



To the General Manager

Attach: Nil

SUBJECT: (4.11) Cremorne Parking Area 26 -- Parking Restrictions – 6 Month Review

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DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:

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1. **THAT** Council adopt the attached parking restriction recommendations for Cremorne Parking Area 26.
2. **THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in Cremorne Parking Area 26.
3. **THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in Cremorne Parking Area 26.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the parking restrictions installed in Resident Parking Area 26 - Cremorne that were completed on 18 March 2020 remain.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Egnagement 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: Brightmore and Parks Precinct, Tunks Ward

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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After the installation of the signage, Council received several submissions from residents in Grasmere Road, Grasmere Lane, Grafton Street and Sutherland Street concerning about the impact of the parking changes.

A numerical summary of submissions received since the parking changes were implemented is produced in Table below.

| Street name | Object changes | Support changes | Concerns | More restrictions | Total |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Grasmere Road | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Grasmere Lane | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Grafton Street | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Sutherland Street | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Total | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 |

DETAILED – COMMENTS/REQUESTS
received between March 2020 and 9 November 2020

Concern about impact on parking in Ben Boyd Road, Sutherland Street and Park Avenue

- I have just read the parking document and feel that the changes in Ben Boyd Road, Sutherland Street and in particular, Park Avenue will have a negative impact on Grasmere Road as due to the changes even more cars will park there.
I would be grateful if you could review this.

Request for additional 4 Hour parking restriction in Grasmere Lane

- I just received the new parking restriction changes and I think they are very good & fair.
But I missed the parking restrictions on that sheet for Grasmere lane.
As you know this is an area for unrestricted parking.
A while ago I have been filling in a survey and asked for a 4hrs parking limit in our lane. At the moment there is a car parked in the lane for at least more than 2 months with a Qld number plate.(perhaps stolen?)
Often there are cars parked for the whole day for people walking to the bus, visiting or shared accomodation and can't get a Parking permit.
My front door entrance is at the Lane site and find it very hard with my grocery shopping to find, even for a few moments a spot to get my shopping, luggage or a grandchild out of my car.
My daughters with baby's can't find a parking spot when visiting me.
My garage entrance is from Grasmere road and I have to climb up the stairs to get to my unit on the lane site.
I am 79 yrs old and there are more elderly people in that lane that can't park their car because of it's taken by people from outside our area and make use of the unrestricted parking facility.
We as residents are paying the council fees for them to have free parking facility in our neighbourhood!
With the new restrictions around us it will get worse and we will see more cars parked in the lane for longer periods, because it's FREE.
Could you please look into this problem for us residents and reconsider also a change for Grasmere lane for 4 hour parking from 8.30 - 6 pm.
- Due to councils parking policy, the lane outside my property has now become a permanent parking lot with a number of residents parking their vehicles 24/7 for weeks at a time without moving them and thereby denying their use by other persons . Could you please review change matters.

Request for additional parking restrictions in Grasmere Road

- I am concerned with the additional parking restrictions in Grasmere Road, Cremorne. I do not object to increasing restrictions. It is time that people from far afield were prevented from parking all day in what is now an inner city area convenient for public transport. I am concerned about the area unrestricted.

I live at the east end of an area left unrestricted, it is one of the few street frontages not restricted by garage entrances. It is ideal for parking boats of which there are two parked almost permanently.

I am now 85 years old and have equally elderly friends who still drive and who visit usually during the day. I am still self-supporting, but anticipate that I may need assistance in the near future. Please, why do your new restrictions stop short of my house?

- The trailer is on Grasmere Rd near view st corner.
I thought there was a note that came around saying all parking in our area was to be signed 4 hr.
Some signs went up but not consistently. Hence the gap between signs. This location should be joined up to the rest and made 4 hr. No need to wait for consult - am I right?
Did a note come around about change to parking hours?

Object to parking restrictions in Sutherland Street

- I would like to know why all of a sudden 2 hour parking signs have randomly added for all parking spots on Sutherland Street, Neutral Bay (between Ben Boyd Road and Young Street)??

I have parked on this street in the 'no limit' spots for many years and years and it has always been fair to have balance of time limit spots.

This is extremely disappointing being a resident in the neighbourhood.

Where am I supposed to now park without having access to these usual spots on Sutherland Street??

Comments from Parks Precinct

- A concern was presented regarding planned changes to added vehicular parking restrictions in the precinct. In particular, the addition of numerous reductions in time allowances will create the need for many residents to pay for parking permits (previously unneeded). Example: changes from no restrictions to 4 or 2 hours. There is a desire to learn how to raise objections to North Sydney Council planned changes.

Discussion

In Grasmere Road, the restriction changes included converting 4 spaces of unrestricted parking to 2 Hour Parking, 13 spaces of unrestricted parking to 4 Hour Parking and 6 spaces of 2 Hour Parking to 4 Hour Parking to reflect the community feedback. The remaining unrestricted parking and 2 Hour Parking were retained. The changes implemented were designed to support the residents by having more availability to parking near their properties particularly during weekdays by managing the timed parking. The average occupancy rate in Grasmere road prior to the restriction changes was 81% and it is now 81% which is below the maximum 85% target. No further changes are considered to be required.

In Sutherland Street, the restriction changes included converting some unrestricted to 2 Hour Parking and some 2 Hour Parking to 4 Hour Parking. The average occupancy rate in Sutherland Street prior to the restriction changes was 87%. The changes implemented were designed to support the residents by having more availability to parking near their properties particularly during weekdays by managing the timed parking. No further submission has been received from any other residents concerning parking in Sutherland Street except the one submission stated above.

In Grasmere Lane, no parking restrictions were implemented. The result of the initial survey revealed that overall 24% of respondents support parking restrictions in Grasmere Lane and 50% of Grasmere Lane respondents support parking restriction. The occupancy rate in Grasmere Lane prior to the restriction changes was 94% and it is now 84%. This indicates that parking occupancy has improved in this street. No further changes are considered required.

In Park Avenue, the restriction changes included changing 8 Hour Parking to 4 Hour Parking and provision of a pick-up and drop off zone in front of the Cammeray Park Tennis Court. The changes implemented were designed to support the residents by discouraging commuter parking to have more availability to parking near their properties particularly during weekday. The occupancy rate in the 8 Hour Parking section of Park Avenue prior to the restriction changes was 92% and it has now reduced to 65% resulting in more parking availability.

The parking restrictions in Area 26 generally reflect the feedback from the resident parking survey, and occupancy rates are below Council's maximum target of 85%. Therefore, it is recommended that the new parking restrictions remain.