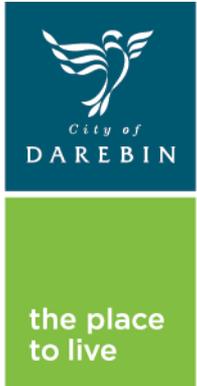


Frequently Asked Questions – Gillies Street Parking and Access



What is being proposed?

Council is seeking feedback on the following proposed changes to parking restrictions in Gillies Street, between Railway Place and Heidelberg Road:

Parking in all areas would remain unrestricted during off-peak periods (between 6pm and 8am).

During peak times there would be a mix of unrestricted and restricted areas on Gillies Street.

- The proposed change to parking is on the east side of Gillies Street (currently unrestricted) to 2P between 8am and 6pm every day of the week.
- All other parking areas and controls on Gillies Street would remain unaltered.

A map showing the proposal follows:



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 and community supported solution 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 Gillies Street 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 Gillies Street 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 (access [the survey here](#)) or feedback can be received via email or phone until the 31st January 2021.

Why are you proposing these changes?

In 2018 Council received a request (with 29 supporting signatures) that we investigate ways to better manage on-street car parking in Gillies Street.

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 Gillies Street.

Council is proposing parking changes to improve access for residents and their visitors as long stay commuters would be deterred from occupying the street all day. Improved on-street parking in Gillis street will also enhance access for carers, where a disabled parking permit can be used to park for double the amount of time shown on a parking sign.



What information was used to develop this parking change proposal?

In July 2020, Council undertook its first round of engagement on parking issues in Gillies Street, 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 that there is parking pressure in the street. Feedback from residents shows this and Council's data also demonstrates this - on average on weekdays around one in ten parking spaces is free (12%). Around one in five (20%) were free on Saturdays.

There was strong agreement that parking is a challenge, but feedback showed a mix of views on the solution, including a preference for more on street parking restrictions and other feedback requesting that no changes should be made. A full summary of feedback can be viewed in the Step 3 Letter - Community Parking and Access Proposal Gillies Street. You can view this letter and more about the Gillies Street parking proposal [here](#).

What role does Council play in car parking?

There are some things that Council can do to improve parking in Gillies Street, and some things that are out of our control.

Parking is an asset that is managed both publicly and privately. Council is responsible for local roads and associated parking, paths and trails, walking and cycling infrastructure, and how parking affects these functions and the overall urban environment.

Parking rates for new developments are defined by State Government planning scheme overlays. Council can propose amendments to the planning scheme to support new policy directions.

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 if the proposed changes should proceed, and whether any modifications to the proposal needs to be made.



How can I be involved and provide my feedback?

From late December 2020 and in January 2021 we'll be out in your neighbourhood listening to your ideas on how parking can be managed in the future and the transport choices for our community.

To find out more and to tell us your ideas, please contact us in one of the ways below. Please provide your feedback to us by 31 January 2020.

- You can email us at allan.middlemast@darebin.vic.gov.au.
- You can call us on **03 8470 8436**. We are happy to arrange someone to speak to you in your language if you would prefer.
- You can complete the survey at:
surveys.darebin.vic.gov.au/s3/gilliesstreetparking
- You can read more on our website, including accessing past letters and the parking change investigation process: darebin.vic.gov.au/gilliesstreetparking

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