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Road: Ida Street, Sutton Street, Link Road Suburb: Hornsby
Location: Hornsby North Public School
File Ref: F2008/00666 LTC No: 30/2020
Electorate: Hornsby UBD Ref:
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/W1znukZbYJMidkqF6>
Subject: Proposed parking restrictions
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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications for proposed installation of parking restrictions at the intersection of Ida Street, Sutton Street and Link Road, Hornsby.

SUBJECT

Council has received a request from NSW Police to consider installation of parking restrictions at this location to improve traffic flow and ease congestion during school times. (Hornsby North Public School) While the Australian Road Rules prohibit parking within 10 metres of an intersection, it has been observed that vehicles are often illegally parked. Furthermore, due to the intersection's offset alignment, vehicles parked on the approaches to the intersection also impact on vision for pedestrians crossing the road.

There are currently no signposted parking restrictions at the intersection of Ida Street, Sutton Street and Link Road. However, with the proximity of this intersection to the school zone further down Ida Street, school parents disregard the road rules and choose to park too close to the intersection and double barrier lines. Signposting the 'No Stopping' restrictions will assist drivers to understand where they can and cannot park. As Sutton Street via Ida Street and Link Road are local roads linking Galston Road with the Pacific Highway, the proposed parking restrictions will keep this intersection clear of parked vehicles as well as allow for clear sight lines for both pedestrians and drivers.

The following parking restrictions are proposed:

1. Sutton Street – 30 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along the northern side, west of Ida Street
2. Sutton Street – 24 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along the southern side, west of Ida Street
3. Link Road – 15 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along both sides, east of Ida Street
4. Ida Street – 10 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along eastern side, south of Link Road
5. Ida Street – 28 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along western side, south of Sutton Street
6. Ida Street – 10 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along western side, north of Sutton Street
7. Ida Street – 24 metre 'No Stopping' restriction along eastern side, north of Link Road
8. Link Road and Sutton Street – adjustments to double barrier lines

A plan of the proposed parking restrictions is attached.

CONSULTATION

In September 2020, Council invited comments on the proposal from residents and tenants. The proposal was also placed on exhibition on Council's website. Forty-six (46) letters were sent to residents and tenants, as well as regulatory authorities and transport providers. Six (6) submissions were received by Council. The submissions have been summarised. Similar issues raised have been grouped into a single comment. Copies of submissions are available upon request.

Submission from resident – Concerned about lack of parking management in other roads around the school. Concerns that the proposal will not address the wider issue of traffic congestion around the school. Suggest parking restriction in Sutton Street be extended an additional 40 metres.

Response: The congestion around schools is unavoidable given limited on-street parking and recent increases in student numbers at the school. The proposal aims to preserve scarce on-street parking where it is safe to do so to benefit residents and school community.

Submission from resident – Resident suggest parking restrictions be extended further up (to the south) Ida Street.

Response: The proposal aims to preserve scarce on-street parking where it is safe to do so to benefit residents and school community.

Submission from resident – Supporting proposal, parking occurring near the intersection makes vehicle manoeuvres difficult.

Response: Comments noted.

Submission from resident – Supporting the proposal, vehicles often park too close to double barrier lines.

Response: Comments noted.

CONSULTATION continued

Submission from residents of Ida Street (petition signed by 18 residents) – Object to the current proposal as it will not improve traffic flow or safety of children. The road is too narrow and illegal parking occurring every day. Vehicles are unable to get through. The roads around the school should have traffic management 5 days per week. Increasing school numbers are a contributing factor. Council should restrict access to Ida Street to residents 'pass holders' only.

Response: The current parking management proposal has been developed in consultation with NSW Police following site meetings and observation of traffic flow during morning and afternoon peak periods. The proposal aims to restrict parking immediately adjacent to the intersection where illegal parking has been observed due to lack of signposting. This proposal does not aim to remove parking, where it can legally and safely occur. Experience shows that the retention of off-street parking in residential areas and school zones minimises vehicle travel speeds and provides residential amenity. Ida Street is a public road that is the registered address for the school and the only access point to on-site parking. A meeting will be organised with the residents to further discuss the issues raised.

Submission from resident – The current proposal is welcomed. Seeking meeting with Council to discuss issues outside this proposal. Concern with safety of children and access of emergency vehicles down Ida Street.

Response: Council has consulted with emergency services who are satisfied with the current parking provision in Ida Street during morning and afternoon peak periods. A meeting with residents of Ida Street will be organised at a later date.

CONCLUSION

The proposed changes are aimed at easing congestion and improving the sight lines for pedestrians at the intersection of Ida Street, Sutton Street and Link Road, Hornsby where majority of unsafe parking has been observed. The issue of parking management along the entire length of Ida Street will be further examined following a meeting with the residents and recommendations referred to the LTC for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. The parking restrictions at the intersection of Ida Street, Sutton Street and Link Road Hornsby, outlined in the report be approved in accordance with plan number LTC 30/2020.
2. The issue of parking management along the entire length of Ida Street will be further examined following a meeting with the residents and recommendations referred to the LTC for consideration.

Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report. Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Please send your response via return email for the item, or email trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524.

Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki
Chairman



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Comments Close Date: Monday, 23 November 2020, at 5:00pm