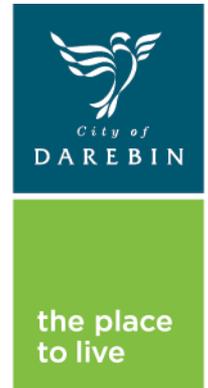


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Frequently Asked Questions – Railway Place Parking and Access



What is the process for requesting a parking change investigation?

Any resident can make a formal submission to Council requesting a parking change. The form is available online on the parking page of our website under Requesting Changes. The request must be supported by at least one other supporting property (resident or local business).

When a request is received, Council undertakes the following 6-step investigation process to ensure that an evidence-based solution that improves access for those that need it most can be found:

Step 1: Engage local residents and businesses by inviting them to fill in a survey to tell us their challenges and ideas about parking in their local area.

Step 2: Council reviews all survey feedback and looks at how often on-street parking in their area is being used. If there is a need for change, a draft parking plan will be prepared.

Step 3: If a change is needed, we will send residents and businesses a letter with a draft parking plan that explains the proposed changes and invites feedback.

Step 4: Council will review all feedback on the draft parking plan and will modify the plan as required.

Step 5: Council will send residents and businesses a copy of the final parking plan and the date when the changes will be made.

Step 6: The changes will be made in your street.

What's happened so far?

In June and July 2020, Council started Step 1 of the parking change investigation process by mailing a survey to all properties in Railway Place asking for residents' feedback on car parking.

Council then completed Step 2 by:

- reviewing all the feedback it received and;
- developing proposed parking changes for Railway Place to address residents' concerns.

Council is now undertaking Step 3. We are seeking your final feedback on the proposed changes outlined above.

A survey is available to complete online at <http://surveys.darebin.vic.gov.au/s3/railwayplaceparking> or feedback can be received via email or phone until the 5th February 2021.



Why are you proposing these changes?

After receiving a community request and a requirement to investigate parking through a planning permit condition tied to property 72A Station Street Fairfield, Council started an investigation into what the best on-street parking arrangements are for Railway Place.

Council is currently responding to this request by undertaking Council's 6-step parking change investigation process.

Survey feedback from residents and Council investigations shows that there is a need to improve parking access in Railway Place.

Council is proposing parking changes to improve access for residents and their visitors as long stay commuters, visitors to the area or locals storing cars would be deterred from occupying the street all day. Improved on-street parking in Railway Place will also enhance access for carers and for people picking-up or dropping-off people or goods.

What information was used to develop this parking change proposal?

In July 2020, Council undertook its first round of engagement on parking issues in Railway Place, collecting information from the community about their parking challenges and access requirements. Over one in five (20%) households responded, and many people included comments about parking, which were very helpful.

It's clear from the data we have that there is parking pressure in the street. Survey responses indicated that there is generally low levels of motivation for change. This is likely to be because many residential properties in Railway Place are not eligible for residential parking permits.

Council's data shows that 85% or more of available parking spaces are occupied in peak periods during the day on weekdays. During peak periods on the weekend, 40% of available spaces were occupied.

Feedback in the comments section of the survey showed a mix of views depending on people's situation. Some people want changes to restrictions to improve access for them and their visitors, and some want no change. A full summary of feedback can be viewed in the Step 3 Letter - Community Parking and Access Proposal Railway Place. You can view this letter and more about the Railway Place parking proposal at www.darebin.vic.gov.au/railwayplaceparking

How will the proposed changes affect disabled parking?

This change will improve access for carers where a disabled parking permit can be used to park for double the amount of time shown on a parking sign. There are no proposed changes to introduce or modify any disabled parking spaces as part of the proposal.

How will Council use my feedback?

The findings from this stage of engagement will assist in determining whether the proposed changes will address known access requirements, and whether any modifications to the proposal need to be made.

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