

# Grey Lynn RPZ Extension – Reconsult

## Community feedback summary

### Summary

In June 2023, Auckland Transport (AT) proposed to extend the Grey Lynn Residential Parking Zone (RPZ). The majority of the submissions received asked AT to change the proposal, including requests from residents for inclusion or exclusion from RPZ.

In response to these resident requests and recognising the impact that the introduction of paid parking on Westmoreland Street West would have on parking availability in surrounding streets, AT made changes to the boundaries of the proposed RPZ extension. These changes were to include a part of Sackville Street and exclude the northern side of Richmond Road.

We reconsulted with the community on this new proposal in October 2023 and received **45** responses.

The cost of the residential parking permit, and the negative financial impact it would have on residents was a common theme in the feedback we received.

**Due to the overall negative response from residents, we will not be extending the Grey Lynn RPZ.**

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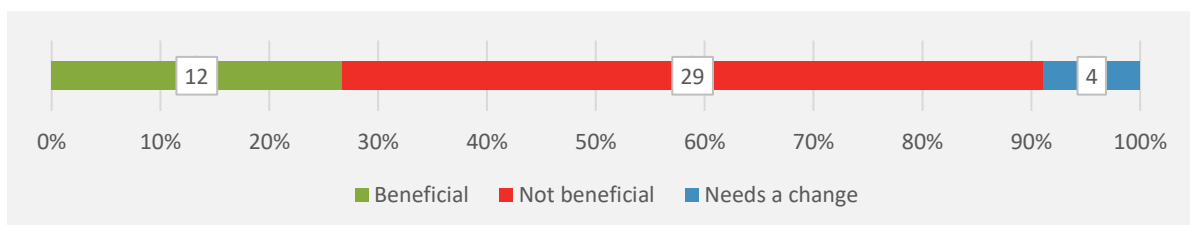
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### Overall opinion

We asked respondents: **What do you think of the proposed changes to your neighbourhood?**

The response options were:

- **The changes would benefit the community.**
  - How would this proposal benefit your neighbourhood?
- **The changes would not benefit the community.**
  - What are your concerns about this proposal?
- **I have a suggestion to make.**
  - How can we improve this proposal?



- 12 respondents said that these changes would benefit the community.
- 29 respondents said that these changes would not benefit the community.
- 4 respondents had a suggestion to improve this proposal.



## Feedback received and AT responses

Sentiment	AT response
<b>Residential Parking Zone Extension</b>	
<b>RPZ Queries and Concerns</b>	
<p><b>This proposal will prioritise parking for residents and allow them to find a place to park closer to their homes.</b></p> <p>People are parking in this area to go to school or work nearby or parking here and then commuting elsewhere via bike or bus.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>We acknowledge that this proposal would help improve parking availability for some residents. However, due to the overall negative feedback received from residents, we will not be extending the Grey Lynn RPZ.</p>
<p><b>Why is one side of Richmond Road excluded?</b></p>	<p>We originally proposed to include both sides of Richmond Road. However, due to resident feedback, we reconsulted with the northern side excluded from the proposal.</p>
<p><b>Why is it better or different to include only one side of Richmond Road and include both sides of Sackville Street?</b></p>	<p>The changes made to the proposed RPZ boundary between the June and October consultation were in response to resident objections, requests, and suggestions.</p>
<p><b>Why is parking being restricted in areas like Westmoreland Street where the houses already have parking?</b></p>	<p>There are houses on Westmoreland Street East with no off-street parking and limited off-street parking.</p>
<p><b>Why is Moira Street not included?</b></p> <p>Request to assess impact of school students parking all day on Moira Street through a parking survey during school hours.</p> <p>Query about why it does not meet the criteria to be included in the Grey Lynn RPZ.</p>	<p>Moira Street is a part of Ponsonby and not Grey Lynn, so it cannot be included in the Grey Lynn RPZ. Therefore, it was not included in the parking survey for this project.</p>
<p><b>Objection to the proposed time restrictions (P120).</b></p>	<p>In our experience, 2-hour parking restrictions is the most effective when dealing with all day parking.</p> <p>2 hours is normally enough time for people to visit local businesses or residents.</p> <p>In an RPZ, each house is entitled to 50 free parking coupons for visitors and tradespeople who need to park on the street for more than 2 hours.</p>

