

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Karen Baynes:

- Q1. Due to the reduced number of parking bays available in Albert Rd as a consequence of ANZAC Station, is Council planning to expand the zone whereby those who hold who hold on street resident or visitor parking permits are allowed to park so as not to disadvantage, or is there a review of the conditions proposed?

Response:

Parking Permits are only valid in front of a building which are 100% residential. Due to the nature of development in the Domain Precinct there are very few parking areas meeting these requirements. Parking in front of a reserve, office building or residential building with a ground level retail/food and drink premises does not exempt a permit holder from parking restrictions.

Although many of the older buildings in these areas are eligible for the Parking Permit Scheme, there is little benefit to those who purchase permits given the restrictive requirements of use, which the user agrees to under the terms and conditions of the residential parking policy.

As part of the Domain Development Plan, the only parking spaces that will no longer exist, and which are located adjacent to a development that is 100% residential, are in front of 1 Albert Road (The Domain). This is approximately 11 spaces. There are very few in the vicinity of the Domain hill, given the existing parking restrictions are either Loading Zone, Motorcycle Parking or Disabled Parking.

Based on the above, it is unlikely Council officers would propose expanding the zone for those who hold residential/visitor parking permits.

Officers are considering an evaluation of the parking occupancy level in Domain, South Melbourne and Montague in 18 months. If parking occupancy during the day is above 85% for a 4 hour period proposals will be looked at to review parking charges and parking controls to stimulate greater vacancies.

***Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.**