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Ms Kathy MacDermott
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PLANS AND DOCUMENTS
referred to in the ULDA
APPROVAL dated 2 / 10 / 2012

Dear Ms MacDermott

On Tuesday evening, Council resolved to adopt amendments to its Transport, Access, Parking and Servicing Planning Scheme Policy (TAPS PSP).

There has been some media interest in the amendments relating to car parking provisions, however not all reports have accurately reflected what the changes will be. Below is an overview of the key elements of 'Section 6' from the TAPS PSP.

Council will not be changing current parking rates within the CBD. The City Frame will see some changes, which include changing the **maximum** provision from 1 space per 200m2 to a **maximum** of 1 space per 100m2 for commercial and retail uses. This is to allow for the range of uses that occur within this Frame area. The current rates for commercial and retail uses in suburbia also will not change.

In terms of residential development, Council receives complaints on a daily basis about cars parking out suburban streets as a result of inadequate off street car parking. Many of these complaints are a result of developments that have argued for a reduction in car parking provisions, most on the basis of providing affordable or student accommodation. In many instances the vehicle owners catch public transport to work each day, however they still require somewhere to garage their vehicle.

Through the amended TAPS PSP, residential developments will have to provide a **minimum** of 1 space per identifiable unit. This will apply to multi-unit dwellings, single-unit dwellings, affordable housing, student accommodation and dual key units. There will be some provision for relaxation on the basis of special uses- such as aged or disabled care- however our main concern remains that parked cars must be taken off suburban streets.

I have attached a copy of the TAPS PSP for your reference. Please note that the TAPS Code is currently with the State Government for First State Interest Check. Once it has been returned to Council, it will go out for public notification.

Please let me know if you or your members require any further clarification.

Kind Regards

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