

Fairfield Parking FAQs

Why do we have a Fairfield Parking Study?

Council was approached by residents and businesses in 2016 with concerns about car parking in and around Fairfield Village. In response, Council conducted detailed parking surveys in the vicinity.

The proposed changes are based on the following approach to managing parking around important local shopping strips:

- Shorter restrictions (1hr or less) should be used for core shopping areas, with longer restrictions (2-3hrs) in surrounding streets. Shorter restrictions create more parking turnover, resulting in greater parking availability. Those spending longer in the area will need to park further away if choosing to bring their car.
- All parking spaces within a five minute walk from the core shopping area should have time based parking restrictions, to best use our valuable community resource.
- Local community access, the viability of local businesses, and amenity for local residents need to be balanced when managing parking.
- The parking occupancy should not exceed 80% on average.

Will residents need a permit to park in local streets?

Parking restrictions are proposed to be implemented in parts of local streets around Fairfield Village. People who have parking restrictions outside their home require a permit to park in the area to stay over the time limit.

For more information on parking permits, see the Darebin website:

<http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Darebin-Living/Parking-and-Transport/Parking>

Are any car parking spaces being removed?

There are no proposed changes to the number of public car parking spaces in the study area.

How has the community been consulted?

Council consulted extensively with the Fairfield Traders Association, Fairfield Streetscape Master Plan Reference Group and local businesses.

Letters have been distributed to all affected properties within the study area. There will also be two 'drop-in' information sessions where affected residents, visitors and businesses can provide feedback. Details of these sessions may be found on the 'Your Say – Our Fairfield Village' main webpage.

How many car parking spaces are in Fairfield Village?

The Study examines all public car parking spaces within an approximate five minute walk of the centre of the shopping precinct. This involved considering approximately 550 parking spaces in this area.

How is car sharing involved?

There are currently no car sharing spaces in Fairfield Village. This plan proposes to introduce five car share bays around Fairfield Railway Station.

For more information on car sharing, see the Darebin website:

<http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Darebin-Living/Parking-and-Transport/Transport#Car-Share>

I am not located in the study area. How will the changes affect me?

The Study area encompasses parking spaces within an approximate five minute walk of the centre of Fairfield Village. With some changes to restrictions and bays in this area, there may be some temporary 'flow on' effects into the surrounding street network. However, it is not anticipated that these will last beyond the short-term as visitors learn about the changes over time and change their travel behaviours.

For more information on parking changes, see the Darebin website:

<http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Darebin-Living/Parking-and-Transport/Parking>

Why are parking restrictions with a shorter time being introduced?

This Study proposes to redesignate 27 one hour parking spaces as ½ hour parking spaces. The approach has been chosen to improve the economic productivity of car parking in the area. Shorter times to park result in higher turnover and, as a result, more customers for local businesses.

Sunday parking on Station Street

There was an error in the map sent to residents. Parking spaces in Station Street, between Wingrove Street and 152 Station Street, with proposed 1hr parking restrictions, are proposed to operate with 2hr parking restrictions on Sundays.

I drive to Fairfield Railway Station and park my car all day to catch the train. How will the changes affect me?

Data shows that a significant proportion of park and ride trips to railway stations are under two kilometres. This is the equivalent of a 20 minute walk or 5 minute bike ride. By implementing parking restrictions close to retail precincts, those commuters whose trips are under two kilometres can be encouraged not to drive and choose other modes of transport. This will help to free up all-day parking spaces for residents, customers of local businesses and those commuters who may need to drive

Are the 2P restrictions on Arthur Street being changed to 3P?

No. The map on the letter was printed with an error. The existing 2P restrictions on the north end of Arthur Street adjacent to the railway track will not be changed.

How does this relate to Amendment C161?

Council has taken the approach to integrate this stage of the process with the exhibition and submissions period for Planning Scheme Amendment C161. This allows issues important to the Fairfield community to be discussed and considered more efficiently and holistically.