



**To the General Manager**

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**SUBJECT:** (4.12) Crescent Place, Kirribilli - Motorbike Parking Survey Results

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**DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:**

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- 2. THAT should no objection be received, Council proceeds to convert the existing parking space in Crescent Place, between the garages of 74 and 76 Carabella Street to Motorbike Parking under delegation to the Traffic Engineer.*
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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:**

**THAT** the existing parking arrangement between the garages of 74 and 76 Carabella Street remains unchanged.

## 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:** Bradfield/Milson, Victoria

**Impact on Bicycles:** Nil

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Nil

**Impact on Parking:** No further changes are proposed to the current parking restrictions

## DETAIL

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## Survey Results

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

**Question:** I support the conversion of the existing unrestricted parking space between the garages of 74 and 76 Carabella Street to 'Motorbike Parking Only'.

Resident Street Address	Yes	%	No	%	Total
Crescent Place	0	0%	8	100%	8

### **Precinct Comments**

Milson Precinct at its meeting on Thursday, 8 October 2020 resolved the following motion:

*Milson Precinct request that there be No Parking in this small space, neither motorbikes nor cars; with the erection of 'No Parking' signs - as had been there previously.*

*This space is too short for even a small car, between the driveways; and any vehicle parked there then impedes the only level access to the property, for the elderly disabled resident (of 35 years), via their pedestrian gate.*

*It would be most helpful if a pedestrian ramp access could replace the kerb, in front of this pedestrian gate, to ensure the safe access and egress for the resident, as there is virtually no footpath on this side of the road and it is their only available access to their home. Council needs to show care for our elderly, frail and long term rate paying residents of the community*

### **Comments received**

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

#### **Oppose Motorbike Parking due to noise and safety concerns**

- In any event, we don't want noisy motorcycles revving up and disturbing the quiet amenity of this busy precinct. Please leave it as is.
- I object on the grounds of additional noise. Increased traffic movement and consequent risk to pedestrians in what is currently a quiet lane with mostly pedestrian traffic.
- Motorbikes being parked in this small, back lane (Crescent Place) would create extra noise and a traffic hazard. Has anyone ever heard a quiet motorbike, or a bike being driven slowly??
- Under no circumstances will motorcycle parking be acceptable, both on noise and on safety grounds. The laneway is already highly pedestrianised with residents and schoolchildren using it. The residents already deal with significant noise from the Aloysius Junour School and any noise from the revving of motorcycle engines will disturb both the schoolchildren and residents during the day and the residents particularly at night.
- Motorbikes would bring considerable noise to the houses backing on to the lane through engine revving.
- Bikes will inevitably protrude further across the laneway than a motor vehicle which is an unsatisfactory feature. I urge Councillors to drop the suggestion and leave it as a car space which it has always been without ever being a problem. Please remember, you don't live here and don't have to deal with the situation but i do as it is right outside my garage and i don't wish to have to contend with motorcycles on my doorstep.

#### **Oppose Motorbike Parking due to impact on car parking**

- The relevant one car unrestricted parking spot is regularly used by nearby residents and visitors. It is out of the way and if reserved for motorcycles will likely be vacant most of the time. Some things are best left alone.
- The proposed change to the unrestricted parking between no 74 and 76 Carabella Street is completely unwarranted. We badly need every space currently available for cars.

This car space does not impede anyone's entry into the private parking garages on Crescent Place and is greatly valued.

- The Kirribilli Village is already losing a number of car parking spaces as part of the beautification works and this would add to the car parking loss.
- I don't want Council to convert this car park spot to one for motorcycles as there's always a far greater need for a car space than a bike.

### **Request for No Parking instead of Motorbike Parking**

- the issue for the resident is that parking of any sort in that spot blocks their vision when they are trying to drive out of their garage. The residents who are directly affected are frail aged, and when a car is parked there, they are unable to use their back gate as that egress is blocked. The original request was to reinstate the No Parking zone. Since all parking spots are valuable in Kirribilli, would Council consider putting No Parking signs there on a temporary basis, until the resident no longer requires them in order to safely exit her garage, and then the spot could revert to its current usage?
- The residents of 74 Carabella Street (74 Crescent Place) are now in their 80s and need to be able to easily access their garage and pedestrian gate as one resident uses a walking frame. It is suggested that these residents be supported by converting the car parking space into a 'No Parking' space on a temporary basis while access and better visibility to the pedestrian gate is needed for the resident using the walking frame.
- I originally asked for no parking. That was voted against, and motor cycle parking offered. I find my neighbours are vehemently against this proposal, and would ask you to look again at no parking, considering our present situation as outlined in Jillian Christie's report.
- The space between the garage door openings on Crescent Place, being the rear of 74 to 76 Carabella St, is very short - too short for a car, or even motorbike. Also there is a pedestrian gate access to the property, which I believe is the only level street access for the older disabled resident. If a motorbike was parked there it would impede this access point for the property. I believe that this should be a 'No Parking' space, as I had been in the past.

It is to be noted that the resident who made the initial request for no parking at this location was voted against the motor bike parking offered and have requested council to reconsider the no parking restriction.

### **Discussion**

Based on the survey responses, all the respondents oppose the motorbike parking proposal. Half of the respondents were concerning the noise and safety issues that may cause by the motorbikes and requested to retain the existing parking arrangement. The half of the respondents requested to install No Parking restrictions instead of Motorbike Parking and some have suggested the No Parking restrictions to be installed on a temporary basis until Council has provided a ramp access for the affected resident.

It should be noted that Council generally does not install ramp access for individual properties. It is the property owner's responsibility to apply for a kerb ramp through Development Application. Should the kerb ramp be approved by Council's Planning Department, the construction of the ramp access will be at the full cost of the property owner. If kerb ramp is provided at this location, it will further reduce the available parking space between the driveways which may effectively remove a car parking space.

# Crescent Place, Kirribilli – Proposed Motorbike Parking



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