

Item 15.**Parking - 1/4P Timed Parking - Cook Road, Centennial Park**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the following reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Cook Road, Centennial Park north of Centennial Lane:

- (A) Between the points 17 metres and 26 metres (one car space) as "1/4P 8-10am 4-6pm Mon-Fri" and "No Parking 10am-4pm Mon-Fri".
- (B) Between the points 26 metres and 32 metres (one car space) as "1/4P 8-10am 4-6pm Mon-Fri" and "1P 10am-4pm 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 13".

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

A childcare facility located at Cook Road, Centennial Park has requested consideration of two 15 minute parking spaces in Cook Road to support safe and convenient pick-up and drop-off for parents and carers using the facility.

Comments

The kerb space on the southern side of Cook Road, Centennial Park along the frontage of the childcare facility is currently signposted as "No Parking 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri" (one space) and "1P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 13" (three spaces).

The "No Parking" restrictions in front of the childcare facility has been in place for several years to support parents and carers at pick-up and drop-off times to the facility. The childcare facility has requested consideration to reallocate the "No Parking" restrictions to 15 minutes (1/4P) parking to better support safe and convenient short-term parking during the AM and PM pick-up and drop-off times at the facility. The childcare facility has also requested consideration for additional 15-minute parking spaces in Cook Road to support parents and carers.

In response to the request, the City in April 2026 consulted on a parking change proposal that included the following parking changes (refer to plan for chainages):

- Ch 17m to Ch 25m
 - Reallocate "No Parking 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri" to *"No Parking 10am-4pm Mon-Fri" and "1P 4-10pm Mon-Fri 8am-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays Permit Holders Excepted Area 13"* (one parking space).
- Ch 25m to 40.5m
 - Reallocate "1P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 13" to *"1/4P 8-10am 4-6pm Mon-Fri" and 1P 10am-4pm 6-10pm Mon-Fri 8am-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays Permit Holders Excepted Area 13"* (three parking spaces).

The initial proposal sought to improve short-term parking availability for a nearby childcare facility by reallocating four on-street parking spaces to 1/4P during peak drop-off and pick-up periods in the morning and afternoon. This proposal would have resulted in the loss of three permit parking spaces and one unrestricted parking space.

Following community consultation, the majority of feedback received raised objections to the extent of permit parking loss. In response, the City developed a revised proposal aimed at better balancing the needs of residents and childcare users.

Under the revised proposal, the existing "No Parking 8:30am–6:00pm Mon–Fri" restriction would be reallocated to:

- (a) *"1/4P 8-10am 4-6pm Mon-Fri" and "No Parking 10am-4pm Mon-Fri"* to support peak childcare drop-off and pick-up activity. The kerb space would revert to unrestricted parking after 6pm on weekdays and all day on weekends as per current parking conditions.
- (b) *"1/4P 8-10am 4-6pm Mon-Fri" and "1P 10am-4pm 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 13"*. The kerb space would revert to permit parking outside the 1/4P times.

The revised proposal reduces the overall impact on residents by limiting the loss of permit parking to just one space, and only during the 1/4P times.

Given that the 1/4P restriction along the affected permit parking space operates for a total of only four hours per day (two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon), the

impact on residents is expected to be minimal. This is further supported by the availability of adequate permit parking within the street, ensuring that residents retain reasonable access to parking.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on the original proposal developed in April 2026. There were 126 letters sent out with no responses received supporting the proposal and eight responses received opposing the proposal.

All eight submissions received highlighted the issues described in the following table:

Issue Raised	Summary of Objection
Parking allocation	1/4P parking is proposed outside residential properties rather than near the childcare centre, where demand is highest.
Extended time restrictions	1-hour parking extending to 10pm is considered excessive, as childcare demand is limited to weekday peak periods only.
Loss of parking flexibility	Proposed changes remove existing unrestricted evening and weekend parking when the childcare centre is not operating.
Disproportionate impact	The extent of the proposed restrictions is seen as excessive relative to the limited scale and operating hours of the childcare centre.
Cumulative parking loss	Previous nearby changes (e.g. EV charging spaces and other restrictions) have already reduced available parking, compounding impacts.
Permit access limitations	Residents are not eligible for Area 13 permits and rely on existing unrestricted parking, increasing the impact of further reductions.

The City carefully reviewed the feedback received and developed a revised proposal that responds to the concerns raised and seeks to better balance the needs of residents and the adjacent childcare facility.

The revised proposal reduces the impact on residents by limiting the change to the loss of one permit parking space, and only during peak childcare drop-off and pick-up periods in the morning and afternoon. Importantly, the existing unrestricted parking provision in the evening is retained. As a result, the overall impact results in the temporary loss of one permit parking space for a total of four hours per day (two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon).

The revised proposal was distributed to all eight submitters who had previously provided feedback. No further responses were received. A submission in support of the revised proposal was received from the childcare facility.

Overall, the revised proposal is considered to achieve a reasonable balance between supporting childcare access needs while minimising impacts on local residents.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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