

Item 18.**Parking - 1P and Loading Zones - Belvoir Street and Buckingham Street, Surry Hills**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the following reallocation of the kerb space in Surry Hills:

On the southern side of Belvoir Street, west of Elizabeth Street

- (A) Between the points 11 metres and 18 metres (1 car space) and the points 45 metres and 64 metres (3 car spaces) as "1P 9am-10pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 18";
- (B) Between the points 128 metres and 142 metres (2 car spaces) as "Loading Zone 6am-6pm Mon-Sat" and "1P 6-10pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

On the northern side of Belvoir Street, west of Elizabeth Street

- (C) Between the points 11 metres and 27 metres (3 car spaces), the points 44 metres and 63 metres (3 car spaces), the points 89 metres and 104 metres (2 car spaces) and the points 122 metres and 136 metres (2 car spaces) as "1P 9am-10pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

On the eastern side of Buckingham Street, north of Cleveland Street

- (D) Between the points 10 metres and 18 metres (1 car space) and the points 148 metres and 158 metres (1 car space) as "Loading Zone 6am-6pm Mon-Sat" and "1P 6-10pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 18";
- (E) Between the points 29 metres and 35 metres (1 car space), the points 71 metres and 93 metres (4 car spaces) and the points 127 metres and 148 metres (3 car spaces) as "1P 9am-10pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

Forum Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

Residents have requested that Council consider increasing the number of permit parking spaces in Belvoir and Buckingham Streets to better accommodate holders of Area 18 resident parking permits. The aim is to improve parking availability for residents while also supporting greater turnover of spaces for visitors

Comments

The kerb space on Belvoir Street and Buckingham Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently a combination of "No Parking 8:30am-5:15pm Mon-Fri", "Loading Zone 8:30am-5pm Mon-Fri", "Loading Zone 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri", "1P 8:30am-5:15pm Mon-Fri", and unrestricted parking.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide timed permit parking to increase parking turnover and improve resident access to on-street parking.

The proposed changes would limit any vehicle which does not have a permit to one (1) hour of parking from 9am to 10pm, Monday to Saturday where the signs are installed. This is consistent with the existing parking restrictions in the surrounding area.

Residents with an Area 18 parking permit will be exempt from the one-hour time limit.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 704 letters sent out with 3 responses supporting the proposal, 1 partially supporting the proposal and 9 responses opposing the proposal.

Two submissions stated that the changes would improve parking management and reduce parking pressure. One submission supported only the proposed loading zone changes, while one submission did not provide a reason for their support.

Six submissions raised concerns that residents ineligible for parking permits would be disproportionately affected by the proposed changes, and two submissions requested permit eligibility exemptions. The City advises that exemptions are not supported as parking permit eligibility is determined in accordance with the Neighbourhood On-Street Parking Policy, which excludes newer developments to manage parking demand.

Four submissions stated that there is no demonstrated parking shortage and that there is already a large supply of permit parking in the area. Three submissions also requested parking utilisation data, traffic studies and evidence of community support. The City notes that the proposal was created in response to concerns raised by residents regarding parking availability and site investigations that observed low parking turnover. Community consultation was undertaken to gauge local support and address any concerns.

Four submissions suggested alternative parking restrictions, including longer time limits and restrictions only during weekday business hours. The City advises that the proposed restrictions are locally consistent and minimises unintentional non-compliance.

One submission raised that the proposal would disadvantage residents with limited mobility. The City notes that holders of a mobility parking permit are exempt from the proposed one-hour time limit and may apply for a mobility parking space near their residence where eligible.

One submission requested increased enforcement of existing parking restrictions instead. The City undertakes routine parking enforcement and encourages residents to report illegally parked or abandoned vehicles via the City's website. The proposal would also improve the consistency of parking restrictions which will improve compliance and enforcement.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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