

11. HILLS ROAD CAR PARKING BETWEEN EDGEWARE ROAD AND DUDLEY STREET

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The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board concerning the introduction of the parking restraints associated with the recent installation of the two pedestrian refuges in Hills Road.

One of the shop owners has maintained that the introduction of the broken yellow lines at the Edgeware Road intersection has adversely affected the return on his business. Previous inspections by City Streets staff have found only low usage at any time for the available parking spaces. During the public consultation process that preceded the development, assurances were given that any adverse effects of installing the pedestrian refuges would be analysed and reconsidered following a settling period.

The two pedestrian refuges were installed in Hills Road as a safety measure and to assist people with crossing the road. There has been considerable support for this project from the local community.

Parking restrictions were extended in conjunction with the operation of the two pedestrian refuge islands and right turn bay. The major extension was to prevent cars from parking in the area of the Edgeware Road intersection controls. Parking directly outside the shops and the three houses to the north of them remained unaffected. A further brief survey of the parking pressure on this kerbside facility has been undertaken. From the end of the broken yellow lines to the corner of Dudley Street there is sufficient kerbside space (excluding vehicle crossings) for 9 cars to park easily.

Day	Time	Number of Cars Parked
Monday 8 th	12.00	1
Monday 8 th	3.00	2
Monday 8 th	4.30	3
Thursday 11 th	5.00	4
Friday 12 th	4.30	1
Friday 12 th	6.00	3
Saturday 13 th	5.15	3
Sunday 14 th	4.30	1
Sunday 14 th	8.30	2

The other shopkeeper at this location has been visited for his comments. He indicated that he was pleased with the introduced pedestrian facilities and that there had been no change to their custom or availability of parking. He believed there were odd occasions when there was no parking available but that this had always been the case. No specific times could be established when there was a shortage of parking space.

Passing traffic is a recognised source of custom for these types of shops and if it is inconvenient for a driver to stop, then they will not shop. It does not appear that this is the situation in this instance.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:** That the officers recommendation be adopted.