

Introduction

Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit holders can park in spaces showing the international symbol of access for people with mobility disability. Waverley Council provides on-street mobility parking spaces for use by people with MPS permits subject to an assessment of available off-street and on-street parking.



These on-street mobility parking spaces are installed for MPS permit holders who do not have accessible off-street parking. The mobility parking spaces are not reserved for private use. They can be used by any eligible MPS permit holder.

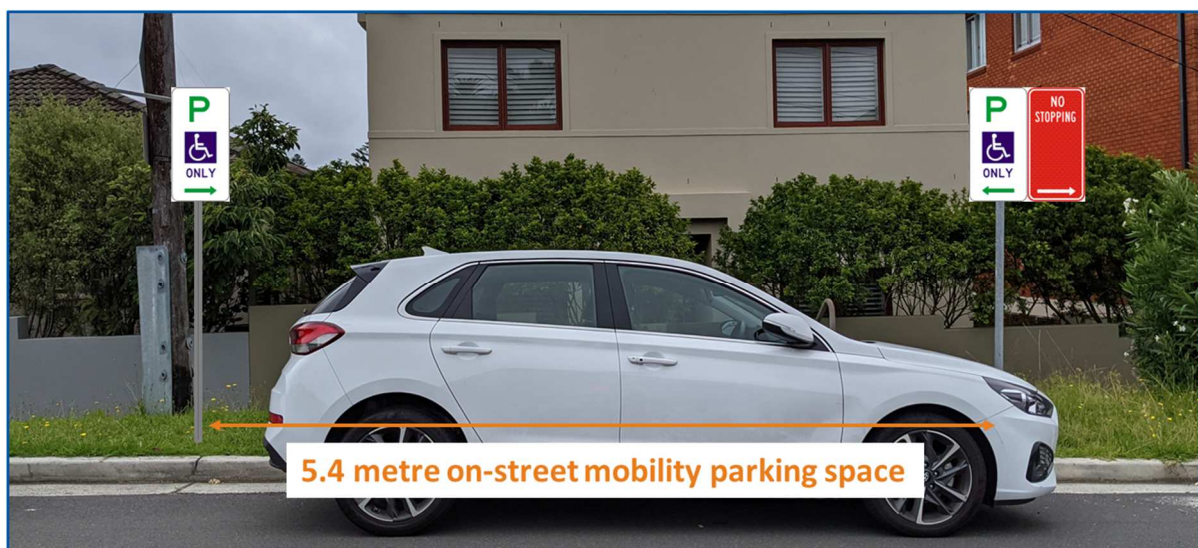
An application does not guarantee a mobility parking space will be installed. Council must confirm the validity of the applicant's circumstances and assess the impacts on neighbours and local traffic conditions. A report is prepared for Waverley Traffic Committee if Council officers conclude that a space is warranted. Waverley Traffic Committee makes a recommendation to Council. Council then considers the recommendation and makes a determination whether to approve the space or not.

1. On-street mobility parking in Waverley LGA

On-street mobility parking spaces in Waverley LGA function in the same way as any other mobility parking spaces found in NSW. The mobility parking spaces can be used by any permit holders. They are not reserved for private use.

It is part of the conditions of use for MPS permits that the NSW MPS permit and the Australian Disability Parking permit (large purple card) are displayed at all times a car is parked in a mobility parking space.

Shortage of available street parking in the Waverley LGA is a significant issue. The applicant should advise Council of changes in circumstances if they no longer need use of the space so that it can be freed up for use by others.



2. Mobility Parking Scheme permits

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) issues two types of Mobility Parking Scheme permits. They are:

- individual (blue card) – issued for 5 years if you have permanent disability
- temporary (red card) – issued for up to 6 months if you have a temporary disability.

An Australian Disability Parking permit (large purple card) is also issued by TfNSW. It must be displayed with your MPS permit to use a mobility parking spaces.

You are eligible for a Mobility Parking Scheme permit if:

- You are unable to walk due to the permanent or temporary loss of use of one or both legs, or other permanent medical or physical condition, or
- Your physical condition is detrimentally affected as a result of walking 100 metres, or
- You require the use of crutches, a walking frame, callipers, scooter, wheelchair or other similar mobility aid.

People who are permanently blind are also eligible.

MPS permits can be applied through Service NSW. Here

(<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-replace-or-renew-a-mobility-parking-scheme-permit-individual>)

3. Eligibility for an on-street mobility parking in Waverley LGA

The following is required to be eligible for consideration of an on-street mobility parking space:

1. The applicant is a resident living at the address.
2. The applicant has an approved TfNSW Mobility Parking Scheme permit. Note that temporary permits will only be considered if there are extenuating circumstances.
3. The application is for a vehicle registered to the address.
4. The property does not have accessible off-street parking.
5. The parking demand within 50 metres either side and opposite of the property is to be above 85% capacity (this will be assessed by Council officers via a random daytime site visit and review of Google Street View images).

