

Item 20.**Parking - No Parking - Upper Road, Forest Lodge**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the western side of Upper Road, Forest Lodge between the points 49 metres and 60 metres (two car spaces) south of Wigram Lane West and between the points 87 metres and 106 metres (two car spaces) south of Creek Street as "No Parking".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

In response to feedback received about drivers parking their vehicles on the footpath and impeding pedestrian access, it is proposed to introduce "No Parking" restrictions on the western side of Upper Road, Forest Lodge between Wigram Road and Hereford Street.

Comments

Upper Road, Forest Lodge between Wigram Road and Hereford Street is a local two way road with a speed limit of 50 km/h. It provides access to/from Wigram Road in the north to Hereford Street in the south.

Parking on the eastern side of Upper Road is a mix of No Stopping, No Parking and 2P permit parking. The kerb space on the western side of Upper Road, where the parking changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking. There are three driveways located on the western side of Upper Road.

The section of Upper Road is approximately 6.2 metres wide. The minimum width for a parking lane is 2.1 metres. As such, Upper Road do not have adequate width to provide parking on both sides of the street.

The City has received feedback regarding drivers parking their vehicles on the footpath or in a way that obstructs the path of pedestrians in Upper Road. Given the narrow travel lane for two-way traffic in Upper Road, site investigations have showed that drivers are parking their vehicles on the footpath to allow more space for vehicles to pass without damaging their parked vehicles.

The NSW Road Rules 2014 prohibits parking on footpaths. Vehicles on footpaths reduce access for people walking, especially people with prams and limited mobility. It also reduces visibility for drivers and increases the risk of collisions.

Drivers often park their vehicles along the kerb space between driveways on the western side of the street where the available kerb space is insufficient to accommodate a parking space. This practice impedes access to and from the driveways, negatively impacting residential amenity.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide a "No Parking" restriction along the western side of Upper Road between Wigram Road and Hereford Street to improve pedestrian safety and vehicle access in the street. The "No Parking" restrictions would ensure the western side of the street is clear of parked vehicles and drivers can park their vehicles on the eastern side of the road without the need to straddle the footpath. There will be more space for vehicles to travel along Upper Road without damaging parked vehicles, and the footpaths will also be clear of parked vehicles, thereby improving pedestrian safety.

Drivers can stop for up to two minutes in a "No Parking" zone to pick up or drop off passengers and goods and must stay within three metres of their vehicle.

The proposed change would result in the loss of four unrestricted parking spaces.

Consultation

The City consulted with local residents and businesses in the area. There were 188 letters sent out with two responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal due to loss of unrestricted parking spaces.

Removing the parking spaces is essential for improving vehicle access and enhancing pedestrian safety in the street. Pedestrians can now walk safely on the footpath without stepping onto the road. This is especially beneficial for children, people with prams and vulnerable pedestrians as it minimises the risk of crashes involving passing vehicles.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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