

## Item 4.7 - Traffic - 27/11/20

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**To the General Manager**

**Attach:** 1 Proposed Parking Arrangements

**SUBJECT:** (4.7) Various Streets – No Parking Waste Collection Days - Survey Results

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### **DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:**

Council's Waste Management team has raised concerns that, garbage trucks are experiencing difficulties accessing the following streets due to vehicles parked in the street:

- Bariston Avenue, Cremorne
- Wallaringa Avenue, Kurraba Point
- Ellalong Road, Cremorne
- Davidson Parade, Cremorne
- MacArthur Avenue, Crows Nest

Following investigations, Council has proposed No Parking restrictions at various pinch points along the above streets during waste collection days only.

A survey regarding the proposed parking arrangement in the above streets was sent out on the 29 September 2020 to all affected residents and property owners. The survey was also available online. Residents were given until 27 October 2020 to respond.

The answers received from the residents and property owners are summarised in the report. Recommended changes to the parking restrictions are also detailed in the report.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. THAT** "No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Fridays" (waste collection days only) be installed on the southern side of Bariston Avenue between HNo.1 Bariston Avenue and HNo.60 Mcpherson Street.
- 2. THAT** "No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Tuesdays" (waste collection days only) be installed on the eastern side of Wallaringa Ave (outside 2B Wallaringa Ave).
- 3. THAT** the affected residents be notified prior to the implementation of the above parking changes.
- 4. THAT** due to objections from affect residents, the proposed parking restrictions on waste collection days not proceed in Ellalong Road, Davidson Parade and MacArthur Avenue.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

**Signs & Lines Priority:** 2

**Precinct and Ward:** Various

**Impact on Bicycles:** Nil

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Nil

**Impact on Parking:** Some changes to parking restrictions are proposed as outlined in the report.

## DETAIL

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## Survey Results

### Bariston Avenue, Cremorne

A total of 155 survey letters were sent out to the affected residents and property owners in Bariston Avenue. 7 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 4.5% which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12% for parking surveys.

The answers received from the survey are summarised in the following table.

**Question:** I am in favour of implementing "No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Fridays" (waste collection days only) on the southern side of Bariston Avenue (between HNo.1 Bariston Ave and HNo.60 Mcpherson St)

Resident Street Address	Yes	%	No	%	Total
Bariston Avenue	6	86%	1	14%	7

Table 1. Summary of survey results



Figure 1. Proposed parking arrangement in Bariston Avenue

### Comments received

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

### Support the proposed parking restrictions

- I agree totally with the new parking restrictions in Bariston Avenue. I have personally seen the difficulty drivers have on occasions negotiating the parked vehicles. however, while the red bins (garbage) are collected early, the yellow bins (papers) are sometimes not collected until early PM. Truck drivers also have difficulty on Mondays - garden waste and household collection which are also not collected at times until early PM. My recommendation is for parking restrictions on Monday and Fridays from 6am-2pm. Current Davidson Lane No Parking 6am-6pm Monday, 6am - 12 noon Friday.

### Oppose the proposed parking restrictions

- I am not in favour of this restriction as insufficient parking is available for the number of residents in the street already and removing one side of the street between 6-9am is when people are still home.
  - As the garbage men generally take approx 10-15mins to process the street, can I suggest an alternative option:
  - Have the restriction from 9-10am and then majority if not all residents, would of gone to work by this time thus not causing residents to seek alternative parking the night before in neighbouring streets due the proposed 6am restriction next day.
  - I think the alternative option is a workaround and the garbage men just process Bariston Avenue a little later than normal.

## Discussion

Based on the survey responses, majority of the respondents support the proposed parking restrictions. Therefore it is recommended that “No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Fridays” (waste collection days only) be installed on the southern side of Bariston Avenue between HNo.1 Bariston Avenue and HNo.60 Mcpherson Street.

### Warringinga Ave, Kurraba Point

A total of 112 survey letters were sent out to the affected residents and property owners in Wallaringa Avenue. 9 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 8% which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12% for parking surveys.

The answers received from the survey are summarised in the following table.

**Question:** I am in favour of implementing “No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Tuesdays” (waste collection days only) on the eastern side of Wallaringa Ave (outside 2B Wallaringa Ave)

Resident Street Address	Yes	%	No	%	Total	%
Lower Wycombe Road	3	75%	1	25%	4	44%
Wallaringa Avenue	4	80%	1	20%	5	56%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 2. Summary of survey results



Figure 2. Proposed parking arrangement in Wallaringa Avenue.

