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Committee	11 June 2019
Council	25 June 2019
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil.
Director	Maria Hulls – Acting Director Technical Services
Attachments	1. Existing parking prohibition map 2. Proposed parking prohibition map

Executive Summary

In late 2018, Town of Cambridge introduced 4-hour parking prohibitions in the Wembley Sports Park. Since then, commuters have moved into the unrestricted adjacent streets of Whitfeld and Kirwan Street, between Birkdale Street and Selby Street. This has led to resident complaints in relation to safety and property entry/exit issues.

A parking survey has been completed to assess the issue and the following parking prohibitions are proposed:

- 3-hour parking on the north side of Kirwan and Whitfeld Street between Birkdale Street and Selby Street.
- No parking on the south side of Kirwan and Whitfeld Street between Birkdale Street and Selby Street.

Community engagement was undertaken from 1 May 2019 to 17 May 2019. The City received a total of 11 responses with 73% of respondents were in favour of the proposed change. Council approval is now sought for the proposed changes.

Recommendation to Committee

Council

1. Approves the installation of:
 - a) 3-hour parking prohibitions on the north side of Kirwan Street and Whitfeld Street between Birkdale Street and Selby Street; and
 - b) No parking prohibitions on the south side of Kirwan Street and Whitfeld Street between Birkdale Street and Selby Street.

Discussion/Overview

Background

In August 2018, Town of Cambridge approved a proposal to introduce 4-hour parking restrictions in the Wembley Sports Park car park. Since then, commuters have moved to

the unrestricted adjacent streets of Whitfeld and Kirwan Street between Birkdale Street and Selby Street (see Attachment 1). This has led to resident complaints, which are primarily in relation to the following:

- Difficulty in getting in and out of driveways
- Cars parked on both sides of the road creating an obstruction
- Parked cars being a hazard for pedestrians as there is no footpath

Parking Surveys

A parking survey was conducted on 30 October 2018 and 6 November 2018 following initial complaints in late October 2018. Observations were made on two separate days that were neither a Monday or Friday as a random representation of demand and compliance during a typical week. It was noted that this survey coincided with university semester exams and vehicle numbers were only counted at 8.30am and 4.00pm. The results found occupancy levels below 30% and that a more detailed survey should be conducted once the new university semester commences.

A second parking survey was conducted on 10 April 2019. This survey observed parking over one day at times of 9.00am, 12.00pm and 3.00pm. The results are summarized in Table 1.

Street	Number of bays	Max occupancy number	Average occupancy number	Max occupancy rate (%)	Average occupancy rate (%)
Whitfeld	21	18	15	86	71
Kirwan	18	9	6	50	33

Table 1. April 2019 Parking Survey Results

Proposed Parking Prohibitions

Based on the results, the Administration proposed to introduce 3-hour parking on the north side of both Kirwan and Whitfeld Streets and no parking on the southern side. Despite the lower occupancy on Kirwan Street, it is recommended that prohibitions be introduced to both streets as the problem will likely shift to Kirwan Street if the restriction was only applied to Whitfeld Street.

Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:

Nil.

Consultation

Engagement activities were undertaken from 1 May 2019 to 17 May 2019 to seek community feedback on the proposed changes to the parking arrangements on both Kirwan and Whitfeld Streets (see Attachment 2).

Opportunities for residents to engage with the City and to seek information were provided as follows:

- A letter to the 65 affected residents and property owners to provide information on and seek their thoughts on the proposal
- A newsfeed on Your Voice Nedlands with an option for people to provide feedback
- Contacting the City by email or telephone to discuss the proposal further

During the engagement period, the City received a total of 11 submissions. Of the 11 submissions, 1 was received after the engagement period had closed. The online newsfeed received 15 visitors. A summary of the responses from the affected properties is summarized in Figure 1. Table 2 summarises the comments received.

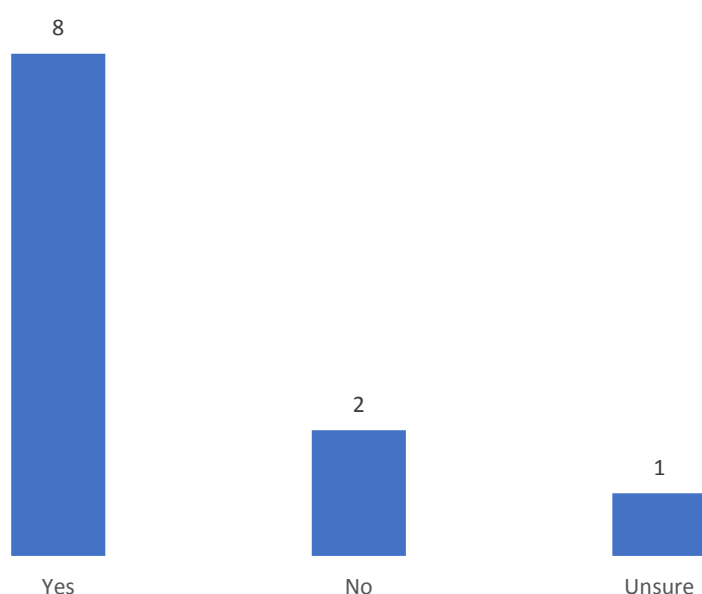


Figure 1. Summary of consultation feedback

It is noted that of the eight responses that were in favour of the proposal, three were in support of the proposal on condition that permits were provided to residents. One resident additionally required that any signage installed does not impede access to their verge.

