

31. CATHEDRAL SQUARE INTERIM PROPOSALS

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval initiate interim parking restrictions in Cathedral Square following the relocation of the commuter buses to the new Bus Exchange on 30 April.

The Consultants engaged for Stage 5 in the final stage in the revitalisation of Cathedral Square have recommended a number of small interim changes to the layout of the north western quadrant. These changes have been designed to, provide short term improvements by delineating some additional areas for parking, loading taxis and tourist coaches. These controls are to assist in addressing the needs of adjacent property occupiers and users of the Square, while acknowledging the final plans for this area need to be developed and agreed. They are illustrated in the diagrams separately circulated.

The changes will be made using temporary devices such as the planting boxes that have been recently introduced on the eastern side of the Square. These planting boxes will be complimented with temporary bollards. The controls are proposed to be flexible and will be introduced as part of a traffic experiment for the temporary prohibition of traffic on those parts of Cathedral Square illustrated in the interim layout.

The parking restrictions associated with the changes include; the provision of an area for coach parking, an enlarged taxi stand, locations for P5 loading zones, some limited P30 areas and additional no stopping restrictions. The location and type of parking restrictions are also illustrated in the diagram.

These changes have been developed from the discussions that the Consultants have had with the adjacent property occupiers and user groups associated with the Square. The Parking Operations Manager also supports the proposed changes .

- Recommendation:**
1. That proposed traffic plan illustrated in the attached diagram be adopted as the basis for an interim layout for the north western quadrant of Cathedral Square.
 2. That a coach area with a time limit of 30 minutes be located on the northern western side of the roadway link between Worcester Street (west) and Colombo Street commencing at a point 20 metres measured in a easterly direction from a point opposite the western boundary of Cathedral Square and extending in an north easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
 3. That a taxi stand be created on the northern western side of the roadway link between Worcester Street (west) and Colombo Street commencing at a point 20 metres measured in a westerly direction from a point opposite the western kerbline of Colombo Street and extending in an north easterly direction for a distance of 25 metres.
 4. That a loading zone with a time limit of 5 minutes be located on the north western side of the traffic island closest to the northern side of Cathedral Square commencing at a point 20 metres measured it a north easterly direction from a point opposite the western boundary of Cathedral Square and extending in an north easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres.
 5. That a loading zone with a time limit of 5 minutes be located on the north western side of the traffic island closest to the northern side of Cathedral Square commencing at a point 30 metres measured in a westerly direction from a point opposite the western kerbline of Colombo Street and extending in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

6. That a no stopping at all times parking restriction be imposed on the south eastern side of the roadway link between Worcester Street (west) and Colombo Street commencing at a point opposite the western kerbline of Colombo Street and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 50 metres.
7. That a no stopping at all times parking restriction be imposed on the south eastern side of the traffic island to the northwest of the roadway link between Worcester Street (west) and Colombo Street commencing at a point 15 metres measured in a easterly direction from a point opposite the western boundary of Cathedral Square and extending in an north easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
8. That a no stopping at all times parking restriction be imposed on the south eastern side of the traffic island to the northwest of the roadway link between Worcester Street (west) and Colombo Street commencing at a point 22 metres measured in a southwesterly direction from a point opposite the western kerbline of Colombo Street and extending in an north easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
9. That a parking restriction with a time limit of 30 minutes at all times be imposed in the angle parking areas on the northwestern side of the link between Worcester Street (west) and Colombo Street in the area located 3 to 12 metres from the western boundary of Cathedral Square.
10. That a parking restriction with a time limit of 30 minutes at all times be located in the angle parking areas located on the eastern side of Cathedral Square at the area located 55 to 65 metres from the western boundary of Cathedral Square.

Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the above recommendation be adopted.