

Item 14.**Parking - No Parking - Sims Street, Darlinghurst**

TRIM Container No.: 2026/116145

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the following reallocation of parking in Sims Street, Darlinghurst as “No Parking, 6am–6pm Thursday” and “1P 6pm–2am Thursday, 8am–2am, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15, All Other Days.

- On the northern side of Sims Street between the points 33.4m and 44m (two parking spaces) east of Chisholm Street;
- On the eastern side of Sims Street between the points 30.3 and 41.5 (one parking space), north of Hannam Street; and
- On the eastern side of Sims Streets between the points 6.3m and 14.4m (one parking space), north of Hannam Street.

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC
Representative for the Member for Sydney

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

To improve access for waste collection vehicles in Sims Street on waste collection days, it is proposed to reallocate the permit parking spaces in the street to “No Parking 6am-6pm

Thursdays". The proposal would allow waste collection vehicles to access the street in a safe and efficient manner.

Comments

The kerb space in Sims Street, Darlinghurst between Chisholm and Hannam Streets, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "1P 8am-2am permit Holders Excepted Area 15".

Sims Street is a shared zone with a 10 km/h speed limit and a narrow roadway width of approximately 4.8 metres. The street currently accommodates five on-street parking spaces. However, on waste collection days, parked vehicles often obstruct access for waste collection trucks, making it challenging for these vehicles to safely enter and exit the street.

To ensure waste vehicles can operate safely and efficiently in Sims Street, it is proposed to reallocate the permit parking spaces to "No Parking 6am-6pm Thursdays" only.

After 6pm on Thursdays, the kerb space would revert to "1P 6pm–2am Thursday, 8am–2am, Permit Holders Excepted Area 15, All Other Days". Residents with Area 15 residents parking permit may continue to park as normal.

Consultation

The City consulted/notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 170 letters sent out with two responses supporting the proposal, one response opposing the proposal and one response provided feedback on the proposal.

The responses in support of the proposal stated that it would improve safety and make access easier for waste collection vehicles.

The response opposing the proposal noted that the proposal will result in loss of on-street parking. The loss of parking will be during daytime on Thursdays only, enabling waste collection vehicles to safely access and service the street. This is necessary to ensure safe vehicle movements and to prevent potential damage to parked vehicles or private property.

One respondent raised concerns, suggesting that the parking spaces around the bend should be removed or relocated permanently to improve access in the street. This is not supported as the loss of permit parking spaces would negatively impact residents. There is also no available kerb space in surrounding streets to relocate the parking spaces.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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