### **Comments received**

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

### **Support the proposed parking restrictions**

- This proposal is perfectly sensible. Thank you for inviting feedback. Regards, Susan Ping Kee at 16A Lower Wycombe Rd, Neutral Bay
- Garbage collection is on Tuesday mornings but green and household collection are on Monday mornings so in my book the street should have No Parking on Monday mornings as well as our green rubbish is often not collected on Mondays. My question is however will the No Parking be policed as the disabled car space outside Nutcote is not patrolled very often.

### **Oppose the proposed parking restrictions**

- Only small cars should be parked in the proposed "No Parking Zone" during the 4 hour Tuesday period and there should be a yellow line painted on the roadway to indicate that cars must not extend over. The rest of the road beyond the yellow line should be wide enough for the truck to pass.
- Parking is already limited in the area and the street is becoming a commuter carpark for NB Ferry. I do not see why this is required.

### **Other**

- Subject to the following. Parking in the evening in Lower Wycombe Road around the Wallaringa Ave area is tight. This proposed restriction is likely to add to that tightness on Monday evenings. Two factors could contribute to alleviating the problem. Firstly, there is a potential space following on from the disabled space (near Lower Wycombe/Wallaringa corner) which could be established to accommodate an additional parking space. Secondly, if there were car space markings on the eastern side of Lower Wycombe Road from Kurraba Road to Wallaringa Ave, this would assist in ensuring the maximum number of cars for that stretch of road is accommodated ie 8 spaces in total represented by 3 spaces, [driveway], three spaces, [driveway], 1 disabled space, 1 space as proposed in the first point above. Quite often (and frustratingly), sloppy/lazy parking does not maximise the space available. Note, Lower Wycombe Road has recently been resurfaced which presents an opportunity to establish some fresh, clear car space markings.

### **Discussion**

Based on the survey responses, majority of the respondents support the proposed parking restrictions. Therefore, it is recommended that "No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Tuesdays" (waste collection days only) on the eastern side of Wallaringa Ave (outside 2B Wallaringa Ave).

**Ellalong Road, Cremorne**

A total of 49 survey letters were sent out to the affected residents and property owners in Ellalong Road. 3 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 6% which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12% for parking surveys.

The answers received from the survey are summarised in the following table.

**Question:** I am in favour of implementing “No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Fridays” (waste collection days only) on the western side of Ellalong Rd (between HNo.4 and HNo.8 Ellalong Rd)

Resident Street Address	Yes	%	No	%	Total
Ellalong Road	1	33%	2	67%	3

Table 3. Summary of survey results



Figure 3. Proposed parking arrangement in Ellalong Road

### **Comments received**

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

### **Support the proposed parking restrictions**

Nil

### **Oppose the proposed parking restrictions**

- The proposed area on the western side is constantly used by residents (some old and infirm) and visitors/tradesmen etc. There is no parking on the eastern side which is a stone wall. Any parking on the eastern side above the wall (high side) is not easily accessible and already taken by other residents. Whoever says it will have minimal impact on parking obviously does not understand the needs of residents and has not looked at the need for parking, especially on the western side, over a full 24 hours. I personally have off street parking but the western side is constantly used for parking by others and restricting that will force illegal and dangerous parking to compensate.
- The proposal has not taken in account the following and therefore should be rejected:
  - To date the Waste Disposal trucks have successfully accessed the street. Council has not provided evidence as part of this proposal of any incident where the waste truck has not been able to pass nor have residents reported bins have been left uncollected
  - Council has not provided what the parking alternatives will be whilst these restrictions are in place. By the evening this strip each night and into the morning is full. Neighboring streets including Montague Rd are also full.
  - Not reasonable that residents needs to awaken at 5:45 each morning to move their cars to avoid 6am no parking restrictions
  - This is a council approved high density living area which requires support for off street parking.
    - 3.1 Between Houses #4 to #10 (which is the strip in question), each has multiple sub-divisions or titles.
    - 3.2 Between #4 and #10 there are 12 titles. Between #8 and #10 there are 4 lots and 5 titles!
  - The council is silent in its proposal about the Eastern Side of Ellalong Rd. By the same standard has a smaller road width and the western portion of Ellalong Rd. There are no restrictions proposed here?
  - Within North Sydney Council area there are further examples of roads with parking that are more narrow than Ellalong rd. This includes the strip of road from 37 to 1 Wonga rd.. By the same standard has a smaller road width than Ellalong Rd
  - Key data points undertaken by the investigation, including measurements of the width of the road, have not been provided to impacted residents. There is also no comparative bench marking either (i.e. other road sections e.g. Western side of Ellalong Rd )

## Discussion

Based on the survey responses, majority of the respondents do support the proposed parking restrictions. Therefore, it is recommended that the existing parking arrangement in Ellalong Road be retained.

