

Item 26.**Car Share - Copeland Avenue, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/197272

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the northern side of Copeland Avenue, Erskineville between the points 15 metres and 19 metres (one car space) west of Burren Street as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted".

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Inner West PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City is committed to providing dedicated parking for car sharing across the Local Government Area as part of a Council approved Car Share Policy. A submission has been received from Hertz 24/7 for a car share space in Copeland Avenue, Erskineville, west of Burren Street.

Comments

The kerb space on the northern side of Copeland Avenue, Erskineville, west of Burren Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking. There is an adjacent Car share space already allocated to GoGet so this will become a double pod.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Transport for NSW Technical Direction 2018/001 and the provisions of the Council-approved Car Share Policy.

Car sharing is popular in more than 600 cities worldwide, and research has shown substantial environmental benefits. Car sharing reduces total urban driving, reduces household vehicle holdings, and increases walking, cycling and public transport use.

Car sharing can provide numerous environmental and transportation benefits. It is an alternative to owning a car where public transport, walking, and cycling can be used most of the time and a car is only necessary for long distance trips, moving large items, or special occasions. Car share members typically take fewer trips by car after becoming an active car share member. This means their total mileage driven and use of fuel decreases which also means fewer carbon emissions and less traffic congestion.

On average, each car share vehicle in the City can replace up to 12 private vehicles that would otherwise compete for parking.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 54 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and two responses opposing the proposal.

The responses opposing the proposal indicated concerns with loss of parking spaces.

Financial

All costs associated with the Car Share space installation will be borne by the Applicant.

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