

## GENERAL REPORTS

### **4 PETITION - REQUEST TO HAVE 4 HOUR PARKING IN RAILWAY AVENUE, BEACONSFIELD**

FILE REFERENCE INT1846438

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise the petitioners:

1. Council will carry out a parking study in Railway Avenue in Beaconsfield, along with adjacent streets, including Wood St, Souter St, Horner St, Goff St, Station St, Beaconsfield Ave and Kenilworth Ave (Adjacent to the station).
2. Advise of the timelines to carry out such a study
3. Continue to advocate to relevant State Authorities to increase the parking available at Beaconsfield train station, along with other train stations, specifically those stations servicing the metro line.

#### Attachments

Nil.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition was submitted at the May 2018 Council meeting requesting Council to have 4 hour parking in Railway Ave Beaconsfield.

The prayer of the petition reads

*Petition Summary: PARKING IN RAILWAY AVE BEACONSFIELD.*

*The Residents of Railway Ave Beaconsfield have major concerns with the unrestricted parking limits on the west side of our street (the east side is "no parking anytime") which allows Beaconsfield Station Railway Users to park all day causing:*

1. *Extreme difficulty in leaving and entering our homes in daylight hours due to the narrowness of the road.*
2. *Impossible access to our homes for Trades People and Deliveries in daylight hours for the above reason.*
3. *No available parking for visitors ( which is of special concern to our Senior Residents as their senior friends have to park over a kilometre away which for many is prohibitive )*

***Action Petitioned For:*** We the undersigned are concerned RESIDENTS of Railway Avenue Beaconsfield who urge COUNCIL to act now to put in place a 4 hour Parking Limit on the west side of Railway Ave Beaconsfield or Permit Parking Only.

It is proposed to carry out a parking study to understand the number of vehicles parking on Railway Avenue, Beaconsfield and the length of time that they are parking there for. This will enable Council officers to make a more informed decision on how best to proceed.

It is also proposed to extend the parking study along adjacent streets, Wood St, Souter St, Horner St, Goff St, Station St, Beaconsfield Ave and Kenilworth Ave (Adjacent to the station).

Council will also continue to advocate to the relevant state authorities to increase the parking available at Beaconsfield train station, along with other train stations, specifically those stations servicing the metro line.

## **BACKGROUND**

A petition was submitted at the May 2018 Council meeting requesting Council to have 4 hour parking in Railway Ave Beaconsfield.

Beaconsfield Train station is experiencing an increase in the number of people using this station and the current train station car park is unable to cope with the additional volumes, this is pushing the public to park on adjacent streets, Railway Avenue being one of these streets.

Railway Avenue is located north of Beaconsfield train station and runs in a north south direction, along with other streets, including Wood St, Souter St, Horner St and Goff St. The streets that are located around the perimeter of the train station are Station St, Beaconsfield Ave and Kenilworth Ave. It is proposed to carry out a parking study for occupancy rates and duration on all these streets, so that Council officers will get a clear picture of what effect this additional volumes using Beaconsfield train station are having on the adjacent streets. This will enable Council officers to make an informed decision to address the issues addressing this precinct rather than one specific street.

The timeframes required to carry out this study and review the information is 4 months and as such Council officer are going to report back to Council on the outcomes of this study and a proposed direction forward at the November Council meeting.

Council officers are in the process of engaging a contractor to carry out the study, in preparation of Council recommendation.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

The petition is in line with Council Plan action 3.2 Transport linkages connecting towns

## **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

The request to have 4 hour parking in Railway Ave Beaconsfield was made by residents of Railway Avenue, Beaconsfield and adjacent street. No consultation has taken place since receiving this petition.

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**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The costs associated with undertaking a study of this nature can be covered by the 2018-19 Capital Works Program.

**CONCLUSION**

Council proceed with a parking study in Railway Avenue in Beaconsfield, along with adjacent streets, including Wood St, Souther St, Horner St, Goff St, Station St, Beaconsfield Ave and Kenilworth Ave (Adjacent to the station). While also continuing to advocate to relevant State Authorities to increase the parking available at Beaconsfield train station, along with other train stations, specifically those stations servicing the metro line.