

5.1. 19 Lavender Street Parking Changes

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. LTC 19 Lavender St attachment [5.1.1 - 3 pages]

PURPOSE:

Removal of the existing two on-street parking spaces '1P 8.30 am – 6 pm, Mon – Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 6' in front of 19 Lavender Street, Lavender Bay and replace it with 'No Parking' restriction to improve access to 21 Lavender Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has received a request from the owner of 21 Lavender Street to remove the existing parking spaces on the south side of Lavender Street (service road) to improve access to this property at the end of the service road.

A site investigation revealed that house number 19 and 21 Lavender Street benefitting off-street parking spaces with their access positioned off Waiwera Street. The laneway is narrow and serving these two properties only.

Application of AS 2890.1 2004 indicated an impediment using a B85 vehicle when vehicle are parked on the existing on-street parking area, therefore it is proposed to remove the two existing on-street parking spaces.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Signage changes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council remove the two existing on-street parking spaces '1P 8.30 am – 6 pm, Mon – Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 6' in front of HNo.19 Lavender Street and replace the parking zone with 'No Parking' restriction.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
 - 2.4 Improved traffic and parking management

- 5. Our Civic Leadership
 - 5.3 Community is informed and consulted

BACKGROUND

A request was received from the resident of 21 Lavender Street, Lavender Bay concerning the narrow laneway off Waiwera Street for accessing this property at the end of cul-de-sac.

This section of Lavender Street only serves two properties, No19 and No.21. Accessing the garage to HNo.21 requires traveling past the two parking spaces. Application of AS 2890.1 2004 indicated an impediment using a B85 vehicle when vehicles are parked on the existing on-street parking area, therefore it is proposed to remove the two existing on-street parking spaces.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

Relates to ECM No: 8867334

Standard or Guideline Used: AS 2890.1 and NSW Road Rules

Signs & Lines Priority: 2

Precinct and Ward: Lavender Bay and Cammeraygal

Impact on Bicycles: NA

Impact on Pedestrians: NA

Impact on Parking: Yes, remove two on-street parking spaces.

DETAIL

An inspection of the location was conducted by Council's Traffic Engineer (Figures 1 and 2 in the attachment). This section of Lavender Street is a cul-de-sac and the only access point for this section of the street is from Waiwera Street. The road is a two-way road, which is approximately 45 meters long with an available varying width of approximately 3.6 meters excluding the garden bed on the northern side.

The existing on-street parking are restricted to '1P 8.30 am – 6 pm, Mon – Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 6' and are located on the southern side of the laneway for a length of 9.7 metres (approximately 2 spaces) adjacent to 19 Lavender Street. The rest of the street has 'No Parking' restriction on the southern side.

The resident from No.21 claims that due to the narrow width of the laneway and the existing garden bed, it is difficult to access their property when vehicles are parked in the 1P restricted parking area adjacent to 19 Lavender Street.

Due to an increasing demand for similar requests, the matter has been previously considered by the North Sydney Traffic Committee. Subsequently, Council resolved

THAT future requests for removal of parking adjacent and or opposite a driveway to improve maneuvering space be handled in the following manner:

- (a) Where the development application indicated no change to on-street parking, the applicant be responded to indicating that Council does not support the request.*
- (b) Where applicant has an opportunity to undertake unimpeded left or right out only manoeuvres, the applicant be responded to, indicating that Council does not support the request.*
- (c) Where the application of AS 2890.1: 2004 indicates no impediment using a B85 vehicle, the applicant be responded to, indicating that Council does not support the request.*
- (d) Where the application of AS 2890.1: 2004 indicates an impediment using a B85 vehicle, Council officers install a temporary advisory sign at the location of parking, indicating that the parking restrictions are being reviewed at the next Traffic Committee meeting.*

The issue falls into category (d) above, and therefore a B85 swept path has been prepared by Council's Traffic Engineer, a copy is attached to this report. The swept path indicates an impediment using B85 vehicles when vehicles are parked in the existing restricted on-street parking spaces in front of 19 Lavender Street.

Consequently, a temporary advisory sign was prepared and installed adjacent to No.19 in the restricted parking area from 10 May 2022 to 24 May 2022 (2 weeks) with the proposal of removing the existing two on-street parking spaces.

