

Questions

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ITEM 10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ERSKINEVILLE PARKING (S103146)

2. By Councillor Doutney

Question

How many responses did the City receive to the first round of consultation on the proposed parking changes for Erskineville? Were residents formally invited to provide any feedback other than responding to the two yes/no questions asked in the survey? How many responses included additional comments beyond simply answering the two questions posed? How many of these responses indicated support for a resident parking scheme operating over shorter hours than the 8am-10pm 7 days per week proposed in the survey? Will the City consider introducing a permit parking scheme operating over shorter hours in any streets in Erskineville?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

In November 2012, the City consulted 2,306 properties in Erskineville to identify streets with strong support for timed permit parking. At the end of the consultation period, the City received a total of 364 submissions.

Residents were invited to provide their views on timed permit parking beyond the two survey questions if they wanted to.

Of the 364 responses received, 199 had additional comments beyond the two survey questions.

Eighteen submissions proposed a variation to the City's proposal for alternate resident parking scheme with a time period less than 8am-10pm, seven days a week.

In March 2012, the City engaged GTA Consultants to undertake the Erskineville Parking Study. The study recommended consideration of timed permit parking (2P 8am-10pm) with an exemption for eligible residents with a parking permit for the study area. The City's consultation with residents was based on the recommendations of this independent study.

Some streets within the study area already have timed permit parking restricted to two-hours (2P) from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week (Bray, Gibbes, St John and Whitehorse Streets), as do streets west of King Street under Marrickville Council's control.

In November 2012, the City consulted Erskineville to identify streets with support for the Erskineville Parking Study's timed permit parking recommendation (2P 8am-10pm).

Two-hour parking balances residents' need for parking turn-over with the short-stay parking needs of visitors, tradespeople and customers. As the proposed parking changes have been recommended for consideration in the Erskineville Parking Study, and are consistent with existing timed permit parking restrictions already operating within the study area and in nearby streets under Marrickville Council's control, there is no proposal to consider a resident parking scheme for Erskineville with shorter operating hours.