

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Linda Brown

- Q1: Why are Council accepting responses from residents of apartment buildings instead of properties, especially since the policy says properties on the street?
Q2: How can residents parking rights be removed?

Response

When changes to parking restrictions are sought by the community, it is our established practice to seek broader community feedback to inform a professional assessment of the proposal. Each household (property) is given the opportunity to provide feedback as a single entity. In other words, a resident is entitled to provide feedback on a parking change proposal regardless whether they reside in an apartment building, a townhouse or a house, rent or own the property they live in.

On-street parking is a limited and shared public asset. Council therefore seeks to adopt a balanced management approach to respond to community expectations in a fair and transparent way. Council does not exclude the opinions of residents from apartment buildings on car parking matters. This approach does not change a key component of the current Parking Permit policy not to issue resident and visitor parking permits for new developments (many residential properties built after 1996, and all properties approved and built after October 2002), with a focus on encouraging new residents to rely on sustainable modes of transport or to use off-street parking spaces available within their buildings.

Suzane Becker, Manager Transport Choices, Stefan Mitrik, Coordinator Transport Safety Engineering and Jacob Avery, Traffic Engineer met with Linda Brown and three other residents on Monday, 25 February 2019 to discuss her enquiry about parking policy and the procedure Council undertakes to have parking restrictions reviewed in a local street. Ms Brown's parking restriction concerns were acknowledged and Council's Traffic Engineers are currently reviewing parking restriction changes in this location.

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