Resident Comments	Administration Comments
Time restriction would be inconvenient for residents and visitors	It is noted that the two responses against the proposal were concerned with the increased inconvenience to residents and visitors. While this was not addressed in the consultation letter. Residents can obtain permits for themselves and visitors to park beyond the time restriction.
Yellow line-marking at intersections	Line-marking at the intersections with Birkdale Street are already in place. Extra line-marking at the Selby Street intersection can be installed but it is not required to infringe vehicles.

Lack of footpath	There are currently plans for a footpath on Kirwan Street in the City's 5-year capital works plan. Consideration can be given to include a footpath on Whitfeld Street as well.
Time restriction not required. Only zone southern verge as No Parking and extend similar arrangement onto Birkdale Street	Occupancy levels determined from the parking survey are high enough to warrant timed prohibitions on Whitfeld Street. This is expected to discourage long term parkers and create opportunities for residents and their visitors to park. It is recommended that both Whitfeld and Kirwan Street be zoned with the same parking prohibition to prevent the issue moving to from one street to another. There is a possibility that the problem will begin shift to Birkdale Street should the proposed parking changes be supported. The Administration recommends observing parking behaviours first and then taking any required action.
Suggestion for 4-hour parking rather than 3-hour parking to be consistent with the Wembley Sports Park. There is a safety concern with faster turnover parking creating more moving cars and traffic.	The Administration's preference would be to encourage use of car parks for parking first. The 3-hour parking would serve this purpose. The safety concern is heightened by a lack of footpath. A footpath on Kirwan Street is already planned in the City's 5-year capital works plan. Consideration can be given to bring this project forward.

Table 2. Summary of resident comments and Administration comments

Budget/Financial Implications

The cost to install signs for the proposed prohibitions is summarised in Table 3.

Item	Cost per Item	Number of Items	Total
Replace sign only	\$30.00	5	\$150.00
Install post and sign	\$130.00	15	\$1,950.00
Total Cost			\$2,100.00

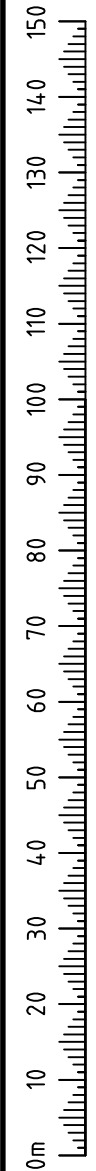
Table 3. Cost estimate of proposed signage

The works will be funded from operational budgets.




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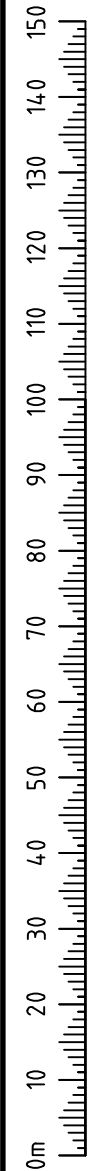
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TS13.19	Smyth Road Parking Review Community Consultation Results
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Committee	11 June 2019
Council	25 June 2019
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil.
Director	Maria Hulls – Acting Director Technical Services
Attachments	1. Drawing – Smyth Road Existing and Proposed Parking Prohibitions

Executive Summary

The City has received a growing number of complaints from residents regarding long term parking during business hours from patrons of the nearby City of Nedlands administration building, as well as businesses surrounding Stirling Highway.

Administration has identified an increased safety risk for road users due to the high turnover parking, combined with the relatively high traffic volume on Smyth Road. It is proposed to implement 'No Parking' on Smyth Road, from Stirling Highway to Gordon Street, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Community engagement was undertaken from 21 March 2019 to 8 April 2019. The results interpreted from the feedback received generally support the proposal.

Recommendation to Committee

Council approves 'No Parking' on Smyth Road in the southbound carriageway between the hours of 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.

Discussion

Background

The City has received a growing number of complaints from residents regarding long term parking during business hours from patrons of the nearby City of Nedlands administration building, as well as businesses surrounding Stirling Highway.