Council’s Waste Management Team acknowledges that residents did not support the proposed parking restriction in Ellalong Road due to the loss of parking and requested to have a smaller waste collection truck.

The waste collection contractor only has the large 7.1m and 9.9m waste collection vehicles. Smaller trucks are not an option for large scale council waste collection as they will get filled up quickly, more trips to the disposal facility, more wait time, more traffic and more pollution/green house gas emissions.

The waste management team would prefer to have parking restrictions “just on collection day” to ensure that waste is collected on time as waste collection is an essential service.

### Davidson Parade, Cremorne

A total of 38 survey letters were sent out to the affected residents and property owners in Davidson Parade. 8 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 21% which is above the average response rate of 10 to 12% for parking surveys.

The answers received from the survey are summarised in the following table.

**Question:** I am in favour of implementing “No Parking 6:00am – 10:00am Fridays” (waste collection days only) on the southern side of Davidson Parade (between HNo.1 Davidson Pde and HNo.72 McPherson St)

Resident Street Address	Yes	%	No	%	Total	%
Davidson Parade	2	33%	4	67%	6	75%
Macpherson Street	0	0%	1	100%	1	12.5%
Anonymous	1	100%	0	0%	1	12.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 4. Summary of survey results





Figure 4. Proposed parking arrangement in Davidson Parade

### Comments received

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

### Support the proposed parking restrictions

- The waste management company had used smaller trucks to collect both the recycling and household waste on a weekly basis. It would be good to see the return of these smaller vehicles in addition to the signage.

### Oppose the proposed parking restrictions

- I have lived in No 5 Davidson Pde for 30 years. The parking issue is primarily the parents dropping off their children at Middle Harbour Public School. The garbage trucks have always managed to get through with the occasional hiccup as they used to come early to avoid the school drop off. We don't need signs erected on the medium strip with no parking details as this is unsightly and will cause numerous problems for the ride on mowers when mowing the medium strips. And by the way the gardeners do a fabulous job in maintaining these medium strips. I am really opposed to signs being erected.
- It would be good to understand why this is being proposed, considering nothing has changed in terms of resident parking requirements and garbage collection days.
- The parking restrictions will have maximum impact on the people who live in the streets concerned and who use them eg builders, mothers and school children, Delivery vehicles, tradespeople, commuters as well as People who park in adjoining streets,

including residents. It is effectively taking at least 32 parking spaces out of Bariston Ave and Davidson Parade. Between the two streets on Macpherson Street, is a bus stop and parking for two vehicles.

Residents are not going to be able to park outside or even near their homes every Thursday night unless they leave before 6am. This is an enormous imposition. There are other solutions which I hope council will consider.

I would be interested to know how many times garbage trucks have hit cars in these streets...or how many times they have admitted to it. If never, why are we having this imposed on us. My car has been hit at least twice by the garbage truck but this was not owned up to and not taken responsibility for by URM or Council.

There is at the moment and I imagine for some months a building going up in Davidson Pde, on the north side, which effectively uses three car spaces, and which requires a large amount of builders' parking in the vicinity. There is very little parking nearby. This is Effectively means there are 18 plus car parking fewer in Davidson Parade alone. Why does council consider this minimal impact. Cars will still not be able to get around the URM trucks and will be still held up as usual. Surely there is another solution which inconveniences fewer people. This probably will be the thin edge of the wedge and Mondays will also be off limits for parking. Parking provision for residents is surely one of council's responsibilities. It seems we have a very large increase in rates with fewer facilities being provided.

Some suggestions:

A smaller garbage truck for the smaller streets, this must be available or able to be made available.

Residents/garbage collectors walk the bins to the corner of Macpherson Street for collection.

Residents (and others?) allowed on Fridays to park on nature strips and over their own driveways. Bariston Lane to be opened up at Fifth Ave end and bins collected from Bariston Ave end, where they have been put by resident/ garbage collectors

- Parking in Davidson Parade is restricted by local school parking already and a recent decision by Council to grant a Work Zone at the end of Davidson Parade for a construction project on McPherson Street. There is no reason why residents should have their on street parking further restricted by Council, particularly when a primary restriction appears to have most recently been caused by the trucks parked in the Work Zone. A small truck has previously been used to access Davidson Parade for rubbish collection and this appears to be a reasonable solution moving forward. Two workers should have manned that smaller truck (instead of the one worker that was used in the past) given the driving and manual handling demands for rubbish collection.
- We have been residents of Davidson Parade for 18 years and do not wish to see parking restrictions of any kind introduced.

