

Parking - Disability Parking - Short Street, Forest Lodge**TRIM Container No.:** 2020/285519**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Short Street, Forest Lodge, between the points 37.5 metres and 43.5 metres (one car space), north of Arundel Street as "Disability Parking Only".

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

Some people with a mobility disability, including temporary disability, are dependent on car travel by a private vehicle to maintain their mobility and independence. The City of Sydney will prioritise on-street parking for this group.

A resident of Short Street, Forest Lodge, has requested consideration for a mobility parking space in Short Street, north of Arundel Street. The resident holds a valid Mobility Parking

Scheme (MPS) permit, does not have off-street parking and has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Short Street, north of Arundel Street where the changes are proposed, is signposted as "1P 8am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area G".

The Australian Standard for on-street mobility parking space requires spaces to be at least 7.8 metres long and 3.2 metres wide.

The placement of the designated on-street mobility parking space has considered the accessibility of the street environment and existing infrastructure to ensure access outcomes are maximised. The proposed space is located adjacent to a driveway, reducing the need for a dedicated kerb ramp.

The mobility parking space is proposed to be 6 metres long to minimise the impact to adjacent parking spaces. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have raised no objection to the reduced length of the proposed mobility parking space.

The City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Guidelines notes that not every designated on street mobility parking space provided for residential use needs to comply with the requirements of the Australian Standard.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 82 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and five responses opposing the proposal.

The responses opposing the proposal raised concerns about the misuse of the MPS permit.

People who misuse their MPS permit can be reported to TfNSW and investigated.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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