

**YOUR REF:** SUB/516

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**VIA EMAIL:** council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

**PROPOSED ADDITIONAL NO PARKING ZONES WENTWORTH STREET**

We refer to your proposal dated 13 September 2018 (**Proposal**) and the telephone conversation between Mr David Lappan and my wife Georgia Marshall on Friday 14 September 2018.

My wife and I own 1B Wentworth Street Cottesloe.

We acquired the original house and land in 2013 and completed the current duplex development in December 2017. We lived at the residence prior to and following the development.

We understand that there have been some complaints made to Council from neighbours on Wentworth Street in relation to cars being parked on Wentworth St.

We also understand that there was an event in which a rubbish truck had some difficulty accessing Wentworth St.

From our conversations with the neighbours both of these incidents involved cars on the Northern side of Wentworth Street. In all of the incidents none of the cars belonged to us or were anyone related or acquainted with us at 1B Wentworth Street (i.e. the cars in question belonged to friends, relatives or delivery vehicles associated with other residences of Wentworth Street).

**OBJECTION**

We have considered the Proposal and object to it for the following reasons:

1. If implemented the Proposal will unfairly prohibit car parking out the front of our house (i.e. the Southern side of the Wentworth St) but no other properties on the Southern side of Wentworth Street. Legal line marking on the Southern side has been done relatively recently so there is no justifiable reason for extending the line marking on the Southern side and the impact on us would be severe;
2. Whilst some residents may enjoy travelling fast into Wentworth Street we note that if cars follow the legal speed limit for turning vehicles and enter Wentworth St on the left hand side of the road without cutting the corner, cars parked within the legal line

marking area on the Southern side of Wentworth Street provide no obstruction. This is evidenced by the fact that delivery vehicles and rubbish vehicles access the road on a daily basis. Encouraging and maintaining a safe speed limit on the corner of Wentworth and Railway Streets is paramount as the area is frequently populated by young children either residents of the street or those traveling to and from North Cottesloe Primary School.

3. Our house 1B Wentworth St is the only property on the Southern side that does not have rear lane access or access from Railway St, so parking out the front on the Southern side of the road is required. We are the parents of a young family and need the ability park outside our property for a number of reasons including the safety of our children. Railway street is a busy street and to require us to park on the railway reserve and cross the busy street with our children exposes our children to safety risk.
4. Services and trades will be prevented from parking out the front of our property and will be required to lug equipment, tools and materials from the railway reserve, thereby exposing tradesmen to unnecessary risk of physical harm.
5. We have a number of elderly family members, friends with young children and friends with disabilities. Again to force these people to park on the railway reserve and cross the busy street in their conditions exposes them to unnecessary risk of physical harm.
6. Although unlawful, particular neighbours up Wentworth St from us (including two doors up) enforce the parking space directly in front of their property on the road as an exclusive use area solely by them. For example, if a carer for our children attempts to park outside her property she runs out of her house and tells them they are not allowed to do so. In effect, there would be issues around parking further up Wentworth Street which would be difficult to over-come.
7. Prohibiting street parking out the front of our property will detrimentally impact on the value of our property.

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly the current line marking which prohibits parking on the corner of Railway St and Wentworth St should remain as it serves a purpose and is in compliance with the law.

However, extending the current line marking on the Southern side of Wentworth St so that a prohibited parking zone is created in front of our house is excessive and completely unfair on us.

## **SUGGESTED WAY FORWARD**

If the Southern side of Wentworth St is left as is and the entire Northern Side of Wentworth Street is marked as a no parking area, there would not be any impediments to the flow of traffic.

This is the custom already adopted by residents (Southern side of Street parking only) so formalizing this Southern side parking only arrangement as a law should be a relatively straight forward process.

To confirm, we do not object to any further no parking zones on the Northern side of Wentworth St and believe that implementing no parking on the entire Northern side would resolve any traffic flow issues. We do however, strongly object to further line marking on the

Southern side. We formally request a face to face meeting if Council continues to consider extending the markings on the Southern Side of Wentworth St.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss.

Regards,

Chris Marshall