## Discussion

Based on the survey responses, majority of the respondents do support the proposed parking restrictions. Therefore, it is recommended that the existing parking arrangement in Davidson Parade be retained.

Council's Waste Management Team acknowledges that residents did not support the proposed parking restriction in Davidson Parade due to the loss of parking and requested to have a smaller waste collection truck.

The waste collection contractor only has the large 7.1m and 9.9m waste collection vehicles. Smaller trucks are not an option for large scale council waste collection as they will get filled up quickly, more trips to the disposal facility, more wait time, more traffic and more pollution/green house gas emissions.

The waste management team would prefer to have parking restrictions “just on collection day” to ensure that waste is collected on time as waste collection is an essential service.

**MacArthur Avenue, Crows Nest**

A total of 83 survey letters were sent out to the affected residents and property owners in MacArthur Avenue. 14 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 17% which is above the average response rate of 10 to 12% for parking surveys.

The answers received from the survey are summarised in the following table.

**Question:** I am in favour of implementing “No Parking 6:00am - 10:00am Wednesdays” (waste collection days only) on the eastern side of MacArthur Avenue between HNo. 7 McArthur Ave and HNo.144 Ernest St.

Residential Street Address	Yes	%	No	%	Total	%
Ernest Street	0	0%	1	100%	1	7%
Macarthur Avenue	4	36%	7	64%	11	79%
Miller Street	0	0%	1	100%	1	7%
Anonymous	0	0%	1	100%	1	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 5. Summary of survey results



Figure 5. Proposed parking arrangement in Macarthur Avenue

### **Comments received**

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

### **Support the proposed parking restrictions**

- This need illustrates the ongoing issue with parking in MacArthur Ave - a safety issue. The street is too narrow to have parking safely on both sides at any time. Suggest there should be permanent no parking on the east side.
- This implementation will help minimise any further damages to cars. Although, I believe residents in this street should receive some form of compensation in terms of reduced parking permit fees. This is due to the changes in this street also being changed to a timed parking area as opposed to the previous unrestricted parking available to residents of this street.
- with the increasing width of cars and the poor parking ability of some drivers, this is an excellent idea/solution

### **Oppose the proposed parking restrictions**

- Insufficient parking location to move vehicles over the day. If 2hr restriction is removed from other side of street to all day that would be sufficient
- Four hours of parking restriction will bring much more inconvenience to the residents, as the car parking problem has already been so serious at this area.  
Opinion: Please use a smaller waste collection truck for this area, Or shorten the parking restriction to two hours (8:00am-10:00am). Under the two hours parking restriction, residents can at least park overnight, and drive to work in the morning before 8:00am. Please consider this. Thanks.
- I do not think this is a viable solution. There is no where else for residents to park as most unit blocks do not have any on-site parking. Surrounding streets do not have vacant parking where people could move their cars. Due to people working from home the cars are often in the same location all week. NSC could install mountable kerbing to allow cars to move further out of the road. These could be viable and still allow existing kerb drainage to work - <https://www.acoaus.com.au/pdf/kerbdrain.pdf>. You could also mark out parking bays to allow clear pathways from the unit blocks so that access to bins on the footpath is easier. This is the approach in Balmain where they have sandstone kerbs and narrow streets. people mount the kerb and park on the footpath.
- "Clearly, the real issue is town planning and the street not being wide enough. Regardless, no parking on garbage truck day is not a reasonable as it requires at least +6 cars to move during this time. This wouldn't be an issue except for the fact that there isn't parking available (whether it be free or permit). For instance, with the current parking situation I regularly park 15 minutes walk away and walk to my home. This parking 15 minutes away fills up too though!  
What I would be in favour of is, instead of displacing a whole row of cars alongside the street could we not have one parking spot that is no parking on garbage truck days and the truck parks there and bins are taken to the truck.  
I think that the effort of taking bins to the truck is more favourable than displacing multiple cars who all then have to find other parks.  
Again, the real issue is town planning, units not being built with enough parking, streets not wide enough, etc. Thanks! "

