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Preston Market

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Hello.

Preston Market currently contains a large amount of parking which serves not only the train station, but the market itself. Not only that but the carpark serves most of the surrounding businesses. Its free for 2 hours and since most trips to this area are under 2 hours, this equates to free parking.

Most visitors who bring money into the area, do so by car. This carpark brings more money into the area then the actual market itself. This area to many might be a market, but to others its pretty much the only place to park short of filling side streets near the Library.

This plan as it appears, seems to do very little in terms of parking. It will near completely remove all of the current parking and replace that with apartments. Which will also need parking.

So the question is, where are these parking spots going? If they are being replaced with a multi floor solution then I imagine that free parking will disappear given the increased maintenance costs involved with such.

Without suitable parking, the area loses money. And unsuitable parking examples would point to the multi floor parking in Springvale serving a similar demographic of people. This Apartment and parking complex involves driving up a tight complex multiple floors past apartment spots in bumper to bumper traffic and no cars can pull in or out of spots. The entire complex is a mess and the only alternative is parking 10 minutes walk from the shops.

Failing to provision efficient parking solutions in essence caps customer usage. Preston Market thrives due to the open parking which is simple to use. You have multiple entrances on all sides.

Regards,

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