Appendix 6

Allen Place Car Park

Ramp Removal Fact Sheet

Allen Place Car Park ramp removal
Questions & Answers
25 February 2015

Q. Why are you removing the ramps?

A. An independent structural engineer has said that the ramps will soon no longer be safe to use and therefore Council can't guarantee beyond a few months that they will support a car's weight. Only the ramps need to be removed. The other parts of the structure including the bridges across Station St are safe.

Q. Why didn't you replace the ramps before now?

A. We have monitored the ramps continually knowing that they were nearing the end of their expected life and we have done many upgrades and maintenance over the past few years, which have lengthened its life considerably. However, the rate of recent deterioration has been more rapid than expected and the safety of people using the ramps as well as people in the immediate area is of most importance.

Q. How does this affect local business?

A. There should be no disruption to businesses in the vicinity. Our investigation of the parking that is accessible by the ramps is that the car parking spots are used mostly by commuters.

Q. Where can I park instead?

A. The elevated part of Allen Place will be inaccessible. Most of the ground parking In Allen Place will remain. Temporary car parking of 120 all-day spots will be available at Woodriff Gardens Tennis Courts. Also, in recent times more car parking spots have been made available including an extra 50 spots at Judges Car Park, Transport NSW has provided an extra 90 spots near the railway station and there are 80 extra spots with the re-opening of the Thornton access road to the North Penrith Car Park.

Q Will you replace the ramps/can we use the car park again?

A. Due to the immediacy and unexpected need to remove the ramps for public safety reasons, Council is currently working on longer term solutions to Allen Place and CBD car parking in general.

Q. Are other car parks safe?

A. Council constantly monitors and maintains its car parks. None are at the end of their life and are safe.

For more information, please phone 4732 7568.

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

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Part of Allen Place car park closed to ensure public safety

The Allen Place car park ramps will be closed to traffic and removed and the elevated part of the car park closed to ensure public safety.

Penrith Mayor Ross Fowler OAM said Council was aware that the ramps were ageing and had been undertaking regular safety checks of them.

“Council has undertaken regular safety inspections and also spent significant amounts over the years to keep the ramps in operation,” Councillor Fowler said.

“The ramps are 40 years old and nearing the end of their effective life. However, the unexpected rapid rate of deterioration means we have no choice but to remove the ramps now.

“Public safety, of course, comes first and this issue is one of immediate and serious concern for public risk. Council has no alternative but to remove the ramps. This will make the car park inaccessible.

The car park structure apart from the ramps remains safe.

Due to the closure 80 public spots, mainly used by commuters, and access to paid parking spots in the Trade Centre building will also be unavailable.

Council will provide an extra 120 spots near Woodriff Gardens (Tennis courts opposite Jane Street).

“Although not as central to the CBD, we believe Woodriff Gardens is the best initial outcome, especially for commuters as it is still reasonably close to the rail line,” Mayor Fowler said.

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Car Park access gate will be closed at 1:00am on 16/03/2015, Fence and Signs will be installed from 3:00am.