



## HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road: Arcadia Road Suburb: Galston  
Location: Between The Glade and Thomas Road  
File Ref: F2014/00129 LTC No: 17/2020  
Electorate: Hornsby UBD Ref:  
Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/jabq8ASMyS5r58Vi9>  
Subject: Proposed Parking Restrictions  
Date of Circulation: 31 July 2020

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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

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### **SUMMARY**

This report details the traffic implications of proposed parking restrictions in Arcadia Road, Galston, between The Glade and Thomas Road.

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**SUBJECT**

Council is currently finalising the road designs for Arcadia Road which will formalise the carriageway alignment with kerb and gutter and improved drainage. The new alignment of the road will remove opportunities for informal parking that has been occurring along the roadside near Fagan Park. The works are planned for the 2021-22 financial year (subject to State Government funding).

Due to a number of requests concerning unsafe parking near Fagan Park, Council is considering early installation of parking restrictions along Arcadia Road to improve safety and traffic flow.

The proposed changes are:

1. Installation of 'No Stopping' restrictions at intersections and along curves in Arcadia Road near Fagan Park
2. Installation of 'No Parking' restrictions along straight sections of Arcadia Road (between Thomas Road and School Road)
3. Extension of existing 'No Stopping' restrictions at the pedestrian refuge near Martin Road
4. Parking along the roadway or on the grass verge in Arcadia Road, north of School Road, will no longer be permitted

'No Parking' restrictions will allow vehicles to stop in the restricted area to pick up and drop off passengers or goods. Vehicles can stop for up to 2 minutes, however the driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. Parking for visitors to Fagan Park will continue to be available within the park's carpark.

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## **CONSULTATION**

In June 2020, Council invited comments on the proposal from residents, occupiers and authorities. 47 letters to affected residents were sent. 12 letters to authorities and bus operators were sent. The proposal was exhibited on Council's website for 14 days.

Nineteen (19) written responses were received. The submissions have been summarised. Similar issues raised have been compiled into a single comment. Copies of the residents' letters / comments are available upon request:

Support proposal as exhibited	Support subject to minor changes	Object to parking restrictions near School Road only	Fully object to proposal
4	8	5	2

*Submission from resident – I welcome the proposed parking restrictions, regularly see cars parked unsafely and making dangerous turns near Fagan Park. Also encourage Council to ban parking along Carrs Road.*

Response – Comments noted. Parking along Carrs Road is considered appropriate at the present time as traffic volumes along Carrs Road are significantly lower. Notwithstanding, Carrs Road will be monitored once the restrictions along Arcadia Road are installed.

*Submissions from Galston Public School parents (multiple submissions) – We strongly oppose the proposed parking restrictions to the north of the bus stop. Parking near the school is limited and this area is regularly used by parents and carers. Parking in this area should be maintained for parents who need to walk in to the school.*

Response – The existing shared path along the western side of Arcadia Road varies in alignment creating an informal parking area north of School Road. While the future realignment of Arcadia Road will result in the loss the parking opportunities at this location, it is possible to retain approximately 40m of parking until the reconstruction of Arcadia Road commences. It is recommended that the parking proposal be amended to retain parking at this location, to address the issues raised by the parents.

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**CONSULTATION continued**

*Submission from Galston Public School – The school supports the installation of ‘No Stopping’ restrictions at the bends in Arcadia Road. Concerned with loss of parking north of School Road (beyond the bus stop) and this area becoming a kiss and drop. The road verge area should be retained for unrestricted parking until the road works proceed. Parking south School road will remain unchanged, request that existing 10m No Stopping in Arcadia Road south of School Road be extended by 10-15m to improve visibility for cars exiting School Road. Support improvements in the bus stop area and widening of the path. Request that the existing bus shelter located in School Road be removed and replaced with a bus shelter at the school bus stop in Arcadia Road.*

Response – The proposal has been amended to retain parking north of the bus stop as per response above to issues raised by the school parents. While the 10m ‘No Stopping’ in Arcadia Road south of School Road is standard practice for managing parking near intersections, it is recommended that it be increased to 15m as suggested by the school to provide increased sight lines. Inspection of the bus shelter located at the corner of School Road has confirmed that it is inappropriately located, and consideration should be given to its removal, and installation of a new bus shelter at the school bus stop in Arcadia Road. This issue will be referred to Council’s Design & Construction Branch for consideration in conjunction with the future road works in Arcadia Road.

*Submission from resident – Please consider removing parking near my property (No 26) in conjunction with this proposal. It is difficult and unsafe to exit the driveway due to cars parked near it.*

Response – The location falls outside the current proposal. The section of Arcadia Road near Galston Shops has sufficient carriageway width to accommodate on-street parking in accordance with road design guidelines and the Australian Road Rules which permit vehicles to park near driveways.

*Submission from Ausgrid - There are concerns over the realignment of the road to install kerb and the impact on power poles and changes to ground levels. Ausgrid needs to be notified of any proposed changes to ground levels around power poles. Council needs to consider the proximity of power poles to traffic lanes with the installation of kerb and guttering. Please pass these concerns to the relevant team.*

Response – The submission does not relate to the current parking management proposal. It has been referred to Council’s Design & Construction Branch for investigation and direct response.

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**CONSULTATION continued**

*Submission from resident – I agree with the parking restrictions. This area is subject to unsafe parking. Parking restrictions should be extended to include No's 51, 53, 55, 57, 59 to the intersection of Thomas Road.*

Response – The parking restrictions currently proposed terminate at property No 57 which is the extent of future road works. It is recommended that the 'No Parking' restrictions in Arcadia Road be extended to the intersection with Thomas Road as suggested by the resident.

