

13. EXTENDED PARKING HOURS

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The purpose of this report is to explore the need to extend the hours of operation of metered parking control to include Saturday and in other areas Sunday. At present only parts of the central area of the inner city are required to comply with the six-day meter control or standard parking restrictions. The standard parking restrictions apply from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday and metered parking varies in different parts of the inner city.

The Council has received a number of requests to extend the hours of operation to include Saturday and in other areas Sunday. These requests have come from the Manchester Street/St Asaph Street area and Colombo Street. These areas controlled by parking meters, are illustrated in the attachment which shows Monday to Friday, Monday to Saturday and to Sunday are described on this diagram.

There is a wide range of land uses within the central area and as a result there is variation of parking demands. Over the last few years there has been a large growth in retail trading on Saturday and Sunday to such an extent that Saturday is now one of the busiest days of the week. In recognising that there is a variation in activities which varies according to location, it is proposed to circulate to property occupiers a questionnaire to establish whether a change to the existing parking restriction adjacent to their property is needed.

This action is supported by the Parking Operations Manager.

Recommendation: That the Council explore the need for an extension to the hours of operation of the existing parking restrictions and circulate a questionnaire to establish need.