restriction to maintain rear-lane property access to this driveway.

Consultation

The City previously consulted local residents and businesses in the area in June 2019. There were 119 letters sent out with three responses and a petition with 11 signatures opposing the proposal due to the loss of on-street parking.

The City has renotified the 119 properties in regards to the legal requirement to comply with Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993, and that as a result, the City is required to proceed with the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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