Smyth Road, between Stirling Highway and Gordon Street, is a local distributor road which carries approximately 5,000 vehicles per day. This section of road consists of a narrow road pavement width with 3-hour parking in the southbound carriageway between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. The current 3-hour parking arrangement is within close proximity to the City of Nedlands administration building and is frequently utilised by visitors and staff members. The high vehicle volumes on Smyth Road combined with high parking turnover creates an obstruction in the southbound carriageway, resulting in unsafe conditions for road users.

Administration notes that kerb side parking is utilised by residents in these sections of Smyth Road outside of normal business hours.

Proposal

The City is proposing to implement No Parking 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday on Smyth Road (see Attachment 1). The recommended proposal will:

- Increase the functionality of Smyth Road as a local distributor road during business hours.
- Increase the safety on Smyth Road and eliminate weaving around parked vehicles.
- Provide safe access to residential properties.
- Provide a better amenity for residents who are largely affected by high turnover parking.
- Improve traffic flow during kerbside waste collection.

Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions

The current parking restrictions on Smyth Road were approved by Council on 13 December 2011 as part of Stage 1 – T18.11 Proposed Parking Restrictions Surrounding Stirling Highway. This was to address the issue of long-term parking by university students and business employees within close proximity to Stirling Highway.

Consultation

Engagement activities were undertaken from 21 March 2019 to 8 April 2019 to seek community feedback on the proposed changes to the parking arrangements on Smyth Road.

Opportunities for residents to engage with the City and to seek information were provided as follows:

- A letter to the 24 affected residents and property owners to provide information on and seek their thoughts on the proposal
- Contacting the City by email or telephone to discuss the proposal further

During the engagement period, the City received a total of 6 submissions. A summary of the responses from the affected properties is summarized in Figure 1. Table summarises the comments received.

The results of the feedback are provided in Figure 1. The community consultation results indicate support for the No Parking restriction from 8am – 5pm, Monday to Friday.

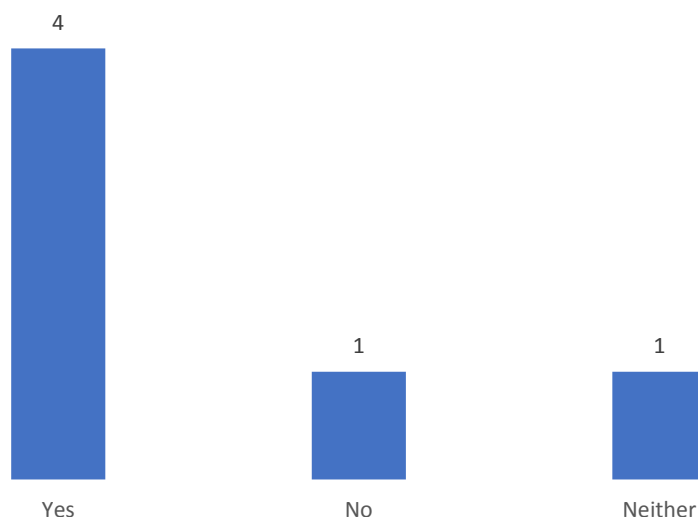


Figure 2. Summary of consultation feedback

Resident Comments	Administration Comments
On Street parking is required for property maintenance services tradespeople and guests. Prohibiting street parking would mean a reliance on off street parking which is limited and sometimes impractical.	Under the Main Roads WA Road Hierarchy, Smyth Road is classed as a Local Distributer Road. Parking on Local Distributer Roads is only supported where sufficient width and sight distance allow safe passing. It should be noted that parking will be unrestricted outside business of hours.
Reduce the number of vehicles entering Smyth Road from Stirling Hwy by removing the right turn from Stirling Hwy westbound.	The City does not support re routing traffic down adjacent Local Access Roads such as Dalkeith Road and Langham Street. While the ability to turn right at these roads already exists, the City supports traffic conditions that align with the Main Roads WA Road Hierarchy.

Table 1. Summary of resident comments and Administration comments

Budget/Financial Implications

The cost for implementing the parking signs is summarised in Table 2.

Item	Cost per Item	Number of Items	Total
Replace sign only	\$30	4	\$ 120

Table 2. Cost estimate of proposed signage

The works will be funded from the operations budget.

Proposed Parking Restrictions

NOTES:

- 1. ALL ARROWS ON PARKING SIGNS ARE FOR DISPLAY ONLY AND ALTERED ACCORDINGLY ON SITE.
- 2. ALL PROPOSED PARKING SIGNS ARE IN THEIR APPROXIMATE LOCATION AND THE POSITIONING OF THE POLES MAY BE ADJUSTED OR RELOCATED ON SITE.
- 3. SIGN POLES TO BE SPACED NO GREATER THAN 75m APART.
- 4. EXISTING 3 HOUR PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SMYTH ROAD TO BE REPLACED WITH 'NO PARKING 8am - 5pm, MON - FRI'

LEGEND:

- NO STOPPING
- NO PARKING 8am - 5pm, MON - FRI (ROAD ONLY)

