

**Item 17.****Parking - No Stopping - Richards Lane, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/685914

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Richards Lane, Surry Hills between the points 44.7 metres and 50.7 metres (one car space) north of Collins Street as "No Stopping".

**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 – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

A resident of Richards Avenue, Surry Hills has requested consideration of "No Stopping" at the rear of their property in Richards Lane to ensure vehicle access to their garage.

## **Comments**

The kerb space on the western side of Richards Lane, Surry Hills north of Collins Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

Richards Lane is approximately 4.8 metres wide and provides rear-lane property access to houses fronting Richards Avenue.

The NSW Road Rules 2014 prohibit drivers from parking at any time across a driveway, or in any other way which blocks access to a driveway. In narrow streets like Richards Lane, car parking opposite driveways obstruct or prevent vehicles from entering or exiting these driveways. Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 gives adjoining land owners a right of vehicles access to the public road.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide a "No Stopping" restriction to maintain rear-lane property access and overall accessibility of the laneway.

## **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 60 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and 2 responses opposing the proposal.

The submissions opposing the proposal have noted concerns with loss of on-street parking and do not support removal of public street parking to allow one resident access to an off-street parking space.

## **Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget.

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