

**Item 20.****Parking - No Parking - Baptist Lane, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/223354

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Baptist Lane, Surry Hills between the points 10 metres and 39.1 metres (five car spaces) north of Boronia Street as: "No Parking".

**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**

In June 2023, the City consulted on a proposal to install parking restrictions along Baptist Lane, including the dead-end section north of Boronia Street. Subsequently, the City received objections to the proposal, so restrictions were only installed on garbage collection days to facilitate garbage trucks accessing the laneway in a safe and efficient manner.

However, the City has now received a joint submission from residents in the dead-end section of Baptist Lane, that cars are parking opposite their garages and obstructing access to their property.

Therefore, the City proposes to replace the existing “No Parking 6am-6pm Wednesday Only” with full-time “No Parking” signs to improve access to rear-lane garages.

### **Comments**

The kerb space on the western side of Baptist Lane, Redfern north of Boronia Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently "No Parking 6am-6pm Wednesday Only".

Baptist Lane is approximately 4 metres wide and provides rear-lane property access to houses fronting Baptist Street and Marriott Street.

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 Baptist 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 Parking" restriction to maintain rear-lane property access.

### **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 10 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal due to loss of on-street parking.

However, the original joint submission included 8 signatures from the adjacent residential properties between 40-54 Baptist Street.

### **Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget.

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