

## 5.1. Parking - No Stopping - East Avenue, Cammeray

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### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to address concerns raised about vehicle access and visibility issues on East Avenue, Cammeray. The report recommends the implementation of “No Stopping” restrictions to clarify the existing NSW Road Rules at intersections, improve safety and vehicle access while minimising loss to on-street parking.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Council has received concerns regarding vehicle access and visibility on East Avenue, particularly when vehicles are parked on both sides or within 10 metres of the intersection.
- Community consultation on the original proposal, which included converting unrestricted parking to "No Parking" and clarifying "No Stopping" restrictions, showed only 33% support. The original plan would have resulted in the loss of three on-street parking spaces.
- An amended proposal removing one car parking space is proposed. The amended proposal would address the initial access concerns while considering community feedback.

### RECOMMENDATION:

**1. THAT** the Committee endorse the reallocation of kerbspace on East Avenue, Cammeray at the following points north of Pine Street as “No Stopping”:

- a. On the western side between the points 0.0 metres and 15 metres;
- b. On the eastern side between the points 0.0 metres and 10 metres;

**2. THAT** the Committee endorse the reallocation of kerbspace on the northern side of Pine Street, Cammeray between the points 0.0 metres and 10 metres east and west of East Avenue as “No Stopping”.

## Background

Council has received community concerns about limited visibility at the intersection of Pine Street and East Avenue and difficulty for drivers travelling into and out of East Avenue due to drivers parking on both sides of the narrow street.

## Report

In response to concerns from residents regarding vehicle access and sightline issues, Council consulted on a proposal to change parking restrictions on the western side of East Avenue, Cammeray to “No Parking” and to install the “No Stopping” at the intersection for East Avenue and Pine Street

Under NSW Road Rules 173(3), drivers are not permitted to park within 10 metres of an unsignalised intersection. As this restriction is part of the existing road rules there is no requirement to signpost the restriction. The proposed change would include the implementation of “No Stopping” restrictions at the intersection to clarify the existing NSW Road Rules.

In addition, NSW Road Rules 208(7), requires drivers to position their vehicle so there is at least 3 metres of the road alongside the vehicle that is clear for other vehicles to pass. East Avenue is approximately 6.4m wide and as such, two parked vehicles on opposite sides of the street are unlikely to retain the required 3m of travel to comply with the NSW Road Rules.

In response to the consultation, Council received objections to the proposal stating that the removal of all parking the length of East Avenue was not required and requesting that the proposal be amended to remove only one space beyond the 10metre requirement on the western side of East Avenue.

Based on the responses and as East Avenue is a short dead-end street with a very low frequency of drivers travelling to the end of the street, it is considered that the removal of parking for the entirety of the street would provide limited benefit to access.

Based on these comments the proposal was amended as follows:

- The “No Stopping” restriction is proposed in line with the NSW Road Rules for parking at intersections.
- “No Stopping” restriction is proposed to be extended from 10 metres to 15 metres on the western side of East Avenue.

These changes are expected to improve visibility for drivers accessing East Avenue and provide sufficient space for vehicles to pass safely.

## 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.

## Public Consultation

Community consultation on the original proposal took place between 25 July 2024 and 5 September 2024. A total of 34 letters were sent to properties located within 50 metres of the extent of the proposal. Further, an online survey was available through Council’s “Have Your Say” webpage.

The original proposal consisted of:

- Full-time “No Parking” restriction on the western side of East Avenue, Cammeray, and;
- A clarification of “No Stopping” restrictions at the intersection of East Avenue and Pine Street, in accordance with NSW Road Rules, which prohibit stopping within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights.

A total of 11 responses were received, including 2 responses from outside the survey area.

The results indicate 33% support from the survey area for the original proposal and results of the survey are shown in the table below:

I support the proposed “No Parking” restriction on East Avenue, Cammeray	Response				Total
	No		Yes		
	Qty	%	Qty	%	
Within Survey Area	6	67%	3	33%	9
Outside Survey Area	1	50%	1	50%	2
Within + Outside Survey Area	7	64%	4	36%	11

## Comments Received

Council consolidates community feedback into major themes as opposed to including every individual submission. Responses to the submissions are also outlined in the table below and considers the amended proposal.

Theme	Submission	Response
Speed Limit	It would be better to reduce the speed limit to 40km/h if there are any safety concerns when exiting East Avenue.	Council does not have the authority to make changes to speed limits. No changes to speed limits are proposed.
Limited On-Street Parking	<p>Some dwellings own more than two vehicles, contributing to the parking congestion.</p> <p>There are 13 dwellings on the Pine Street Steps and the East Avenue Steps with no off-street parking. Parking is tight for these residents.</p> <p>Removing 3 parking spaces will leave many residents on East Avenue and Pine Street steps with nowhere to park in the near vicinity.</p>	<p>On-street parking is in high demand across the entire North Sydney local government area, and we acknowledge that finding an available on-street parking space can be difficult.</p> <p>The amended proposal responds to recurring issues with vehicle access and sight line concerns at the East Avenue and Pine Street intersection.</p> <p>Further, the amended proposal reduces the number of on-street parking loss than originally proposed.</p>
Application of NSW Road Rules	If drivers abide by the Road Rules, there is at least a 3- metre gap between cars if they are parked on both sides of East Avenue in the zone proposed for No Parking signage. This is the legal requirement for passage. Any infringement of this should be an issue of enforcement by Council.	<p>The revised proposal addresses ongoing vehicle manoeuvrability concerns where issues are sustained.</p> <p>Under NSW Road Rule 208 (7), vehicles would technically be prohibited from parking above the driveway at 53 Pine Street when another vehicle is parked opposite on East Avenue.</p> <p>Hence, the amended proposal consists of the conversion of 5 metres of unrestricted parking to “No Stopping”.</p>
Service Vehicle Access	There has never been an issue picking up the rubbish by collectors.	Noted. It is unlikely that waste collection trucks will reverse down East Avenue due to space constraints.

		The revised proposal has been developed with the assumption that trucks will not need to reverse down East Avenue.
“No Stopping” Restriction	We fail to understand why the 10m rule should not be applied on both sides as requested by the community.	The amended proposal consists of “No Stopping” signs and yellow line marking on both sides of East Avenue and Pine Street in compliance with the NSW Road Rules.
Infrastructure Changes	The architect for 53 Pine Street was responsible for vehicle access design. Removing three parking spaces would unfairly affect residents without off-street parking. A better option may be to remove the small footpath to widen the road, as there's already one on the opposite side.	Existing footpaths are essential for supporting walking as a mode of transport, so their removal is not considered at this stage.  The amended proposal addresses ongoing vehicle manoeuvrability and sightline issues while minimising the impact on parking availability.
Construction Vehicle Access	If construction vehicles have issue accessing East Avenue on occasion, that is an issue for Development Approval, and the application for a Works Zone parking permit. Permanent loss of resident parking opportunity should not be made instead of the temporary removal of residents cars for construction purposes.	The amended proposal has not been developed to maximise construction vehicle access.

## Conclusion

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the attached amended proposal to install “No Stopping” restrictions on East Avenue to address visibility and access concerns on the street.

## Financial/Resource Implications

Nil.

## Legislation

The amended proposal has been developed having regard for NSW Road Rules 2014.



# Amended Proposal

## East Avenue, Cammeray – Proposed Changes to On-street Parking



### Existing

- ■ ■ ■ ■ Unrestricted
- ■ ■ ■ ■ No Stopping

### Proposed

- "No Stopping" signage and line-marking