



CHURCH POINT PARKING DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

Community Engagement Summary Drop in Session – Wednesday 30 March 2016

Introduction

As part of the Church Point Parking Demand Management Proposal (see attachment 1 for proposal summary), Pittwater Council hosted a community “drop in” information session on Wednesday 30 March 2016 between 5.30pm – 8pm at the Bayview Yacht Racing Association (BYRA).

The purpose of the “drop in” session was to provide an opportunity for the local community to speak directly with Council staff regarding the proposal. The session allowed residents to communicate their comments and concerns as to how the proposal will impact on them directly or as a community.

A representation of Pittwater Council staff across a range of business units attended the session:

Melinda Hewitt	Deputy General Manager
Ben Taylor	Deputy General Manager
Andrew Davies	Manager, Urban Infrastructure
Jane Mulroney	Manager, Community Engagement & Corporate Strategy
Gabrielle Angles	Manager, Customer Service & Information
John Hoeben	Wharf Ranger, Commercial Property & Projects
David Bremner	Community Engagement & Corporate Strategy
Michelle Carter	Urban Infrastructure

Councillor Ian White also attended the session in a non-official position.

Display boards were in place around the room displaying A1 sized maps of the Local Street Concept Plan and Existing Car Park proposal as well as a summary of Frequently Asked Questions.

Several tables were also placed around the room displaying maps, information summary, submission forms and an additional comments sheet. Council staff was available at each table to speak with the community regarding the proposal.

Attendees

A sign in sheet was placed at the top of the stairs in the BYRA hall and all attendees were encouraged to sign in to register their attendance.

Recorded attendance of the evening report 82 attendees, although it was believed the total number of attendees was closer to 100.

From the attendance sheet details it can be observed that around a third of attendees were residents from our off shore community and around a third from our on shore community. A further third did not provide further information on their residential details.

Presidents and delegates from YHA Ltd, West Pittwater Residents Association, Scotland Island Residents Association and Bayview Church Point Residents Association attended the session.

Communication

Several methods were used by Pittwater Council to advise the community of the “drop in” session:

- Information emailed directly to key stakeholders (SIRA, WPRA, BCPRA)
- Letter and information summary posted by Australia Post to all property owners in postcode 2104 and 2015, which included all off shore residences.
- Notice in the Council news page Saturday 26 March 2016 with general information
- Facebook post on the Pittwater Council page 29 March 2016

Facebook post



Council news page

GENERAL NOTICE	CHURCH POINT PARKING Pittwater Council is seeking feedback from the community regarding the Church Point Parking	Demand Management Proposal. For more information and to have your say visit www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/yoursay
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Local resident associations also communicated details of the Church Point Parking Demand Management Proposal “drop in” session throughout their networks.

West Pittwater and Scotland Island Residents Association also prepared their own communication relating to the proposal and distributed the flyer to their networks and also carried out a letter box drop throughout residential streets in Church Point and placed flyers on car wind screens parked in the Church Point area.

Conclusion

A wide range of questions were asked and feedback provided by attendees. A summary of some of the feedback is attached.

The “drop in” session allowed residents the opportunity to discuss in person with senior Council staff any concerns or questions with the proposals and allowed Pittwater Council to directly inform the community of the Church Point Parking Demand Management Proposal and to be available for face to face conversations. It also provided an opportunity to talk through each of the areas that we are engaging on and to explain the reasons and benefits behind the proposed parking changes.

The community expressed their appreciation of the diverse staff and representation from senior management that were available to speak with the community.

Summary of feedback by area of the proposal

Existing Church Point Reserve Car Park Proposal - Area 1

Comments

- General support regarding proposed parking arrangements for reserve carpark and new car park including CP permit only overnight areas.
- Some would prefer increase in 4P spots to 20 not to occur.
- Concern over loss of available parking spaces to service accommodation located off shore, such as YHA and holiday homes.
- Consideration of further spots being made available in reconfiguration of reserve car park for Church Point Permit Holders overnight parking.

Church Point Local Street Concept Plan – Baroona Road, Eastview Road and Quarter Sessions Road - Area 2

Comments

- Strong support from local residents in this area for proposed safety measures in local streets, with a request to minimise the number of spots that need to be reduced in total.
- Large majority of local residents support for 4P, a small number saying it would be inconvenient and proposing visitor passes to be provided to local residents.
- Would like to see this proposal implemented as soon as possible.
- Off-shore residents largely accept some places need to be removed for safety and access reasons and want to minimise as much as possible
- Significant concern from many in the off shore community with proposed 4P as reduces number of spots available for long-term parking, noting that can park overnight. Seeking CPP exempt in 4P areas, potentially with time limit of 7 days
- Residents unclear as to how the proposed 4P parking would operate between 6am – 10pm, some misunderstanding that this would mean that parking is allowed overnight from 6pm to 10am the following morning
- Comment that 4P parking will be difficult to enforce as Enforcement Officers cannot issue fines over two days as the current system only allows for one day to be enforced. Concerns from residents were that people could park at 6pm and stay there until 10am the following day.
- Large number of off shore residents expressed that they do not support any loss of parking in this area.

Car Parking at Café and Pasadena - Area 3

Comments

- No comments

New Church Point Car Park - Area 4

Comments

- Seeking confirmation on the proposed allocation of parking spaces in this area, with a concern that it appears that 4P areas are not CP permit exempt. (Note this was subsequently clarified that the intention of Council is that arrangements for the new car park should be as intended by Council, that is all 4P spaces would be CPP exempt (approx. 54 spaces), plus 50% of these spaces CPP only 6pm-6am)
- Suggest to re-allocate disabled parking spaces in the new car park and allocated them to another more appropriate and accessible area within Church Point.

Cargo Wharf - Area 5

Comments

- Questions as to how many spaces will be re-introduced?
- Safety concerns during construction (refer to comments under new car park construction and design comments).

Holmeport Marina, McCarrs Creek Road - Area 6

Comments

- No comments

Bothams Beach - Area 7

Comments

- Would like to seek Botham's beach CP exempt from 12P and to remain unrestricted.

General Comments Received

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- Continue to explore opportunities for a Shuttle bus to Church Point from other parking areas, such as Rowland Reserve.
- This parking proposal will shift parking demand to other areas of Church Point and Bayview, such as Bakers Road and outside of BYRA.
- Concerns that Enforcement Officers finish work between 5-5.30pm and that proposed parking changes will not be enforced.
- Expectation that off shore residents should purchase a Church Point Parking Permit rather than park in local streets.
- Concern about Pasadena and consent conditions that may attach to any development. Expectation of shuttle bus to Mona Vale car park when large functions are on.
- Query as to when, as outlined under the Church Point Plan of Management, a portion of the existing Church Point Car Park is scheduled to be returned to green space.

New Car Park Construction and Design Comments

Comments

- Concerns relating to potential visual impact of new car park
- Some members of the community are not supportive of the new car park commencing.
- Interest in being involved in the group to provide direction on final finishes of the new car park.
- Concern that current double parking area near Cargo Wharf, which will be used during construction for construction purposes, and will then be 30 min loading zone after construction will be dominated by trucks which will be a safety issue along that side of McCarrs Creek Road.
- Suggestion that some of the current parallel parking near there be made into 30 min loading zone after construction.