

Item 4.4 - Traffic - 4/05/18

N O R T H S Y D N E Y C O U N C I L



To the General Manager

Attach: 1. Proposed Parking Changes

SUBJECT: (4.4) Rangers Road, Cremorne – Resident Parking Survey Results

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DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:

At the 3698th Council Meeting on 4 December 2017, the following was adopted:

*“**THAT** Council survey the residents of Rangers Road and surrounding streets with regard to the introduction of 2-hour parking restrictions Residents Exempt.”*

A survey regarding the above proposal was sent out on 19 February 2018 to 669 residents and property owners. The survey was also published online. The residents were given until 20 March 2018 to respond. A total of 102 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 15.2%.

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:

- 1. THAT** the existing parking arrangement in Rangers Road between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street be retained.
- 2. THAT** Council installs ‘Motorbike Only’ signs on the small kerb space between the driveways of 56 and 58 Rangers Road.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Egnagement Protocol

Standard or Guideline Used: AS2890.5; AS1742.11; NSC Resident Parking Permit Policy

Signs & Lines Priority:

Precinct and Ward: Harrison/ Victoria

Impact on Bicycles: Nil

Impact on Pedestrians: Nil

Impact on Parking: Some changes to parking restrictions are proposed as outlined in the report.

DETAIL

Council surveyed the residents and property owners along Rangers Road between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street and surrounding streets with regard to the expansion of 2-hour parking restrictions with permit holders exempt in Rangers Road between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street.

Survey Results

A total of 669 surveys were sent out on 19 February 2018. The survey was also published online. The residents were given until 20 March 2018 to respond. A total of 102 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 15.2%.

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

Q. I am in favour of implementing '2 Hour 8.30am – 6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Area 28 Excepted' parking restrictions in Rangers Road, between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street.

Resident Street Address	YES		NO		No Answer		Total Number
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Allister Street	3	100.0%	0	0.0%			3
Cranbrook Avenue	0	0.0%	3	100.0%			3
Murdoch Street	3	37.5%	5	62.5%			8
Rangers Road	6	14.2%	35	83.3%	1	2.4%	42
Spofforth Street	6	54.5%	5	45.5%			11
Others	4	30.8%	9	69.2%			13
Anonymous	8	57.1%	6	42.9%			14
TOTAL	30	43.0%	63	57.0%	1		94

Note: duplicate responses were deducted from the tally.

Comments received

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

Response in favour of parking restriction

- Parents and teachers from school grab most of the spots for all day parking. Each school year seems to get worse.
- "It can be impossible to park on the street outside your own home. This is true also for visitors as well. The spaces are taken up by workers in the Spofforth Street Shops, Mosman shops at the T intersection with Rangers Road (for example 5-6 people work in Mr Spofforth alone and park their cars in Rangers Road.
- Unrestricted Parking resources in Rangers Road are being over utilised by non residents due to proximity to Military Road, staff from school, and shopkeepers from Spofforth street shopping strip. The proposed 2 hour restrictions are vital to provide everyone with a chance to park and especially residents and their guests with parking in proximity to their residences.
- Make it happen, never any free spots. Some home owners have lots cars and leave on street for days at time.
- Parking is non-existent. Commuters use street for parking. Needed for sure. Need equitable access for residents and their visitors. Limited parking availability is pressured by commuters and the school. If 2 hours parking is for some reason not implemented for the whole street, as a minimum the 2 hours parking space on the corner of Spofforth and Alister that was recently replaced with a residential driveway, that lost 2 hour space should typically be reinstated and provided further along in closest available space to replace existing.
- This would force homeowners with off street parking to use those parking spots over parking on street
- Many free spots take. All day by people who get buses to cbd and coaches and teachers from the school. traffic in this stretch of road is a real problem and getting worse and safety issues are also prevalent from the traffic dropping off and picking up at school. Needs a crossing. Besides this parking issue Council needs to really work out better management of parking and traffic here.

Response opposed to parking restriction

- As a taxpayer, I would definitely like to keep the option of unrestricted parking as we have 2 cars and only 1 parking spot.
- I am deeply in favour of retaining the existing, unrestricted parking scheme in Rangers Road, between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street. I am a resident living on Rangers Rd. Four out of five days I work from home and I am dependent on on-street parking. Imposing 2-hour parking restrictions is very negatively impacting my life as resident on this road. If the Council were to come around during day time, you could observe that there is generally ample free car-parking available on Rangers Rd between 8 am and 6 pm on most working days and weekends. As a resident of nearly 2 1/2 years, I can attest that the Council's understanding of commuters and business using Rangers Rd as a long-term car park is just plain wrong.

- The restriction you suggest is a bad idea. I firmly oppose the idea as there is ample parking at all time in that stretch of Rangers Road. I work from home and can vouch for this personally. Also, because I work from home, this would put massive constraints on me and affect my schedule and my work. I am proud of working from home because it means less fuel emissions in our environment, I would prefer not to be punished for that.
- At present the parking space available to residents and their visitors or tradesmen appears to be adequate almost all the time. Restrictions would mean that visitors and tradesmen had to keep moving their cars, adding to the traffic congestion.
- "What a ridiculous idea. During the days there are barely any cars parked in this part of Rangers Road, so ""businesses & commuters"" parking cannot be used as an excuse. We are unable to secure a parking permit for our second vehicle as we have a single space in our apartment block due to an archaic parking policy, so to restrict parking would mean that we have to walk a significant distance from the nearest unrestricted parking street. If you change it, you are only penalising residents in the street."
- The proposed implementation of a 2 hour parking limit will inconvenience parking for the residents.
- This proposal would cause immense problems. Everything is working fine now.

Conclusion

Currently there are no restriction of parking along Rangers Road between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street, except for the two (2) spaces of 2-Hour parking on the north-western corner of Rangers Road and Allister Street.

35 (83.3%) of Rangers Road respondents do not support parking restrictions in Rangers Road, between Murdoch Street and Spofforth Street. Only 6 (14.2%) of Rangers Road respondents support additional parking restriction. Of those 6 respondents, there does not appear to be a cluster of residents who support parking restrictions adjacent to their property.

Given the majority of respondents, particular the resident in Rangers Road, were not in favour of the introduction of 2 Hour Parking restrictions, it is recommended that the existing parking arrangement being retained.

It was noted that a 2-Hour parking space was recently replaced with a residential driveway on the corner of Rangers Road and Allister. Considering that the remaining kerb space (approx.3m) between the driveways is too small for a car, it is recommended that the space be signposted with Motorbike Parking Only.