

Item 24.**Car Share - Brown Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/197328

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the western side of Brown Street, Newtown between the points 11 metres and 16 metres (one car space) south of Linthorpe Street as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay".

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. An Application has been received from Popcar for a car share space in Brown Street, Newtown south of Linthorpe Street.

Comments

The kerb space on the western side of Brown Street, Newtown, south of Linthorpe Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Transport for New South Wales's 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 126 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

Financial

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

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