

Palmer Place On-Street Parking

Tuesday, 9 August 2022

Council

Strategic Alignment - Thriving Communities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Palmer Place, North Adelaide is a local road utilised for parking by a range of users including residents, visitors, students, and those attending nearby businesses of which medical service providers make up a significant proportion.

There is a mix of unrestricted and time limit parking available to meet the competing needs of stakeholders.

Previously, there were parking spaces subject to a 2-hour time limit which were changed to a 3-hour time limit in 2020.

At its meeting on 13 July 2021, Council requested Administration review the 3-hour parking restrictions on Palmer Place, North Adelaide.

At its meeting on 8 February 2022, parking study data was reviewed by Council to assist in determining whether a section of Palmer Place should be converted back to a 2-hour time limit from 3-hours. During this meeting, Council requested that Administration consults with the whole of Palmer Place to seek feedback to instead change all 3-hour time limit and unrestricted parking in Palmer Place to a 2-hour time limit.

This report provides information about the community consultation undertaken and the responses received for the consideration of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the change to the 3-hour on-street parking within Palmer Place to a 2-hour time limit and leave the unrestricted parking unaltered as detailed in Attachment A to Item 10.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 9 August 2022.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities A safe, affordable, accessible, well-connected city for people of all ages and abilities and transport modes.
Policy	The review of traffic and parking for safety and amenity aligns with the Smart Move Transport and Movement Strategy.
Consultation	A 28-day community consultation was undertaken to seek feedback from stakeholders of Palmer Place. Canvass letters were sent via post.
Resource	Management of delivery can be undertaken using internal resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Council has a responsibility to monitor and improve road safety by taking measures to protect its area from hazards, and to mitigate the effects of such hazards within the city.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The proposed parking alterations have a long-term life expectancy as they are proposed with the intention of improving the parking layout throughout Palmer Place.
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. At its meeting on 13 July 2021, Council requested Administration review the 3-hour parking restrictions on Palmer Place, North Adelaide, and report back to Council ([Link 1](#)).
2. At its meeting on 8 February 2022, Council was presented with parking turnover study data to assist with making a decision on a proposal to change a 3-hour parking zone to a 2-hour parking zone in a section of Palmer Place (eastern side of Palmer Place, between Kermodie Street and Pennington Terrace).
3. Council supported the proposal, however, requested that Administration undertake community consultation throughout Palmer Place to gain feedback on a proposal to change all (approximately 86) 3-hour time limit spaces and all the unrestricted parking spaces (approximately 80) in Palmer Place to a 2-hour time limit and report back to Council by August 2022 ([Link 2](#)).

Community Consultation

4. Community consultation was undertaken from 26 April 2022 to 23 May 2022, seeking feedback on the proposed. A copy of the consultation letter can be found in ([Link 3](#) view [here](#)).
5. Out of 84 consultation letters sent, 183 responses were received.
6. Aquinas College provided copies of the letter to students and staff.
7. Out of 183 responses, there were 29 supporting (16%), and 154 opposing the proposal (84%).
 - 7.1. Stakeholders of Aquinas College (students and administration) made up 100% of the objections received.
8. From viewing the supportive responses, the main driver of these was that the proposed changes would be beneficial as it provides a greater turnover of vehicles; therefore, allowing better access to the area for visitors, tradespeople, home-care providers, etc.
 - 8.1. Results suggest that stakeholders in support of the proposal view Palmer Place is being utilised as a carpark, therefore, not allowing for others to visit the area.
9. From viewing the opposing responses, the main driver of these was that students would feel unsafe parking further away, are unable to move their vehicle every 2-hours and believe unrestricted on-street parking should be available near their place of education/residence.

Next Steps & Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the 3-hour parking zones in Palmer Place be changed to a 2-hour time limit, but the unrestricted parking is left unaltered as detailed in **Attachment A**. Therefore, balancing the needs of the (approximately) 180 students at Aquinas College and other stakeholders who find benefit in a quicker turnover of vehicles.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Minutes, Council, 13 July 2021

Link 2 – Minutes, Council, 8 February 2022

Link 3 – Consultation Letter: Proposed Parking Alteration in Palmer Place

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Map of Palmer Place parking alterations