

Item 13.**Parking - No Stopping - Little Dowling Street, Paddington**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/418821

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Little Dowling Street, Paddington between the points 1 metres and 6.7 metres (1 car space) south of Little Napier Street as "No Stopping".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

Members of the Paddington-Darlinghurst Community Working Group have requested that the City improve safety and residential amenity by installing a pedestrian access ramp on the eastern side of Little Dowling Street at the intersection with Little Napier Street.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Little Dowling Street between Napier Street and Little Napier Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "1P 8am-2am Permit Holders Excepted Area 15".

Little Napier Street, between Little Dowling Street and Selwyn Street, is a closed street with pedestrian only access. The proposed access ramp will improve mobility access to Little Napier Street via South Dowling Street.

The NSW Road Rules 2014 prohibit drivers from obstructing access to and from a footpath with access ramps and driveways. To ensure access to the ramp is maintained, the existing No Stopping sign is required to be shifted 5.7m to the north to cover the ramp. This will result in a loss of one parking space.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 78 letters sent out with nil responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal.

The response against the proposal mentioned the following:

- I have a newborn baby and need the amenity of close parking which is provided by those spaces. The removal of the proposed space (being 25% of the available parking spaces) would create a significant inconvenience.
- The ramp is unnecessary because there are kerb ramps on Napier Street, Selwyn Street and Albion Lane. For a precinct that comprises only a few streets, adding a further ramp is unnecessary.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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