- Western side makes more sense
- I am not in favour of this. There is already limited parking around this street and surrounding streets for residents. Implementing what is proposed will only exacerbate the limited parking issue.
- The cars will need to go somewhere. The solution would be to remove the trailers that are left just 400 metres away outside St Thomas Rest Park on both sides of West Street between Metcalfe Street and Rosalind Street. There are normally 6 trailers parked there gathering dust for months and months. A "No Parking - Motor Vehicles Excepted" zone would free up space for the cars that will need to move from MacArthur Street on Wednesday mornings. It would also provide more parking over the rest of the week. At the moment there are 2 hour zones just metres away from trailers parked for months which doesn't seem fair.
- I live in number 1 Macarthur avenue. We have no off-street parking. It will be a big inconvenience for us (and many others in the street) to have to move our cars on Tuesday night. The waste collectors have a small truck that I have noticed them using lately, 'The Bantam'. Why can't this be the solution?
- We recognise the need for garbage trucks to access the street however the removal of parking on the street will have a significant impact on the residents of the street and surrounding streets. Overflow from MacArthur onto other streets will undoubtedly happen as is already the case due to the limited parking in the area.

With the councils changes to parking on Macarthur Ave and surroundings streets commencing December, growing local schools numbers and the new train station there will be an increase in parking pressure and reduced parking options and it does not appear reasonable for the community to have to change their parking behaviour simply because they have chosen to park in a street which up until now has had no problem with garbage being removed. It would be helpful for the council to fully explain the rationale as to why this change needs to be made and what alternatives if any have been explored.

If rubbish removal is a concern then by extension I would suggest that hard rubbish and green waste is also of concern as the same trucks have been used historically. I would hate to see further reductions in parking to accommodate these trucks as well. Smaller trucks often drive the street for delivers and removalists.

There are many small streets all across Sydney and from my research it appears that their rubbish is able to be collected without shutting off part of the streets parking. As such I would encourage council to explore alternative options. Parking is an increasingly rare commodity in our area and we would hope council would work with the community to find an alternative solution.

- Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this. The problem is not in the street width but rather how people park within it, we've lived at number 10 for over 6 years with sporadic issues related to people parking 40/50cm away from the kerb. There is already very limited parking for residents in the street so limiting it further will just make things more difficult. And if you have someone there to enforce parking restrictions you could also have someone there enforcing parking etiquette so that any truck including garbage trucks can drive around the street as normal. There is also often people parked illegally at the end of the cul de sac in the turn-around zone that we all need to get out, and this is mostly not enforced. In summary having someone patrol this street regularly and enforce parking etiquette and regulations, even more on garbage collection days, would be a great deterrent to further unlawful behaviours.

## **Discussion**

Based on the survey responses, majority of the respondents do support the proposed parking restrictions. Therefore, it is recommended that the existing parking arrangement in MacArthur Avenue be retained.

Council's Waste Management Team acknowledges that residents did not support the proposed parking restriction in MacArthur Avenue due to the loss of parking and requested to have a smaller waste collection truck.

The waste collection contractor only has the large 7.1m and 9.9m waste collection vehicles. Smaller trucks are not an option for large scale council waste collection as they will get filled up quickly, more trips to the disposal facility, more wait time, more traffic and more pollution/green house gas emissions.

The waste management team would prefer to have parking restrictions "just on collection day" to ensure that waste is collected on time as waste collection is an essential service.

### **Additional comments from Willoughby Precinct in response to parking restrictions for waste collections in Bariston Avenue, Davidson Parade and Ellalong Road.**

*Precinct supports the purpose of the restrictions and defers to the waste contractors with regard to the adequacy of that restriction period.*

### **Additional comments from Council's Waste Services Team in response to community feedback**

*It looks like Bariston Avenue and Wallaringa Avenue is well supported by the community and it will be great if the parking restrictions gets implemented on waste collection days.*

*For the others (Ellalong Rd, Davidson Parade and Macarthur Ave), the residents have said that they will lose the parking and to have a smaller waste collection truck.*

*The waste collection contractor only has the large 7.1m and 9.9m waste collection vehicles. Smaller trucks are not an option for large scale council waste collection as they will get filled up quickly, more trips to the disposal facility, more wait time, more traffic and more pollution/green house gas emissions.*

*As we understand, most roads and streets are very narrow and manoeuvring a collection truck can be challenge due to parked cars. However, we have seen that most of the times cars are parked away from the kerb, on corners, in no parking areas and in cul-de-sac on collection days which adds further to the issue.*

*It would be great to have parking restrictions 'just on collection day' to ensure that waste is collected on time as waste collection is an essential service.*