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Road: Thomas Street Suburb: Hornsby
Location: Hornsby Girls High School
File Ref: F2005/00949 LTC No: 24/2020
Electorate: Ku-ring-gai UBD Ref:
Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/iXGyzvjq4N5tFKuEA>
Subject: Proposed extension of Drop-off / Pick-up zone 'No Parking'
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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic and parking implications for the extension of the 'No Parking' zone in Thomas Street, Hornsby to provide an additional drop-off and pick-up area for the school community and to improve traffic flow around Hornsby Girls High School.

SUBJECT

Council has received a request from parents and Hornsby Girls High School to extend the existing 'No Parking' zone along the school frontage in Thomas Street. The 'School drop-off and pick-up' program will allow parents and carers a safe location to drop-off and pick-up students directly outside the school gate. The proposal has been developed following discussions with the school's Deputy Principal and the school community.

The Proposal:

1. 90 metre (approx. 13 car spaces) 'No Parking' zone, (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) be provided on western side of Thomas Street at front of school. This will replace the existing 'No Parking' zone (30 metres) along school's frontage.

A concept plan of the proposed parking restrictions is attached.

The existing parking restrictions at the front of Hornsby Girls High School (western side of Thomas Street) currently consist of a 30 metre 'No Parking' zone (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) followed by unrestricted parking outside the school. The extension of the existing 'No Parking' zone will provide a safe and efficient drop-off zone with an existing footpath connecting the area directly to the school gate. Existing unrestricted parking will remain available along the eastern side of Thomas Street. Parking along the western side will remain available for other users outside the times of operation of the zone.

CONSULTATION

The proposal has been developed in close consultation with the school Deputy Principal and the school community.

Response from Hornsby Girls High School Deputy Principal: *"The school strongly supports the plan to extend the current No Parking Zone on Thomas Street from 30 metres to 90 metres. The extended length encourages drivers to follow road rules and make safe driving decisions and should result in drivers performing less illegal and unsafe procedures (eg double parking). It should also reduce any queueing on the street waiting for spaces in the current no parking area...and enhance the flow and accessibility of Thomas Street during the high demand before and after school"*.

Response from Hornsby Girls High School P&C Executives Team: *“The P and C supports the extension of the No Parking Zone from the existing 30 metres to the new length of 90 metres. This should assist our parents in the mornings and afternoons where previously there has been much traffic congestion and has made it difficult for motorists to safely and legally drop off and pick up their daughters. Hornsby Girls High School P and C fully supports the extension and thank the council for this initiative”.*

Further consultation is not required as the proposed parking restrictions are directly along school’s frontage.

CONCLUSION

The suggestions and issues raised by the parents and school have been addressed in the report. The changes to the parking restrictions in Thomas Street will include an initial 3-month trial of the afternoon (2:30pm to 4:00pm) pick-up zone. The continuation of this zone will be subject to ongoing monitoring and Council will reserve the right to remove the afternoon pick-up zone only if extensive queueing becomes an issue affecting other road users.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. 90 metre (approx. 13 car spaces) ‘No Parking’ zone, (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) be provided on western side of Thomas Street at front of school. This will extend the existing ‘No Parking’ zone by 60 metres along school’s frontage as per Plan LTC 24/2020.
 2. The afternoon operation of the pickup zone be subject to the school organising formal pick-up activity and monitoring by Council staff for at least 3 months.
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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.

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: Thursday 1 October, 2020, at 5:00pm