



To the General Manager

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**SUBJECT:** (4.9) Kurraba Point South Area - Parking Area 32 – Survey Results

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**DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:**

A parking survey for Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32 was sent out on the 24 November 2020 to 520 residents, businesses, and to Edward, Waverton & Wollstonecraft Precincts. Residents were given until 10 January 2021 to respond. A total of 32 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 6%, which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12%.

The answers received from the residents for the Parking Area 32 survey are summarised in the attached report. Recommended changes to the parking restrictions in the Parking Area 32 are also detailed in the report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. THAT** Council change one (1) existing unrestricted parking space fronting property No. 200 Kurraba Road, Kurraba Point, to “2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32”.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.
- 3. THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol

**Relates to ECM No:** N/A

**Standard or Guideline Used:** AS2890.5; AS1742.11; NSC Resident Parking Permit Policy

**Signs & Lines Priority:** 2

**Precinct and Ward:** Kurraba/ Neutral

**Impact on Bicycles:** Nil

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Nil

**Impact on Parking:** One change to a parking restriction is proposed as outlined in the report.

## DETAIL

Parking Area 32 South includes Kurraba Road (south of Shellcove Road) and Baden Road.

A total of **520** surveys were distributed to residents, property owners, businesses, and to the Kurraba and Neutral Precincts on 24 November 2020. The survey was also available online. Residents were given until the 10 January 2021 to respond. A total of 32 responses were received, including 1 hard copy responses and 31 online responses. This represents a response rate of 6%, which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12%.

### Survey Results

The responses received for Kurraba Point South Area 32 parking survey are summarised in Attachments 1 and 2.

### Precinct Comments

Neutral Precinct:

The Precinct understands the decision to undertake this survey arose from complaints made by residents experiencing difficulty in parking. The meeting agreed that the Council should first take action to enforce the existing parking restrictions before implementing new arrangements.

### Comments Received

Respondents were asked to provide general comments/feedback as desired. Comments have been grouped by emerging themes.

#### Retain existing restrictions

- I am strongly in favour of retaining the existing restrictions which already sufficiently restrict parking for residents and non-residents alike.
- Please leave as is, if not residence who live In 2 bedrooms units/homes should get access to 2 parking permits!
- The current situation re parking on Kurraba Road past Shellcove Road is a direct result of the approved development now underway. Council should note its role in creating this situation. The management of parking must be in the favour of residents and owners. Therefore it is recommended that no additional sanctions are put into place for this cohort. However parking approvals need to be sought and put into place for all other vehicles with a special focus upon the construction vehicles which should

be wither on site or within the loading zone. A reduction in the allowable timeframe and strong policing should act as a deterrent. Because of your (North Sydney Council) rules we are unable to apply for a second vehicle parking permit OR visitor parking permits. This is something you should consider for owners who reside in two locations, who still contribute to council rates etc.

### **Oppose Meters**

- I am a resident. Restrictions make parking worse not better, already too restricted. Remove all restrictions, AND DEFINITELY NO PARKING METERS! Just because a few residents whinge about parking does not mean council needs to step in and try to "fix it".
- I do not believe charging for parking is appropriate. Council have the option to increase the available off street parking by widening the loop road and having parking on both sides around Hodginson lookout. Council are renovating this park so now it the perfect time to increase parking supply
- Instead of revenue raising you should be engaging with Engineers to resolve the issue. By allowing the new development to be build at the tip of Kurraba you should have excess parking option to decrease parking issues within the area. Charging people for parking or timing them is not your only resolution and it's disappointing to see this. Your preventing visitors, family and friends visiting our homes and potential tenants not renting our properties due to already not enough parking.
- Parking meters would dramatically change the streetscape of this area and not appeal. Parking is easily available during the day which says the volume of parking isn't the issue it's the volume of car ownership that is. Also the disabled car park ok Kurraba Rd Kurraba Point goes unused now the local resident has moved out of the demolished block.
- Additionally, this is a residential area and it seems absolutely ridiculous to propose metered parking.
- I do not support paid parking for a number of reasons:
  - Having meters or similar paid parking infrastructure on the footpath will make the footpaths inaccessible, and even more difficult to stay on them and not walk on the road (a serious major concern - so many people do it). It will make it hard for people with prams, people in wheelchairs.
  - Public transport is very poorly served in Kurraba Point, unless you want to go to the city by ferry. You can't connect with train or major bus routes without a car. Many people - couples/families - have cars due to substantial work and family responsibilities that cannot be accessed by public transport. However, they may be only eligible for one resident parking sticker per household. It is not right that residents who pay rates may have to pay for parking at their home.

