



Car Parking

Why is car parking important?

Well-managed and planned car parking (public, private, on-street and off-street) can provide a necessary service or function for the community, businesses and visitors. However, optimising car parking depends on many factors and if parking is not actively managed and regulated, there can be a range of unintended consequences.

Parking needs vary across the region and are shaped by each location's unique land use functions, built form and the environment. Parking requirements are also strongly linked with existing and future improvements to public transport service provision and the necessary shift in travel behaviour required to ensure the long-term sustainability of our region.

Current planning scheme requirements

The current planning scheme (*Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014*) includes car parking requirements for new development in the Transport and parking code. This code includes requirements for the layout and design of car parking areas and specifies the minimum number of on-site car parking spaces to be provided for different land uses.

Issues already identified

1. On-site car parking rates – There is a need to review the rates specified in the current planning scheme to ensure that they are up-to-date and appropriately reflect the different needs of development in different locations.
2. Narrow street types – Car parking in some types of streets and on verge areas can

restrict access for emergency and larger service vehicles. This mostly occurs in new residential estates with narrow streets, smaller lot sizes and limited on-street parking.

3. Centre uses – Generally towns and village centres contain on-street parking, parking stations and some public transport provision. People often park their car and visit multiple destinations on foot. In the future, less on-site parking spaces may be necessary for certain land uses in some locations. It is important that car parking does not dominate the street.
4. Demand management – Council manages the demand for parking through time restrictions and paid parking in selected areas to support turn over and maximise parking availability. More frequent and better public transport is also necessary to reduce car parking demand. In addition, a more compact urban form can provide more convenient access and support walking and cycling as an alternative to driving.



What we propose to do

1. Where relevant, incorporate the key directions of the *Sunshine Coast Integrated Transport Strategy* and the *Sunshine Coast Parking Management Plan (September 2017)*.
2. Review provisions in the new planning scheme to:
 - ensure car parking provision for new development matches the land use type and characteristics of the location (e.g. proximity to public transport)
 - address narrow streets (for new developments).

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Tell us what you think

- Do you have any comments on this topic?
- Do you agree with what we propose to do in response to this topic as part of the new planning scheme?

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