Consideration will be given if the off-street parking cannot be accessed by the MPS permit holder and the MPS permit holder is also the driver. MPS holders who are passengers can board and alight cars at the footpath or the street.

4. Documents required by Council

The following documents are required by Council:

- A completed On-street Mobility Parking Space application form.
- A copy of both sides of a current mobility parking scheme permit from Transport for NSW. A photo or scan is OK.

- A copy of a current vehicle registration certificate with the address matching the residence. The owner of the vehicle can be another person who resides at the same address. A photo or scan is OK.
- Confirmation that the resident does not have access to an off-street parking space (disabled or otherwise). For apartments this could be a letter from the strata manager confirming that the residence does not have an allocated parking spot within the property.

5. Processing of an application

Applications can be submitted to Council via:

- EMAIL: traffic@waverley.nsw.gov.au
- IN PERSON: Customer Service Centre, 55 Spring St, Bondi Junction, Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm
- POST: PO Box 9, Bondi Junction NSW 1355

Processing of applications may take up to 8 weeks. The steps in the process are:

1. An application is submitted to Council.
2. The application is assessed by a Council officer. The Council officer may contact the applicant for more details. A site inspection and review of on-street parking demands is performed.
3. A report is prepared for Waverley Traffic Committee if the application satisfies the eligibility criteria. If the criteria are not satisfied, the applicant is notified.
4. Waverley Traffic Committee reviews the report and makes a recommendation to Council.
5. Council reviews the recommendation from the Waverley Traffic Committee and then decides whether or not to approve the application.
6. If approved, Council officers then arrange for the signs to be installed.

Waverley Traffic Committee is an advisory committee which makes recommendations to Council. There are 4 voting members on the committee. They are representatives from TfNSW, Police, The State Member, and an endorsed councillor.

The Waverley Traffic Committee meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of every month (check Council's website for dates).

Council approval or refusal is generally given at the next Council meeting (check Council's website for dates).

6. On-street mobility parking space locations and lengths

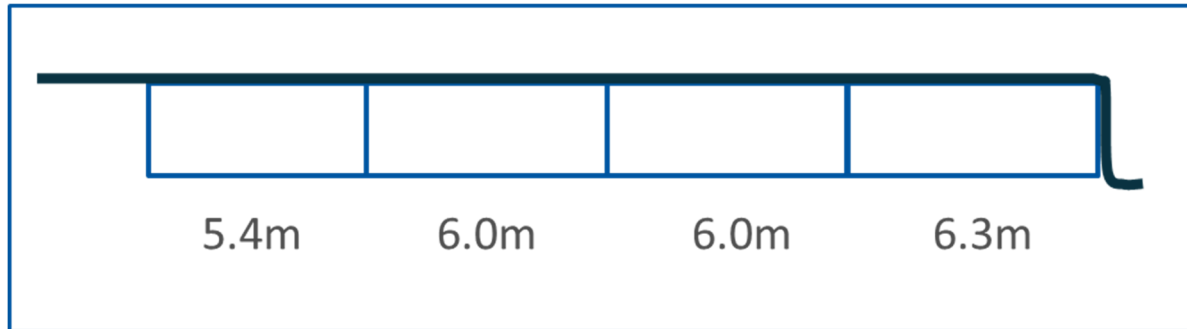
On-street mobility parking spaces ideally should be installed outside of the applicant's address, in front of their home. Where physical restrictions make this difficult, the mobility parking space may be installed elsewhere in close proximity of the applicant's home.

Consultation with affected neighbours is required if the mobility space is to be installed outside their boundary.

On-street mobility car space lengths are shown in the figure below.

1. 5.4 metres for an end space (typically next to a driveway)
2. 6 metres for an intermediate space (a space with paraling or physical constraints on both sides)
3. 6.4 metres for a car space adjacent to a physical object such as a kerb extension.

These lengths are based on Australian Standard AS2890.5 - 2020 - On Street Parking.



7. General conditions for on-street mobility parking spaces

The following conditions apply to on-street mobility parking spaces:

- a) The applicant uses the mobility parking space at their own risk. Council is not responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death relating to the applicant's use of the zone.
- b) Users are responsible for displaying mobility parking permits correctly. For more information visit



<https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/driver-and-rider-licences/health-conditions-and-disability/disability-parking-permits/displaying-a-permit>.

- c) The mobility parking spaces can be used by any permit holders. They are not reserved for private use.