### **Request Parking Restriction Changes**

- Any parking restrictions are pointless unless they are enforced. Currently, there is no enforcement of time limits, only cars parked in no standing or no stopping zones. I'm sure there is technology available that can assist your parking officers enforce time restrictions.
- I don't park there during the day. At night or on the weekend i would like the parking to be non restricted when I return home. I am not eligible for a permit.
- There is an oversupply of unrestricted parking in the area that leads to residents using this as overflow parking for 2nd / 3rd cars and also to issues with cars, trailers, etc.

being parked in this area for extended periods of time. For example, see photo attached of a "bus" that has been parked in the area for a few weeks. The majority of cars parked in these spaces do NOT have residential parking permits. On-street parking for residents is extremely limited in this area noting that parking is only allowed on one side of the street due to the narrowness of the streets in the neighborhood. Hence, parking should be further restricted to ensure that those who are eligible for on-street parking have access.

- Parking is most difficult at night rather than during the day. The 2 hour resident parking zones are during the day, and don't have any effect at night, when I can park up to 700 metres from my home - even with a resident parking sticker. It's a long walk with a briefcase and bag. My next suggestion is that resident parking (non paid) is 24 hour.

### **Request for resident parking permit changes**

- Please could you increase the number of visitor permits per household from the standard 30 per year to 50 per year?

### **Other**

- Stop approving developments with insufficient parking for residents. Public transport is not an option for many people to get to work. Therefore in many cases households require several cars.
- All new developments should be required to have 1.5-2:1 parking onsite and suitable visitor parking
- Multi-car ownership is using unrestricted. Thirdi project contractors/traffic management are using unrestricted. This and coming development (Op. Thirdi) will be chaotic for years. I have a garage.
- Rather than changing the parking restrictions, it would be preferable if Council looked more closely at the impact of recently approved DA's which have ruined Kurraba Point.
- The current heavy program of building and construction works will only get more intrusive in the next couple of years so maybe any changes should be subject to another review when most of the larger projects are completed say mid 2022. Also some limitations on the developers who should not be allowed to park on the streets at any time as they can make arrangements to bus in their work crews and make limited provisions on the building sites if needed for other parking
- The current problem with Kurraba Point is the existing arrangements during the Thirdi works - we need them to be able to guide our cars not just the development vehicles as it is extremely dangerous and there will be an accident or fatality
- There needs to be white lined parking as cars block half way across driveways which makes it difficult to get around them due to narrow street that Kurraba Road is. Kurraba Road also needs lane divider to separate on going traffic as cars sway on opposite side of road and becomes very dangerous
- This would not be necessary if the building site Kurraba Residences was not going ahead, the truck drivers show little care for locals when speeding up Kurraba Road, I have been nearly run off the road on numerous occasions. There has been a serious water leak from the site for a week now and despite contacting numerous people it has not been fixed. Shouldn't the Council take ultimate responsibility for this, seeing as they approved the development despite opposition from residents.

- The parking issues have largely arisen to many new developments in the area (not just at 147 -151 Kurraba Road). The issues have arisen as council continues to approve DA's in isolation instead of looking at all DA's approved and their impact on the area. The road is not only blocked for the works zone, Sydney Water, AusGrid seems to take over the area as well. We will lose a large part of the road in January due to sewerage works (outside works zone).  
Next is the works proposed at Hodgsons Park - where will Council park these vehicles etc etc. This will cause further parking issues. Increased parking restrictions will not improve this situation. We have small developments at the Kurraba Road shops, the continuing saga with the replacement of a carlift that has never worked. It is really dangerous passing the shop. Council has done nothing to police this. It was a large part of why the community objected to the development in the first place. Council needs to take more responsibility to keep pedestrians and motorists safe.  
Why must residents be penalised, forced to pay for parking or forced to park illegally and incur fines all so that unbridled development can occur?  
Is Council also going to look at a right arrow at the traffic lights to Wycombe road? Residents are unable to turn right in peak hour traffic without putting themselves at risk. Honestly, more cars and developments on this road is not a good idea. The roads are not up to it.
- I've been a resident in Kurraba Point for over 30 years. Yes, street parking can be very difficult. My observations are:
  - It's much worse at the moment with the development at the Point and all the workmen taking up spaces - let alone how completely unpleasant it is now to live here with huge trucks every waking minute.....but that's another story.
  - It appears that Council has difficulty enforcing the 2-hour limits during the day.
  - Can this be addressed?

## Discussion

The survey results indicate some level of support for timed restrictions on Kurraba Road at the intersection of Kurraba Road and Baden Road. Overall, there was a high level of support to retain the existing parking restrictions within Area 32 Kurraba Point South. There was strong support for the 6pm expiry time and Monday to Friday restrictions to be retained. Detailed summary of the survey results based on the responses are listed in Attachment 2. Overall, there was strong support to retain existing parking restrictions and opposition to parking meters in Area 32 and as such no additional parking meters have been recommended in Area 32.

Note that there are five (5) 2 Hour Parking Spaces fronting a development at 147-154 Kurraba Road, Kurraba Point which have been temporarily converted into a Work Zone. They will be reinstated once the development is complete.

