

Item 25.**Parking - Electric Vehicle (EV) Parking - Forbes Street, Darlinghurst**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee review the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Forbes Street, Darlinghurst between the points 35.4 metres and 38.3 metres (1 car space) north of Liverpool Street as: "4P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times".

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City's Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan outlines key actions to support the transition towards achieving net zero emissions in transport, including advocacy and actions within the City's control.

Action 20 of the Strategy and Action Plan outlines that the City will work with private sector providers to operate paid on-street electric vehicle charging in residential areas with constrained private charging opportunities. This should be cost neutral to the City and avoid negative impacts on the public domain and residential amenity.

In collaboration with Ausgrid and EVX who are the charging point operator, the City is undertaking a limited trial of dedicated on-street parking for electric vehicle charging using Ausgrid infrastructure in Forbes Street, Darlinghurst.

The proposed location has existing electrical infrastructure for the charger installation, and lighting for its safe use. It will support residents without access to off-street parking or off-street public electric vehicle charging facilities, and minimise impacts to residents, footpath access, loading and mobility parking.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Forbes Street, Darlinghurst between Liverpool Street and Clapton Place, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "8am-12 Midnight Permit Holders Excepted Area 17".

It is proposed to change parking at the chosen space to "4P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times".

The proposed parking changes would allow only electric vehicles to park while charging. This would be permitted for up to four hours of parking between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. After 8pm electric vehicles can park for longer periods only while charging.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 72 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal due to increased car and foot traffic, and impact on access to adjacent spaces. One of the supportive responses requested the allocation of additional on-street parking to make up for the lost space. Opportunities for additional parking will be investigated.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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