

5.3. Timed Parking Restriction - Ridge Street, North Sydney

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ATTACHMENTS:

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PURPOSE:

This report seeks endorsement for a change to parking restrictions on the southern side of Ridge Street, North Sydney from “1P Meter 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted” to “1/4P 7am-9am, 3pm-6pm Mon-Fri” and “1P Meter 9am-3pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 22”. The change is proposed to facilitate increased turnover and availability of parking during childcare pick-up and drop-off times and adjacent businesses, while maintaining residential parking exemptions during the day.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- North Sydney Council has approved the development of a childcare centre at 45-51 Ridge Street, North Sydney (DA241/22). The development is likely to result in an increase in demand for short term parking in the adjacent kerb space on Ridge Street. The developers of the childcare have requested a change to parking restrictions to facilitate access by car to their development.
- Community consultation on this proposal took place from 25 August 2023 till 8 October 2023. Approximately 239 letters were sent, a total of thirteen (13) responses were received with four (4) in support and nine (9) opposed.
- The changes will not affect the patrons during the off-peak periods.
- The proposed works will facilitate access during peak times to the new childcare center, the school and businesses nearby. There is high demand for short-term parking at peak times due to businesses and the adjacent primary school on the northern side of Ridge Street. The proposed change is expected to facilitate the availability of parking.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost for this project will be funded from the Traffic and Transport Operation teams 2023/2024 signage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee endorse the following proposal to reallocate the kerb space on the southern side of Ridge Street, North Sydney between the points 39 metres and 62 metres

west of Miller Street; as “1/4P 7am – 9am, 3pm – 6pm Monday – Friday and 1P METER 9am – 3pm Mon -Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 22”.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

2. Our Built Infrastructure

2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet diverse community needs

2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking

4. Our Social Vitality

4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

5. Our Civic Leadership

5.3 Community is engaged in what Council does

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

Standard or Guideline Used: AS2890.5

Signs & Lines Priority: N/A

Precinct and Ward: Stanton / Cammeraygal

Impact on Bicycles: N/A

Impact on Pedestrians: Nil

Impact on Parking: Nil

DETAIL

In response to a request from the developer of the approved childcare centre at 51 Ridge Street, North Sydney (DA241/22), North Sydney Council is proposing to change the parking restriction for three (3) 1 hour and one (1) 5 minute on-street parking spaces to facilitate access by car to the childcare during the peak drop-off / pick-up times.

The changes are proposed on the south side of Ridge Street, impacting on-street parking spaces from Miller Street to James Place and will allow drivers to stop for up to 15 minutes. The changes will facilitate access during peak times to the new childcare centre, the school and businesses nearby. A plan of the proposed changes is attached.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community consultation on this proposal took place from 25 August 2023 till 8 October 2023. Approximately 239 letters were sent to 37 properties in the surrounding area and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 13 responses were received, including 10 responses from the outside survey area.

The proposal provided the following restriction:

- 1/4P 7am – 9am, 3pm – 6pm Monday – Friday and 1P METER 9am – 3pm Mon -Fri
Permit Holders Excepted Area 22 between Miller Street and James Place.

The results indicate a community objection for the change in parking restriction (30.8% support and 69.2% objection). The results of the survey are shown in tabular format below:

| | Response | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| | No | | Yes | | Total |
| | Qty | % | Qty | % | |
| Within Survey area: | 3 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 3 |
| Outside Survey area: | 6 | 60% | 4 | 40% | 10 |
| Grand Total | 9 | 69.2 | 4 | 30.8 | 13 |

COMMENTS RECEIVED

Respondents were asked to provide general comments/feedback as desired. Council consolidates the comments into major themes as opposed to including every individual comment.

| Theme | Community Comments | Office Comments |
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| Parking | New parking restrictions will affect the permit holders. | Noted. The area is a direct frontage to local businesses. Therefore, proposed changes in parking restrictions are expected to have minimal impact on residents, as they will still be able to park during off-peak hours. Additionally, one more parking space will be added for residents. |
| | New parking restrictions will affect the local businesses by limiting their client parking especially during 3pm to 6pm. | Noted. The changes are proposed to increase turnover and therefore availability during peak times, facilitating access. Longer-term parking can also be accommodated within the Ridge Street car park adjacent to the property. |

| Theme | Community Comments | Office Comments |
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| | | Site observations recorded the local businesses along the street frontage typically closing between 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Limiting the impact of the change on the proposed parking restrictions. |
| | Use of camera to monitor that the cars are parked to the limited time periods. | Noted. Council's enforcement team monitors whether the motorists comply with the specified time restrictions. |
| | Convert the 1P parking meter to 2P | This will reduce parking availability for new customers. Customers seeking longer stays can utilize the nearby car parks. |
| | Use of Ridge Street car park for pick-up / drop-off | <p>Noted. Dropping-off / picking-up children from the public car park has some safety concerns for vulnerable road users.</p> <p>On-street parking spaces on Ridge Street provide direct access to a footpath, which is deemed suitable for small children. Council would investigate the utilization of Ridge Street car park if seen necessary in the future.</p> |
| | Retain P5 outside the drop-off times | Local businesses and patrons in the area prefer long-term parking. Therefore, changing the P5 parking outside of drop-off/pick-up times is viewed as a more favorable option. |
| | Propose "No Parking" instead of 15m Parking | Parents should accompany preschool children to the childcare facility, making a "No Parking" policy unfeasible in this context. |

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| Loading Zone | Why does council want more cars to drop-off pre-school children? The area needs more loading zones. | There is an existing loading zone servicing the area from 8:30am – 6pm Monday to Friday. Loading vehicles can also use any available parking space and as such, the change does not change loading access. |
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CONCLUSION

Given the proposed works will facilitate access during peak times to the new childcare center, the school and businesses nearby. It is recommended that the Committee endorse the proposal to change parking restrictions on Ridge Street, North Sydney as shown on the attached plan.



Proposal

RIDGE STREET, NORTH SYDNEY Proposed Parking Change



LEGEND:

Existing

- — • LOADING ZONE 8:30am – 6pm Mon-Fri
- — • P5 8:30am – 9pm Mon-Fri, 10am -5pm Sat-Sun
- — • 1P METER 8:30am - 6pm Mon - Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 22

Proposed

- — • 1/4 P 7am – 9am, 3pm-6pm Mon - Fri and;
- — • 1P METER 9am - 3pm Mon - Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 22