## PARKING RESTRICTION REVIEW – SURVEY RESULTS

Note: online questions 1 relates to acknowledgements regarding resident parking permits

**Q2. In KURRABA ROAD, between Shellcove Road and Baden Road, I am in favour of (choose one):**

Respondent Type	Retain existing parking arrangement		Replacing the existing "2 hour parking" and some of the unrestricted parking with "2 hour METER Parking"		Replacing the existing "2 hour parking" and some of the unrestricted parking with "1 hour parking"		Replacing some of the unrestricted parking with "2 hour parking"		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Resident</b>										
Kurraba Road	16	59%	1	4%	1	4%	9	33%	27	84%
Baden Road	4	100%							4	13%
	20	65%	1	3%	1	3%	9	29%	31	97%
<b>Business Owner</b>	1	100%							1	3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q3. In BADEN ROAD, between Kurraba Road and Baden Road cul-de-sac, I am in favour of replacing some of the existing "unrestricted parking" with (choose one):**

Respondent Type	Retain existing parking arrangement		1 Hour parking		2 Hour parking		4 Hour parking		No Answer		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Resident</b>												
Baden Road	5	100%									5	16%
Kurraba Road	11	42%	1	4%	7	27%	5	19%	2	8%	26	81%
	16	52%	1	3%	7	23%	5	16%	2	6%	31	97%
<b>Business Owner</b>					1						1	3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q4. The current parking restrictions usually expire at 6.00pm. I would like them to be extended to (choose one):**

Respondent Type	Retain Existing		8pm		10pm		Midnight		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Resident</b>										
Kurraba Road	21	81%	4	15%			1	4%	26	81%
Baden Road	4	80%					1		5	16%
	25	81%	4	13%	0	0%	2	6%	31	97%
<b>Business Owner</b>					1	100%			1	3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q5. The current parking restrictions operate Monday to Friday. I would like them to operate (choose one):**

Respondent Type	Retain Existing		Monday to Saturday		Monday to Sunday		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Resident</b>								
Kurraba Road	19	73%	3	12%	4	15%	26	81%
Baden Road	5	100%					5	16%
	24	77%	3	10%	4	13%	31	97%
<b>Business Owner</b>					1	100%	1	3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100%</b>

Area 32 - Summary of Survey Results

Zone ID	Street	Street No.	Weekday Average Occupancy	No. Bays	Current Restrictions	Proposed Restrictions	Comments
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**Baden Road 100%**

1048	Baden Road	17	100%	10	Unrestricted Parking	<b>Retain</b>	Overall 50% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. Baden Road residents - 100% retain existing and 0% support changes. Overall residents - 52% retain existing.
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**Kurraba Road 97%**

1045	Kurraba Road	194	100%	1	Unrestricted Parking	<b>Retain</b>	Residents in this section of Kurraba Road generally support retaining the existing unrestricted parking. Overall 66% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. Kurraba Road residents - 59% retain existing and 41% support changes. Overall residents - 65% retain existing.
1046	Kurraba Road	200	100%	5	2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon - Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32	<b>Retain</b>	Residents in this section of Kurraba Road generally support 2 Hour Parking. Overall 66% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. Kurraba Road Residents - 59% retain existing and 8% supported changes. Overall residents - 65% retain existing.
1047	Kurraba Road	200	100%	1	Unrestricted Parking	<b>2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon - Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32</b>	Residents in this section of Kurraba Road generally support 2 Hour Parking. Overall 66% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. 5 residents in this section of Kurraba Road support restricted parking. 59% of residents in Kurraba Road do not support changes to existing parking and 33% want to replace some of the unrestricted parking with "2 Hour Parking". Overall residents - 65% retain existing.
1049	Kurraba Road	155	88%	13	Unrestricted Parking	<b>Retain</b>	Residents in this section of Kurraba Road did not respond to the survey. Overall 66% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. Kurraba Road residents - 59% retain existing and 41% support changes. Overall residents - 65% retain existing.
1051	Kurraba Road	147	93%	15	2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon - Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32	<b>Retain</b>	Residents in this section of Kurraba Road generally support retaining the existing parking arrangements. Overall 66% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. Kurraba Road Residents - 59% retain existing and 8% supported changes. Overall residents - 65% retain existing.
1052	Kurraba Road	141	100%	15	2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon - Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32	<b>Retain</b>	Residents in this section of Kurraba Road generally support retaining the existing parking arrangements. Overall 66% of respondents do not support changes to existing parking. Kurraba Road Residents - 59% retain existing and 8% supported changes. Overall residents - 65% retain existing.

**Results - Parking Restrictions expire and operate**

Area 32 - Various Streets	<p>Overall 78% of respondents support 6pm Overall 81% residents support 6pm</p> <p>Overall 75% of respondents support Mondays to Fridays Overall 77% residents support Mondays to Fridays</p>
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# Kurraba Point - Area 32



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