

Item 24.**Parking - No Parking - Griffin Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2024/259281

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Griffin Street, Surry Hills between the points 15.2 metres and 59.8 metres (seven car spaces) north of Collins 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 – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City has received a request from residents of Griffin Street, Surry Hills to improve access to their garages and along the street. Currently, the narrowness of the road width and kerbside parking impede vehicle access through the street.

Following the discussion on Item 21 of July 2024 Local, Pedestrian, Cyclists, Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC), the City deferred the item for further engagement with residents for

short term traffic calming solutions to be implemented before any parking changes were carried out.

City staff have met on-site with residents to investigate and advise of potential solutions for residents' consideration. However, a unanimous decision could not be reached and therefore the City will still need proceed with the No Parking proposal as previously proposed.

Comments

The kerb space on the western side of Griffin Street, Surry Hills between Collins and Foveaux Streets, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "No Parking 6am-6pm Wed" and "2P 8am-10pm, All Other Days, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

An assessment of the site revealed that Griffin Street is approximately 3.7 metres in width and cannot safely accommodate parking within the street. Current arrangements of parking impede vehicle access along the street and therefore hinders access to residents' off-street parking.

As part of the proposal to improve accessibility in Griffin Street, it is proposed to signpost the street as "No Parking" which will still allow for drop-off and pick-up arrangements.

Consultation

The City originally consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 89 letters sent out with two responses supporting the proposal, seven responses partially supporting the proposal and nine responses opposing the proposal.

The seven responses partially supporting the proposal were supportive of the changes to remove parking but did not support the installation of motorbike parking.

A further nine objecting submissions indicated that they were against the installation of motorbike parking due to increased noise, exhaust fumes, and reduced quality of life. Three of the nine objections have also mentioned the increased difficulty to find parking within the area due to the loss of parking spaces.

Based on the consultation at that time and the feedback received, the City updated the recommendation to proceed with "No Parking" throughout Griffin Street without any motorbike parking to maintain accessibility of Griffin Street.

Subsequent discussion with residents has not resolved the problem in the street and the residents did not agree to traffic calming treatments in the street. However, the City needs to ensure adequate access to and through the street and therefore needs to proceed with the proposal

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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