Community Feedback:

Council received below feedback from resident of 2/19 Lavender Street, Lavender Bay, objecting to the proposed removal of parking spaces.

Sent: Sat, 14 May 2022 10:59:50 +1000
To: "Engineering" <engineering@northsydney.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Remove the existing parking space at Lavender streetLavender bay

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Dear Lizzie / North Sydney Traffic Committee,

Referring to our telephon conversation on 12th May , regarding the notice from North Sydney Council on a exisiting parking space infront of my property at 2/19 Lavender street Lavender Bay to be taken away to give access to property number 21 .

I object this request as I would lose my rights and a access to my property at number 2/19 .

I hold a permit for zone 6 in my area and this is the most convenient spot specially for load and unloading shopping and such . It is not fair to make life difficult for a senior citizen .

I sugest before you deside to take the car space away all toghther consider these options.

1- Removing the trees along the sandstone wall that are growing fast and leaning over the property 19 and 21 as resently one was cut down for a fear of falling over on property 21.

Or

2- Narrowing the supposedly path way that is over grown by plants and not used as path way anymore.

Or/ and

3- changing the exicting sign to residents parking only .

I hope you consider my concers and rights before you make finnal decision .

Kindly,

Shahla Jalili

During the consultation period, verbal discussion and written comments was received from the resident of 19 Lavender Street. The resident raised objections to the removal of existing two on-street parking spaces and the primary reason for the objection is the resident would lose the opportunity and convenience in her daily life to utilise this space for loading and unloading her daily shopping. In the submission the resident has suggested Council to consider the followings options:

1. Removing the trees along the sandstone wall that are growing fast and leaning over property 19 and 21 as recently one was cut down for a fear of falling over on property 21
2. Narrowing the supposedly pathway that is overgrown by plants and not used as path way anymore
3. Changing the existing sign to residents parking only.

Council has investigated all the options that suggest by the resident from No.19 and the responses to the suggested options were:

Option 1 was referred to Council's Urban Forest Team and team indicated that the existing trees in the sandstone wall area are in good health and condition, therefore, removing is unlikely.

Option 2 was investigated, an inspection by Council's Traffic engineer has confirmed the width of the existing footpath to be 0.8 metres. The minimum footpath width in the North Sydney Council Local Government Area is 1.2 metres, therefore, Council will not consider further reducing this footpath width.

Option 3 was also considered, but as there are no such on-street parking spaces just dedicated to residents and approved in the North Sydney Local Government area it is not recommended to proceed.

As all the suggested options from the resident of No.19 were investigated and none of them were suitable to implement, consequently, by considering the need of the resident from No. 19, it is recommended to replace the two existing on-street parking spaces with 'No Parking' restrictions. Under the NSW Road Rule (Rule 168) it will allow the vehicles to stay in this section of the road for 2 minutes to load and unload goods and the driver of the vehicle does not leave the vehicle unattended. Therefore, if No.21 would like to get access to their property while No.19 is loading and unloading goods then No. 19 can legally stay in the proposed 'No Parking' area and respond quickly to move the car to allow access.

NSW Road Rule, Rule 168:

- (1) *The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver—*
 - (a) *is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods, and*
 - (b) *does not leave the vehicle unattended, and*
 - (c) *completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping.*
- (2) *For this rule, a driver leaves a vehicle **unattended** if the driver leaves the vehicle so the driver is over 3 metres from the closest point of the vehicle.*
- (3) *In this rule—*

required time means—

 - (a) *if information on or with the sign indicates a time—the indicated time, or*
 - (b) *if there is no indicated time—2 minutes, or*
 - (c) *if there is no indicated time, or the indicated time is less than 5 minutes, and rule 206 applies to the driver—5 minutes*

Council's waste collection service was consulted on this matter, it was confirmed that the small trucks can go through the area and there was no issue raised by the residents and contractors in the past concerning the waste collection access. As B85 vehicles are the smallest standard vehicles in the Australian Standards and the swept path indicates an impediment, therefore, it was assumed that at the time of the waste collection the on-street 1P parking area was purposely vacant to allow the collection.

Site inspection photos



Figure 1, Locality map
street view from Waivera Street



Figure 2, street view in front of 19 Lavender Street

SWEPT PATH ANALYSIS WITH B85 VEHICLES