*Submissions from residents (various submissions in support have been combined) – We are delighted with the proposed parking restrictions it will significantly improve safety near our property. Support the proposal, please install the signs asap. Totally agree with the proposal, the road is narrow and dangerous to park on.*

Response – Comments noted.

*Submission from parents (Galston Public School) – Parking for the school should be provided on the Telstra land (corner of School Road and Arcadia Road).*

Response – Council is unable to provide parking for the school on Telstra's land. This request will be referred to the Department of Education.

*Submission from resident – Council should install signs near entrances to park advising of annual parking permits available for the park. This will reduce occurrence of illegal and dangerous parking. Also raising issues in relation to drainage in the area.*

Response – This request will be forwarded to Council's Parks Trees & Recreation Branch (parking permits) and Asset Management & Maintenance Branch (drainage issues) for consideration.

*Submission from resident – Requesting extension of K&G works to No 59.*

Response – This request falls outside of the scope of the parking proposal and will be forwarded to Council's Design & Construction Branch for consideration.

*Submission from resident – Please consider retaining some informal parking near the park for residents who don't want to pay for parking in the carpark.*

Response – While it is not possible to retain parking near the park along Arcadia Road due to its function and geometry, informal parking will continue to be available in Carrs Road.

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**CONSULTATION continued**

*Submission from Galston Medical Centre – Please consider retaining the existing ‘No Parking’ zone near the centre as it is required for set-down and pickup as well as ambulance parking.*

Response – The plans exhibited show a ‘No Stopping’ zone at the front of the medical centre. Review of the location confirmed that ‘No Stopping’ is not warranted at this location and that the existing parking restrictions can remain unchanged as requested.

*Submission from resident (extensive and detailed submission summarised) – Please consider this proposal in its historical context, more parking is required for local area not less. The extent of consultation is inadequate; local clubs, churches, schools, medical centre etc should be included. Large trucks need to park on road side before entering rural properties. More parking (free of charge) needs to be provided within Fagan Park via the ‘No Name’ road. A carpark should be built on the road reserve land (intersection of Arcadia Road and Gribbenmount Road). Pedestrian crossings must be installed on Arcadia Road as its dangerous to cross at the refuges. This proposal will drive people away from the park. Council should redirect funding (road construction) to another project.*

Response – This parking proposal has been developed in response to ongoing safety concerns raised by locals in relation to unsafe parking occurring near the park. While it is noted that roadside parking provides amenity for adjacent land uses, the priority of regional roads such as Arcadia Road is to move regional traffic safely and efficiently.

During the consultation process, Council has engaged with all properties directly affected by the parking restrictions. A number of changes have been suggested and adopted as detailed in the recommendation to address the concerns raised. The proposed ‘No Parking’ restrictions (along straight sections of Arcadia Road) will allow trucks to pull over before entering nearby rural properties in accordance with the road rules. The issue of providing free parking at Fagan Park and additional parking near the park has been referred to Council’s Parks Trees & Recreation Branch for consideration.

There are strict Transport for NSW guidelines that need to be followed to ensure a marked foot crossing will operate safely. Marked foot crossings provided at locations where pedestrian volumes are relatively low are known to create a dangerous situation where drivers tend to ignore pedestrians. Pedestrians also feel a false sense of security on the marked foot crossing and assume the vehicle will stop. Recent observations of the site indicate that the Transport for NSW warrants at the locations of existing pedestrian refuges cannot be met.

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**CONSULTATION continued**

*Submission from Department of Crown Land – The Department has reviewed the proposed parking restrictions and offers no objections. The Department recommends the Council investigate to transfer the full length of School Road to the control of Hornsby Shire Council.*

Response – Comments noted. The request for transfer of land in School Road will be referred to Council's Land & Property Services Branch for investigation.

**CONCLUSION**

This parking proposal has been developed in response to ongoing safety concerns raised by locals in relation to unsafe parking occurring near the park. While it is noted that roadside parking provides amenity for adjacent land uses, the priority of regional roads such as Arcadia Road is to move regional traffic safely and efficiently.

The submissions from the residents and retailers have been addressed in the report resulting in several minor amendments to the original proposal exhibited. The responses from the community show majority support for the introduction of parking restrictions along Fagan Park. A number of suggestions have been raised in relation to paid parking within Fagan Park and provision of parking for the park in general. These will be referred to Council's Parks Trees & Recreation Branch for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION THAT**

1. 'No Stopping' restrictions at intersections and along curves in Arcadia Road near Fagan Park be installed
  2. 'No Parking' restrictions along straight sections of Arcadia Road (between Thomas Road and School Road) be installed noting the following;
    - a) 40 metre section of parking along Arcadia Road north of School Road be retained as unrestricted parking until future roads works are implemented
    - b) The 'No Parking' restrictions along Arcadia Road be extended to the intersection with Thomas Road
  3. 'No Stopping' restrictions at the pedestrian refuge near Martin Road be installed noting the following;
    - c) The existing parking restrictions near the Galston Medical Centre 'No Parking' remain unchanged
  4. The existing 10m 'No Stopping' restriction in Arcadia Road south of School Road be extended to 15m
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**Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.**

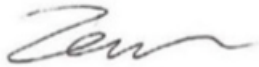
Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report. Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Please send your response via return email for the item, or email [trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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: Friday 14 August, 2020, at 5:00pm