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City of Yarra

10 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Studley Street & Yarra Street Parking

At the recent community consultation which you conducted in relation to parking on Studley & Yarra Streets in Abbotsford you indicated that (aside from parking removal on one side of our streets) there are the following 3 potential options which Council is likely to consider in relation to our streets:

- a) Do nothing – i.e. maintain the status quo conditions;
- b) Introduce painted guidance lines to ensure better parking/ maximise distance between parked cars (i.e. like in St Phillips' Street Abbotsford); and
- c) Introduce mounted parking (i.e. like in Yarra Street Abbotsford between Nicholson Street and Clarke Street).

You also indicated a willingness at that meeting for Council to also look at potentially altering parking restrictions in our streets with a view to ensuring better parking availability for residents.

The petition

As noted by [REDACTED] at last Tuesday's Council meeting, following the community consultation hosted by you a group of local residents formed together to gather signatures on a petition to make our position unambiguous and clear. As the over 400 signatures which we gathered evidences, as a group of residents we are united in wanting Council to adopt any of the potential 3 options listed above and in urging Council to reject any proposal to remove parking on one side of our street.

The community survey

Over the past ten days, we have conducted a further survey of residents to see which of the three potential options listed above (do nothing, introduce painted lines, introduce mounted parking) is preferred by residents. At the same time, we also asked residents if:

- a) **in addition** to their preferred parking option they would like altered parking restrictions in our streets;
- b) **in addition** to their preferred parking option they would like double-sided parking 24 hours a day 7 days a week i.e. removing the 8am-4pm Mon to Fri one sided clearway times in our streets.

I now write to provide Council with these results with a view to assisting you to arrive at a better informed proposal for Council to vote on at the 7 April 2020 Council meeting.

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The results

I have provided for your reference a full copy of the CSV survey results (with identifying data removed) so you can review it on your own. However, the results can be summarised as follows:

- 1) Results across the three options (painted lines, do nothing, mounted parking) were extremely close:
 - a) Introducing painted lines is the most popular option, favoured by 35.4% of respondents
 - b) Do nothing is the second most popular option, favoured by 32.31% of respondents;
 - c) Introduce mounted parking is the least favoured of the three options, favoured by 27.7% of respondents;

As noted in the petition, however, whilst residents might be split on which of the options they prefer, we are united in wanting Council to adopt one of these options rather than removing parking on one side of the street altogether.

I would observe that the do nothing and painted-lines options are closer to one another in practical terms than the introduction of mounted parking. As such, I suspect that the adoption of either of these two options would likely be received extremely favourably by those who opted for the other of the two options.

- 2) **In addition to the adoption of one of the three options above (do nothing, painted lines, mounted parking), respondents were overwhelmingly in favour of the addition of permit-only at all time restrictions being introduced into our streets, with:**
 - a. 44.6% of respondents being in favour of one-sided permit only at all times parking **in addition** to one of the three options (do nothing, painted lines, mounted parking) being adopted;
 - b. 20% of respondents favoured permit-only parking on both sides of the street at all times **in addition** to one of the three options (do nothing, painted lines, mounted parking) being adopted;;
 - c. 15.4% of respondents **were not in favour of introducing permit-only restrictions** in addition to one of the three options (do nothing, painted lines, mounted parking) being adopted;
 - d. 10.8% of respondents didn't care.
- 3) Residents were **overwhelmingly in favour of double-sided parking 24 hours a day 7 days a week**, with 70.6% of respondents in favour of this. As a result, I would urge Council to consider this as a potential win/ positive outcome which Council could provide to residents following the somewhat fraught engagement over parking issues.

I have extracted for your convenience visualisations of each of the key responses to the questions in Annexure 1 to this letter. I would be pleased to discuss these results if this would assist.

Kind regards



Annexure 1 – Visualisation of key survey results

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Q1

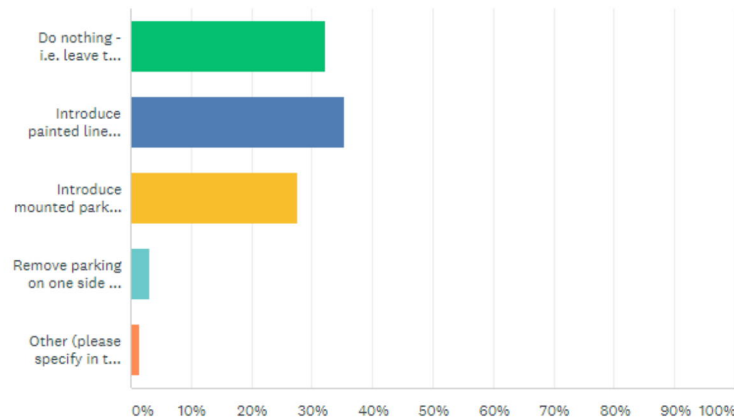


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Which potential parking solution would you prefer Council to adopt?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 0



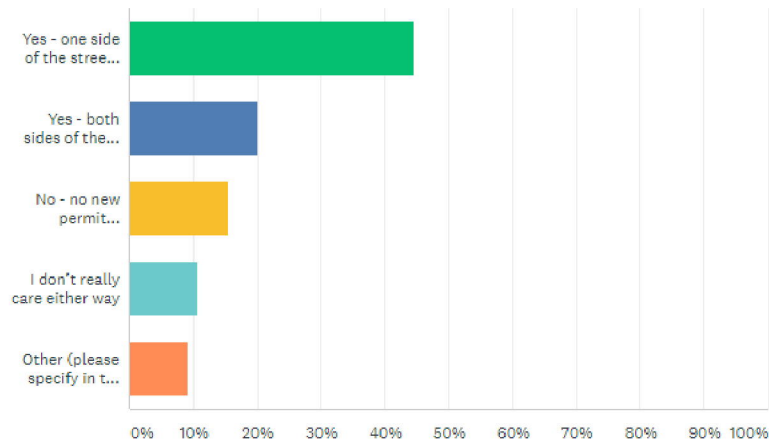
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Do nothing - i.e. leave the current arrangements with no change	32.31% 21
▼ Introduce painted lines to encourage people to park closer to the kerb (i.e. like St Phillips Street)	35.38% 23
▼ Introduce mounted parking (i.e. like Yarra Street east of Nicholson Street)	27.69% 18
▼ Remove parking on one side of Yarra & Studley Streets at all times	3.08% 2
▼ Other (please specify in text box below)	1.54% 1
TOTAL	65

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Would you like parking restrictions changed in addition to your preferred parking solution?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 0

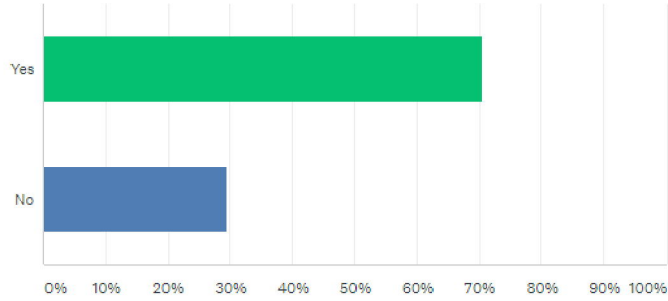


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes - one side of the street should be permit only at all times	44.62% 29
Yes - both sides of the street should be permit only at all times	20.00% 13
No - no new permit restrictions should be introduced	15.38% 10
I don't really care either way	10.77% 7
Other (please specify in text box below)	9.23% 6
TOTAL	65

Q5

Would you like double sided parking in Studley & Yarra Streets 24 hours a day 7 days a week?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	70.59% 36
No	29.41% 15
TOTAL	51