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	For these reasons, AT's Parking Strategy recommends the use of 2-hour parking restrictions.
<p>Concern around the negative financial impact of paying for a residential parking permit.</p> <p>Suggestion to provide one free residential parking permit per household.</p> <p>Request for more information about parking permits, including the cost.</p>	<p>The RPZ is a targeted charging solution to address parking problems in a specific area, so the people who benefit from the scheme pay for it.</p> <p>The permit administration fee helps cover the costs of running the scheme, and without this fee, we would need to find the money elsewhere, e.g., through rates.</p> <p>On-street parking is not a right, and the cost of on-street parking should not be passed onto ratepayers.</p> <p>Residents in this area have, overall, told us that they would not benefit from a RPZ in this area, so we will not be proceeding with this proposal.</p>
Houses on the border of the RPZ will be affected as they will be unable to park on the street around their house, but also unable to apply for permits.	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>We will not be proceeding with the proposal to extend the Grey Lynn RPZ.</p>
Objection to parking restrictions on Richmond Road.	
The proposed RPZ will push the parking issues further up Richmond Road and into the side streets.	
The parking situation is working well as-is.	
The cars parked on Richmond Road and Sackville Street are not commuters – leave the parking situation as-is.	
<b>Sackville Street</b>	
There are too many cars parked on Sackville Street, making it difficult to find parking.	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Due to the lack of support from residents, we will not be extending the Grey Lynn RPZ.</p> <p>Sackville Street was originally not included in our June 2023 proposal to extend the Grey Lynn RPZ. However, some residents of Sackville Street told us that they would like to be included in the RPZ.</p>
There is sufficient parking for both residents and non-residents on Sackville Street – there is currently no issue with parking availability.	
Objection to Sackville Street being included in the RPZ.	
All of Sackville Street should be included in the RPZ, or none of it should.	
The proposed RPZ and P120 will cause people to park further along Sackville Street in unrestricted areas.	

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Due to the town house complex on the corner of Sackville Street and Richmond Road, many residents already struggle to find overnight parking.	We also recognised the effect that the paid parking along Westmoreland Street West may have on parking availability along Sackville Street. For these reasons, we re-consulted with residents on a new proposal to include part of Sackville Street in the Grey Lynn RPZ.
<b>Impact on Wider Community</b>	
Concern for the safety of people who will have to walk further at night due to parking restrictions.	Thank you for your feedback. Due to the lack of support from residents, we will not be extending the Grey Lynn RPZ.
Proposal will cause disruption to people who park in the area for work, school, etc.	
Proposed changes will add further costs for businesses.	
<b>Other Feedback</b>	
<b>Parking Sentiments</b>	
Suggestion to revert the previously designated RPZ in nearby areas to general parking.	We will not revert previously designated parking zones as they are working as designed.
Is the mentioned paid parking on Westmoreland Street West metered parking?	Yes, this is metered parking, paid by the hour.
Vehicles are being parked over driveways.	According to the road user rules, vehicles should not obstruct driveways. Please call for enforcement if a vehicle is parked within 1m of the driveway and is blocking access. You can do this by calling <b>093553553</b> .
Concern about trailers being parked long-term on the street, and occasionally being moved to a different spot.	Please request parking enforcement if you see vehicles that are parking illegally. You can do this by calling <b>093553553</b> . Trailers are only able to be parked for 5 days before needing to be moved. If the trailer is moved every 5 days, then it is legally parked.

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Parking is an issue during events held at Western Springs or Grey Lynn Park.	The RPZ scheme is not aimed at resolving parking availability during events. These are managed through traffic management plans specific to the event.
Loss of parking on Sackville Street due to the construction of the cycleway.	This is outside of the scope of this project.
What is the point of parking restrictions on John Street, and other low ends of streets far from busier roads such as Ponsonby Road, Richmond Road, and Jervois Road?	These restrictions prioritise residents who struggle to park when the roads are full of vehicles from outside the area. The P120 zone is working as designed as the area used to be fully occupied before the restrictions were introduced.
Suggestion to revert the previously designated RPZ in nearby areas to general parking.	We had made changes to the first proposal based on resident feedback and were no longer consulting on the earlier proposed area.
<b>Other</b>	
Feedback received will be skewed as AT is most likely to receive complaints rather than compliments.	We have requested feedback from all residents. It is up to each resident to decide whether and how they wish to respond.
<p><b>Queries about the consultation process.</b></p> <p>How was the consultation undertaken?            Why did I not receive a letter?            The initial consultation did not mention Sackville Street.</p>	<p>Please see the below timeline:</p> <p><b>June 2023</b>            Consultation for the initial proposal opened. Letters were posted to the directly affected properties, and properties near the proposed boundary.            This proposal did not include Sackville Street.</p> <p><b>July to September 2023</b>            AT looked at the feedback received, and based on resident feedback, made changes to the proposed boundaries to the RPZ extension.</p> <p><b>October 2023</b></p>

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	<p>Consultation opened for the new proposal. Letters were posted to the directly affected properties, and properties near the proposed boundary.</p> <p>This proposal no longer included a part of Richmond Road, and included a part of Sackville Street.</p> <p><b>November - December 2023</b></p> <p>AT looked at the feedback received, and based on resident feedback, made the decision to not extend the Grey Lynn RPZ.</p>