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CITY OF RYDE TO BUILD NEW PUBLIC CAR PARK IN EASTWOOD

The City of Ryde will build a new multi-storey car park in Eastwood that will address chronic parking shortages for shoppers in the area and help boost the local economy.

The short stay car park will have between 150 and 200 parking spots and will be built at the current site of the Rowe Street East car park in order to support the proper functioning of the eastern town centre of Eastwood.

The new car park is consistent with the key findings of the Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study update report which pointed to evidence that commuter parking spots in Rowe Street East car park would be unsuitable.

At its meeting on Tuesday night, City of Ryde unanimously resolved to make \$550,000 available to fund the preparation of a preferred design for the new car park as well as a comprehensive consultation process with the local Eastwood business and residential community.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the new car park was a huge win for the Eastwood community after years of inaction.

“In 10 months, the current Council has been able to deliver what others have not been able to do in 10 years. This is the biggest increase in public parking places in Eastwood in almost 50 years and it doesn’t involve the destruction of Eastwood Oval,” Clr Laxale said.

“I was elected on the promise of saving Eastwood Oval from Mr Dominello’s bulldozers and increasing public parking in Eastwood. With the support of my colleagues, we have now achieved that.”

Clr Laxale added that the car park would specifically provide parking for shoppers.

“This car park will not be available for commuters. Unlike some, I don’t want a car park that is full by 8am of people who simply want to travel into the city and not spend more than five minutes in Eastwood,” Clr Laxale said.

“Anyone who knows Eastwood knows how big an impact the lack of short stay parking has had on local business and the town centre in general. This short stay car park will bring people back to Eastwood and revitalise the local economy.”