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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter regarding petition E-PET-033-24, lodged by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, regarding making Rivett Place one way to address parking issues.

An officer from Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has inspected the road network and parking serving the Rivett shops and the new childcare centre on the corner of Bangalay Crescent / Rivett Place.

The recent changes to the parking were implemented to prevent illegal parking and to encourage drivers to park within the parking bays at the shops. Parents and caregivers for children at the childcare centre should be encouraged to use the parking and walk the short distance to the centre.

The development of the childcare centre (i.e. Block 2 Section 28 Rivett) was the subject of a development application (DA-201528713) and an appeal through the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT). The traffic impact statement for the development argued that parking was not required on the site as parking is available at the Rivett shops.

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On the 17 October 2017, a decision was made by the Planning and Land Authority to approve the proposal with conditions. One of the conditions required five formal pick-up and drop-off spaces, located on Territory land within Rivett Place.

The approval was appealed through the ACT and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) and parking was raised by the Tribunal during the proceedings.

Subsequently, the Authority received further advice from the proponent regarding the availability of parking within the local centre. The further advice outlined adequate parking within proximity of the site, without having to provide the five spaces on Territory land. As such, in consultation with TCCS, the Authority formally corrected the decision to remove the requirement for the five spaces.

The loading zone for the Rivett shops is off Rivett Place and needs to be kept clear of parking so that trucks can safely access the rear of the shops. Truck access to the rear of the shops is also the reason why a one-way system is not supported as it would require trucks to manoeuvre within the Rivett shops carpark.

TCCS will continue to monitor the parking restriction times for the parking bays at the Rivett shops and if further changes are required the restrictions will be revised accordingly. Additionally, TCCS will review the parking restrictions on Rivett Place which will require further engagement with nearby businesses and users of the shopping precinct.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely



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