

**Item 15.****Car Share - Ivy Street, Darlington**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/713142

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the extension to the existing car share space on the western side of Ivy Street, Darlington between the points 5 metres and 9 metres (1 car space) south of Abercrombie Street as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay 736".

**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 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.

Previously, there was a car share bay in Little Eveleigh Street, Redfern. However, due to recent changes to Little Eveleigh Street, a car share bay is no longer suitable in that street.

Therefore, the City is proposing to relocate the space to the western side of Ivy Street, Darlington south of Abercrombie Street.

## **Comments**

The kerb space on the western side of Ivy Street, Darlington, south of Abercrombie Street is currently signposted as "1P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 32" adjacent to an existing car share space.

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. As a car share space exists directly adjacent to the proposed location, only a 4-metre space is required to be allocated for a double pod (i.e. this minimises the loss to overall parking spaces).

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 116 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal.

Two opposing submissions were concerned that the proposal will result in further loss of on-street residential parking and impacts to businesses on Abercrombie Street.

Another submission objecting to this space was from a business concerned about impacts to small businesses and has requested for loading zones at the location instead.

## **Financial**

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

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