

**Item 23.****Parking - Timed Parking - Cooper Place, Zetland**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/159923

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the northern side of Cooper Place, Zetland between the points 18.7 metres and 64 metres (8 car spaces) east of Defries Avenue as "P5 8am-8pm".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City has received requests for consideration of short-term parking to facilitate pick-up and drop-off adjacent to the East Village Shopping Centre.

## Comments

The kerb space on the northern side of Cooper Place, Zetland between Defries Avenue and the South Dowling Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as 'Taxi Zone'.

On-site inspections show that there is a need to provide short-term parking restrictions to enable space for drivers to pick-up and drop-off passengers. The existing Taxi Rank is currently underutilised by taxis. Five minute timed parking restrictions would permit any driver (including taxis) to stop for up to five minutes which would increase parking turnover and availability of parking adjacent to the shopping centre.

The parking restrictions in the surrounding area are a mix of "2P 8am-10pm" and "4P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri". The City originally consulted on a proposal to provide P5 8am-6pm restrictions. However, in response to the consultation, the City received a request from residents to extend these hours to 8pm to accommodate some of the businesses, such as restaurants, which were still operating after 6pm.

As part of the proposal, a short section of No Stopping, to the east of the existing Taxi Zone, is proposed to be provided as timed parking allowing for two additional parking spaces to be provided. The change in parking restrictions will not affect access of visibility at the adjacent intersection.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on a proposal to provide P5 8am-6pm parking restrictions. There were 585 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and two responses opposing the proposal.

A respondent opposing the proposal believed that the hours of the restrictions should operate between 8am and 8pm to facilitate drop-off to nearby businesses including restaurants. The proposal was amended to accommodate this recommendation.

The other respondent opposed the proposal because they believed that the changes would not do enough to stop drivers stopping on Defries Avenue, requesting instead that pedestrian fencing be provided along Defries Avenue physically preventing drivers picking-up and dropping-off passengers along the street.

For safety reasons, the City does not support pedestrian fencing at this location as it can trap people on the road side of the fence when they are trying to cross, fences can obstruct drivers visibility of pedestrians and also tend to promote a higher speed driver orientated environment compared to a slower speed shopping or residential precinct.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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