

9.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Existing Timed 'Parking Restrictions' in Harwood Place, West Perth

Ward:	South	Date:	12 January 2012
Precinct:	Beaufort Precinct (P13)	File Ref:	PKG0039
Attachments:	001 – Drawing No. 2911-RD-01		
Tabled Items:	-		
Reporting Officer:	A Munyard, Senior Technical Officer Land and Development		
Responsible Officer:	R Lotznicker, Director Technical Services		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council;

- 1. APPROVES the extension of the existing two hour (2P) parking time restriction on the east side of Harwood Place, to be in force between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Sunday, together with a "No Parking" restriction on the west side of the street, as shown on attached Plan 2991-RD-01; and**
- 2. LISTS and amount of \$30,000 for consideration in the draft 2012/2013 Budget to increase the number of parking bays in Harwood Place as requested by the petitioners.**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of the report is to seek the Council's approval to an extension of the existing parking time restrictions in Harwood Place, in response to a petition submitted by the Harwood Place Action Group.

BACKGROUND:

Residents of the heritage listed cottages in Harwood Place have submitted a petition requesting further consideration be given to implementation of extended parking controls in the street, to assist in addressing the increase in parking congestion in the street.

DETAILS:

Harwood Place has a mix of residential and commercial development. The east side of the street comprises a row of nine (9) heritage workers cottages, none of which have any off road parking. A recent unit development on the west side of the street has markedly increased demand for parking. Additionally, residents have noted that advantage is being taken of the unrestricted 'free' parking after 5.30 pm on weekdays, 12pm on Saturdays, and all day Sunday, with vehicles arriving to park during these times, and the occupants walking from Harwood Street towards Northbridge.

With parking prohibited on the north side of adjoining Newcastle Street for the full block either side of Harwood Place, these factors are adding to an already existing difficult situation for residents of the street.

A petition has been submitted by the Harwood Place Action Group, requesting an extension of the current time restrictions in the street, further into the evenings, and on weekends as well. This will assist them in finding available parking places immediately after working hours, and during the weekends, when it is possible that the street is being utilized by others for free parking, given the street proximity to Northbridge/CBD).

Harwood Place is a very narrow street, and therefore parking on both sides of the street frequently obstruct access. It is proposed that parking be banned on the west side of the street at this time, and that funds be allocated for widening of the roadway to create additional parking in the coming draft budget.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Being outside of business hours, the proposed extension of time restricted parking will not impact on the businesses in the street. The developers of the new units on the west side of Harwood Street, claimed that the on-site parking for the development was sufficient to cater for the needs of both its residents and their visitors. Consequently, a Notification has been placed on the titles for the units, stating that owners/occupiers would not be eligible for resident or visitor parking permits.

The petition has been submitted by the action group, who represent the remaining residents of the street. Therefore, no further consultation is proposed.

LEGAL/POLICY:

The Parking restrictions will be implemented in accordance with the City's Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with Key Result Area 1 – 1.1.6 *“Enhance and maintain the City's Infrastructure to provide a safe, healthy, sustainable and functional environment”*.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of manufacture and installation of new signage will be covered by the current parking signage budget.

COMMENTS:

The extension of the current time restrictions will not adversely affect the business proprietors of the street, but will discourage long term parking by users not associated with the immediate area. It will also provide greater opportunities for residents to find available parking in the street. It is recommended that the Council approve the extension of the time restrictions.

It is also recommended that the Council list carriageway widening of Harwood Place in the Draft 2012/2013 Budget (at an estimated cost of \$30,000) so that additional parking can be created in the street.

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(To be completed by A/Chief Executive Officer)

UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY THE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION IS:

APPROVED



A/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

16/01/2012