



Item 7.1 Petition - Requesting 'Residents Only' parking during certain times on Perrins Street, South Melbourne

A Petition containing 30 signatures, was received from local residents.

The Petition states the following: -

This petition is to introduce 'Residents Only' parking for 16 car spaces in Perrins St, South Melbourne after 5pm on Weekdays and all hours on weekends.

Our street is surrounded by numerous restaurants, bars and hotels therefore parking after hours on weekdays and weekends, in a reasonable walking distance to our homes can become impossible. This impacts residents with serious ambulatory issues or young children, and thus parking a distance from our homes incurs significant disadvantage and impracticality. Excluding commercial parking spaces, we are returning to 16 car spaces for residential parking.

There is ample and available street parking in Park St and Bank St that evening customers could utilise for the hour before parking payment is no longer necessary if they are parking before 6pm. We local residents pay for parking permits to legitimately park near our homes. Currently customers attending the restaurants utilise the free 1 hour parking in our residential street and remain parked for the length of their stay into the evening. The use of paid parking by hospitality patrons would in turn generate income for City of Port Phillip.

Recently, Perrins Street resident parking has been further negatively impacted by the recent appropriation of 4 car spaces on Perrins St by the Pasta and Wine restaurant (with Council approval). Residents were not consulted before the council arrived at this decision which is a denial of natural justice. We fully support Pasta and Wine's street expansion and the steps required of our important hospitality industry to adapt and regroup in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, for the reasons stated above, we believe the commercial interest needs to be reasonably balanced with the needs of the residents.

We believe that the introduction of 'Residents Only' parking in Perrins St would not impinge access to local businesses and community amenities, and would significantly enhance resident access to homes, wellbeing and liveability.

OFFICER COMMENT

Perrins Street is located within Commercial Zone between Park Street and Park Place and Neighbourhood Residential Zone between Park Place and Bank Street.

The land use on Perrins Street includes Police Station, Cultural Heritage Centre, storage, restaurant and residential properties.

Parking restrictions on Perrins Street are "1P 8AM to 6PM, Monday to Saturday", and "1/2P 8AM to 6PM, Monday to Saturday". Eligible residents and their visitors displaying valid parking permits are exempt from restrictions fronting residential properties.

Four parking spaces along the western side of Perrins Street between Park Place and Park Street are currently utilised as a parklet. 2020 was a challenging year for local traders due to COVID-19 restrictions and Council has been supportive in their recovery by permitting outdoor activations to help them to commence trading again under the new Victorian Government restrictions. These opportunities allow local community to continue to support their local businesses. Parklets are not intended to be permanent fixtures and will be

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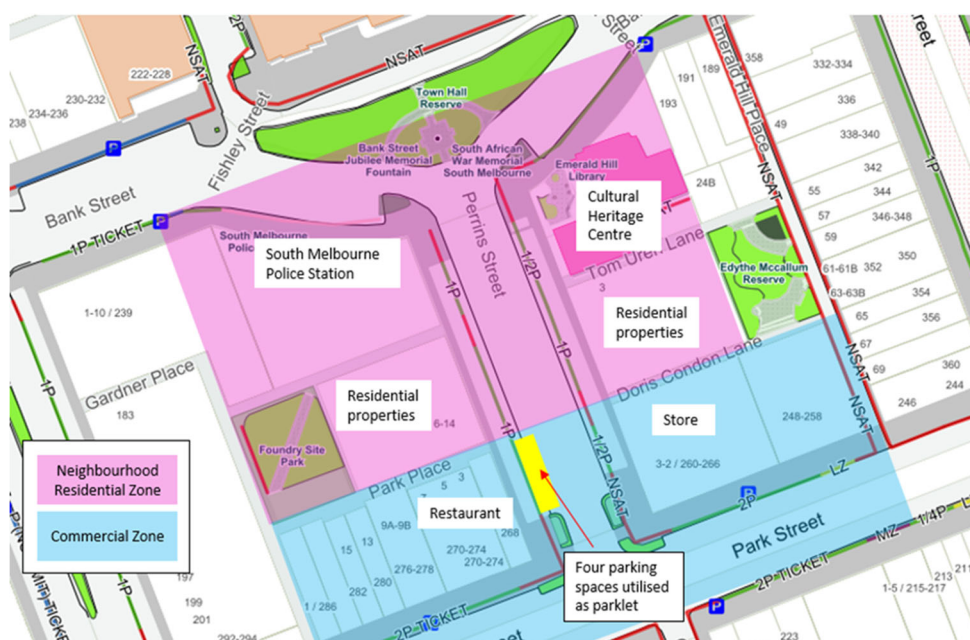


reviewed as part of a broader community feedback process. The current trial period runs until 30 April 2021.

On-street parking is a limited and shared public asset. Parking controls (time restrictions and paid parking) are critical tools to support the vibrancy of our streets. These restrictions ensure the opportunity of using on-street parking spaces is equitable and more people can use the same space more often.

The existing short-term parking restrictions in Perrins Street promote a frequent turnover of vehicles accessing these parking bays. Permit Zone restrictions mean on-street parking is reserved solely for residents and their visitors. These restrictions are typically considered too restrictive within Port Phillip, particularly in areas with competing needs such as residential, business and community facilities

Due to the temporary short-term nature of the parklets, parking restriction changes are not seen as appropriate. Council's Parking Enforcement team has been requested to undertake targeted enforcement of the existing 1P on Perrins Street. This will improve parking turnover and availability for residents.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition.
2. Does not support the request to change the existing parking restrictions on Perrins Street to Permit Zone (residents only parking) as the existing restrictions are considered appropriate.
3. Advises the petition organiser of the outcome.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil