


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4	D08670639			1		Suggest to build a Wombat Crossing with upgraded lighting.	Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds. Street lighting will be upgraded at the new crossing.
5	D08670881	1				It sounds like a very sensible proposal to me. Any work that provides a safer environment for pedestrians of all ages is worth the expense.	Comments noted
6	D08671690				1	Will the parking in front of 29-31 Romsey Street be removed ?	There will be no removal of on-street parking spaces in front of 29-31 Romsey Street.
7	D08671697	1				Really appreciated this proposal and excited for this plan to go ahead.	Comments noted
8	D08671828	1				A very good idea.	Comments noted
9	D08671862	1				Yes I think a good idea as long as it does not hinder heavy trucks passing.	Comments noted. It does not hinder heavy trucks passing. Romsey Street is a local collector road not intended for heavy vehicles as a through road, there are limitations on the railway bridge.
10	D08672073	1				The proposal looks good.	Comments noted
11	D08672417	1				As a resident of Waitara, I think this is great idea to introduce pedestrian crossing to reduce load on traffic light junction.	Comments noted
12	D08672436	1				I cross the road here multiple times daily and would support this	Comments noted
13	D08672506				1	I live in Romsey Street and am pleased to see the proposal of a pedestrian crossing and refuge island near the Orara Street park. I hope it will slow traffic, particularly on approach to the traffic lights on Edgeworth David Road, and provide improved safety for pedestrians of all ages in the area. My only concern is the loss of parking spaces. We have had an issue in the past with people parking in our driveway, or over part of our driveway, and this makes getting in/out of the complex difficult as well as reducing the visibility of oncoming traffic. What can be done to prevent this from happening again or more often, in future?	Comments noted. Parking near driveways is legal. Councils parking rangers can enforce car which block driveways. Removal of parking beside driveways is not warranted. The proposal will result in a loss of up to 8 on street parking spaces at the crossing. The parking on approach to a pedestrian crossing needs to be removed to provide adequate sight lines for drivers and pedestrian and to maintain safety of pedestrians at the crossing. Residents are encouraged to report illegal parking when it occurs.
14	D08672539			1		1.Adding only a refuge island won't reduce traffic speed as currently one traffic line already occupied by parked cars so there will be no further narrowing . I propose to add a speed bump on this crossing, this will add much more safety for small kids when they coming to and from school. 2. Add a light pole to lit crossing at night time (or relocate existing one)	Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds. Street lighting will be upgraded at the new crossing.
15	D08672557	1				There are so many kids cross the Romsey street during school timings and their class timings in the evening. It is very unsafe as no pedestrian crossing exist on Romsey street to spider park. I am in favour of proposed pedestrian crossing for child safety.	Comments noted.
16	D08673612	1				I am in favour of this proposal.	Comments noted.
17	D08673622			1		I wish to suggest that the refuge island crossing also be built as a speed hump if possible - in addition to accessibility, a pedestrian crossing should provide safety for its users by implementing traffic calming measures to reduce the risk of traffic-induced injuries or fatalities on pedestrians	Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds.
18	D08673623			1		If council is going to keep approving developments, there needs to be better consideration for parking.	Higher density development near railway stations provides residents with the opportunity to live within walking distance of rail services. The off street parking spaces provided within existing private developments in Hornsby comply with Council's Development Controls.
19	D08673700	1				This is long due and a good thing that should have been built when the park was developed. Fully support this plan.	Comments noted.
20	D08673785	1				A very necessary proposal to aid in crossing Romsey Street. A long street, in which cars speed very fast. Danger for pedestrians trying to cross.	Comments noted.
21	D08673793			1		The pedestrian crossing here is great, except it should be raised in order to provide an easier and safer space to cross the road. The street is also mainly residential and a raised crossing would slow traffic and make the street more comfortable for everyone.	Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds.
22	D08673834					The plan does NOT show a raised road section for the crossing. Please confirm if this is actually the case so I can make a full assessment and submission.	Resident has been informed that crossing will be upgraded to a raised crossing see separate submission and response D08676445 below.
23	D08674208		1			Another 8 parking spaces lost along Alexandra Parade when it's already difficult enough to park - especially as people take up two spaces with poor parking skills. This is going to cause yet more congestion along this stretch of road as people try to park. I can't work out why another tunnel has been put in at this location. Are people too lazy to just walk another 100 metres, if that, to the main crossing at the next street?	The proposal will result in a loss of up to 8 on street parking spaces at the crossing. The parking on approach to a pedestrian crossing needs to be removed to provide adequate sight lines for drivers and pedestrian and to maintain safety of pedestrians at the crossing. The tunnel in Alexandria Parade has been built by Transport for NSW as part of the Waitara Train Station to provide level access for people with disabilities from the new lifts at the station.
24	D08674398	1				Very much in favour. Make it so.	Comments noted.
25	D08674654			1		Great idea! I hope the crossing will be raised to ensure traffic slows down on the road as traffic is usually over speed along this stretch.	Comments noted. Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds.
26	D08674657	1				All residents on Leonard Street, Waitara also experience unsafe crossings as vehicles turn into Leonard street from Romsey street with high speed and low visibility of pedestrians. I hope this plan help these residents too. Thank you	Comments noted.
27	D08674793				1	I would agree it will help people crossing, so thumbs up for that. However, the street will have lesser car parking, so the refuge islands might eat up up to 8 car parking or so. Need good thinking and consideration. Thank you.	Comments noted. The proposal will result in a loss of up to 8 on street parking spaces at the crossing. The parking on approach to a pedestrian crossing needs to be removed to provide adequate sight lines for drivers and pedestrian and to maintain safety of pedestrians at the crossing.

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28	D08674796	1				That's really good thing to do. We need a pedestrian crossing and refuge island - Ramsey Street. Otherwise it is too dangerous for us to cross the road, in particular, for children and elders.	Comments noted.
29	D08674799	1				The installation of this pedestrian crossing will undoubtedly prove to be immensely beneficial, effectively preventing numerous potential accidents from occurring.	Comments noted.
30	D08674802	1				This is fantastic.	Comments noted.
31	D08674804	1				Agree with the proposal.	Comments noted.
32	D08674808	1				very good proposal. each time, when I take kids to cross the street, we have to be very careful and run fast. We need to cross the street very often because its the way to the park and school.	Comments noted.
33	D08674809, D08674813		1			(a) The area that the refuge islands and "no stopping" areas would occupy will remove a number of places for residents to park on the street when street parking is already very difficult. (b) The residents of SP67181 will have difficulty entering/exiting the driveway adjacent to the proposed pedestrian crossing around the proposed refuge island. (c) There is already a refuge island for pedestrians to cross at the Alexandra Parade end of Romsey Street. This is less than 200m from the site of the proposed additional pedestrian crossing. (d) There are already traffic lights at the Edgeworth David Avenue end of Romsey Street where pedestrians can cross. This is approximate 100m from the location of the proposed additional pedestrian crossing. (e) The entire length of Romsey Street from the traffic lights at Edgeworth David Avenue to the existing pedestrian refuge crossing at Alexandra Parade is less than 300m. It is unnecessary to add a further pedestrian crossing on Romsey Street. (f) When the new entrance to Waitara Station is complete there be another new pedestrian crossing outside the entrance of Waitara Station near Orara Street. (g) It is already a very slow trip down Alexandra Parade from Myra Street and when the new entrance to Waitara Station is complete the trip will become even slower. (h) It is evident that even with pedestrian crossings surrounding Waitara Station, pedestrians will always cross wherever they please and the proposed additional pedestrian crossing seems superfluous and a waste of funds.	A. The proposal will result in a loss of up to 8 on street parking spaces at the crossing. The parking on approach to a pedestrian crossing needs to be removed to provide adequate sight lines for drivers and pedestrian and to maintain safety of pedestrians at the crossing. B. Swept path analysis undertaken by Council shows that vehicle entering/exiting of the property of SP67181 will not be affected by the crossing or kerb blister islands. C. This pedestrian crossing is to link residents from western side of Romsey Street to pedestrian footpath on eastern side of Romsey Street and provide a safety crossing along an existing pedestrian desire line. D, E. Survey of pedestrian movements conducted by Council as this location indicates that approximately 120 pedestrians cross the road at this location per hour during peak times. This combined with a very high traffic volumes (approximately 800 vehicle per hour) provides sufficient justification for a new crossing. F. The tunnel in Alexandria Parade and the new crossing near the station has been built by Transport for NSW as part of the Waitara Train Station to provide level access for people with disabilities from the new lifts at the station. Study of traffic volumes in Romsey Street indicates that the street is used as a rut ran with excessive traffic volumes, provision of a crossing will assist in reducing through traffic in this area. H Providing a dedicated crossing facility will direct pedestrians to cross at one location. This will improve safety of pedestrians as drivers will be expecting pedestrians at the crossing.
34	D08674818	1				Fully support this proposal and will definitely bring safety benefits to our local community.	Comments noted.
35	D08674828		1			8 parking space removing would be too much losing space	The proposal will result in a loss of up to 8 on street parking spaces at the crossing. The parking on approach to a pedestrian crossing needs to be removed to provide adequate sight lines for drivers and pedestrian and to maintain safety of pedestrians at the crossing.
36	D08674831	1				Excellent idea. Many children and families cross here to get to the park. Absolutely needed. Also will assist in keeping speeds restricted.	Comments noted.
37	D08674834	1				I'm all for it	Comments noted.
38	D08674843				1	I am generally supportive of this idea as I find it challenging to cross this portion of the road with my dog at night. However I wonder how the proposed crossing will impact driveway traffic in and out of the buildings? If you are slowing cars down it suggests increased congestion on the road which may make it challenging for cars to exit safely. It would be my preference that a safe pedestrian solution also considered the Leonard/Romsey St intersection.	Swept path analysis undertaken by Council shows that vehicle entering/exiting of the property of SP67181 will not be affected by the crossing or kerb blister islands. Pedestrian facilities at Leonard/Romsey St intersection will be investigated by Council. The provision of new crossings in Alexandria Pde (by TfNSW) and in Romsey St will provide pedestrian with new safe road crossings opportunities reducing the need to cross the road at other locations.
39	D08674846	1				Good on you. This is very needed.	Comments noted.
40	D08674860	1				Thanks for the proposal and more than happy to see this. Definitely it's worth for everyone	Comments noted.
41	D08675036		1			There is a signalled pedestrian crossing only 20m down the road as well as a refuge island on the other end of the street. If this pedestrian crossing is added, it will just create traffic problems that will impact the traffic on Edgeworth David as this is a well-travelled road for all residents who live on Orara St and Waitara Avenue. To further elaborate on the traffic issues this will cause, if the traffic turning in from Edgeworth David have to stop for pedestrians, this will create a backlog of traffic onto Edgeworth David as only a few metres upon entering Romsey St they have to stop for pedestrians. Backlogs of any sort can take minutes to clear even after the pedestrians have crossed.	The crossing will provide a linkage for residential buildings on western side of Romsey Street (No 23-27) to/from Orara Street Park (33-37 Orara Street, Waitara). The crossing will not impact Edgeworth David Avenue since it will be 100 metres away from the intersection.
42	D08675063			1		I live on this street and this crossing is much needed. Cars travel too fast along this road everyday and there is so many young children around it's extremely dangerous. This crossing is urgently needed and speed bumps to the crossing would be ideal to help enforce cars to slow down.	Comments noted. Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds.
43	D08675066			1		I suggest that a combined raised speed hump and pedestrian crossing may be more suitable. It would still slow down traffic in Romsey St and allow pedestrians to cross safely but perhaps without losing as much precious car parking space as a refuge island would cause.	Comments noted. Suggestion Noted. Building a pedestrian crossing will require to remove on-street parking spaces according to TfNSW Technical Direction.
44	D08675411			1		Great idea; I think a pedestrian crossing where Romsey needs Leonard St is also a very good idea.	Comments noted. Pedestrian facilities for Leonard/Romsey St intersection is not in the scope of this project.
45	D08675831	1				Yes, I agree and support the proposed pedestrian crossing in Romsey Street, Waitara since there are lots of elderly, children and families.	Comments noted.
46	D08676002	1				I strongly applaud and support the recommendation that there be a pedestrian crossing  midway along Romsey Street Waitara.	Comments noted.

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47	D08676445, D08676447		1			I strongly object to the additional installation of a Wombat Crossing Hazard. As stated, my front window is only 12.3 metres from the proposed crossing. The noise from vehicles, particularly commercial vehicles, negotiating this obstacle at all hours of the night is totally unacceptable. I remind Council that this is not an industrial estate or a shopping centre car park, it is a residential street. Please respect the amenity of residents in your deliberations.	Vehicle speed is a major factor in pedestrian injuries and fatalities, especially in areas that have a high number of pedestrians. Transport for NSW guidelines recommend that pedestrian crossings should be raised to provide speed reduction at the crossing location. Traffic data obtained in Romsey Street in July 2023 indicates that 9,900 vehicles use the street per day (AADT), with approximately 800 during the afternoon peak hour, the 85 th percentile speed recorded was 49Km/h. Approximately 120 pedestrians cross the road at this location per hour during weekend peak. During the 7 day period, over 1000 vehicles exceed the 50km/h speed limit. A level crossing at this location would be unable to provide safe speed at the crossing location. Raised pedestrian crossing are often installed in residential areas, the use of these devices is strongly supported by evidence-based research and Transport for NSW 'Safe Systems' approach.
48	D08680338		1			<p>1. It will cause more traffic during peak hours for cars coming into/out of Edgeworth Avenue and for the residents living on Romsey St. There is already a lot of traffic during peak hours.</p> <p>2. It will be more dangerous especially during night time because it will be hard to see pedestrians crossing.</p> <p>3. Even though a pedestrian crossing is installed, there will be pedestrians still crossing the road without using the pedestrian crossing. Especially when the cars are not moving due to the traffic jam caused by the proposed pedestrian crossing, pedestrians will just cross the road between the cars.</p> <p>4. If you want to reduce the speed of the traffic, then the speed limit should be reduced to 40km/h just like the speed limit on Alexandria Parade or a speed camera can be installed.</p> <p>5. There is already a pedestrian traffic light at the end of Romsey St which is only just a short distance from the proposed pedestrian crossing. The existing pedestrian traffic light at the end of Romsey St is much much safer for the elderly and children to cross.</p> <p>6. If more pedestrians use the proposed pedestrian crossing, this may lead to reduced numbers of pedestrians using the existing pedestrian traffic light which may cause more accidents on the road.</p>	<p>1. Installation of a pedestrian crossing will not generate any more traffic onto Romsey Street. 2. Street lighting will be upgraded associated with the pedestrian crossing. 3. Council is unable to force pedestrians to use any crossing facility, the provision of a formal crossing will attract most pedestrians to use it. 4. Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds. The current default urban speed limit in local streets is consistent with other locations. Notwithstanding council will approach TfNSW to seek review of the speed limits in Waitara. 5. This pedestrian crossing is to link residents from western side of Romsey Street to pedestrian footpath and park on eastern side of Romsey Street. The crossing will be 100m away from the intersection. 6. There is no evidence that pedestrian crossings can lead to increased number of crashes.</p>
49	D08680432			1		I think it is a great proposal to include a pedestrian crossing along Romsey Street. Perhaps the Council can consider reducing the speed limit along Romany Street to 40km since it is a densely populated street?	Comments noted. Change the Speed limit is not in the scope of the project. Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds. The current default urban speed limit in local streets is consistent with other locations. Notwithstanding council will approach TfNSW to seek review of the speed limits in Waitara.
50	D08680698			1		To solve most of the concerns I have outlined above I suggest Council consider moving the proposed Pedestrian Crossing a further 30-50 metres south in a location where there is:- A. No existing car exit driveway to add to the danger of increased pedestrian traffic in the close proximity of a driveway as is the case with the 23-27 Romsey Street driveway. B. An improved flow of traffic from Edgeworth David Avenue. C. I trust the trees planted by Council will be preserved.	The crossing has been located at the existing desire line to the park. A. Swept path analysis conducted by Council shows that vehicle entering/exiting to properties. B. The crossing will be located 100m away from Edgeworth David Avenue and will not impact on traffic flow. C. The small trees recently planted will be re-planted.
51	D08680702			1		My suggestion is to strongly consider building the Romsey Street Pedestrian Crossing without a refuge island and just a speed hump for traffic calming & increased pedestrian safety (maintaining walkability to Orara Park), or to move the crossing slightly to the South to account for vehicle turning paths from/to the driveway with the refuge island in place.	Swept path analysis conducted by Council shows that vehicle entering/exiting of the property of SP67181 will not be obstructed. The refuge islands will provide additional safety for pedestrians.
52	D08681176			1		<p>Broadly, I endorse the constructions of the pedestrian crossing for the reasons outlined in your letter. Additionally, I would present the following aspects for your consideration: a. Allowance for adequate lighting, the location of the crossing is quite dark especially on the side of the road away from Orara Park. I am concerned that traffic that is turning from Edgeworth David Avenue, often accelerating sharply to handle the turn, might need to brake sharply due to lack of lighting and pedestrians crossing at the same time. I therefore hope that lighting can be considered in addition to the reflective signage.</p> <p>b. Loss of parking spaces: As mentioned in the letter, 8 parking spaces are being lost. Does the Council have an overall short-term parking capacity plan ? If so, I would like to understand how these spaces are being accommodated. Due to the increasing population density of Waitara, this issue could add to the stress of parking locations.</p> <p>c. Loss of tree cover: The diagram provided for the proposal references the loss of at least 2-3 trees for this project. To maintain the character of Waitara as a green suburb, it is vital at there should be additional trees/saplings planted in the near vicinity.</p>	<p>a. Street Lighting will be upgraded associated with proposed pedestrian crossing. b. The parking on approach to a pedestrian crossing needs to be removed to provide adequate sight lines for drivers and pedestrian and to maintain safety of pedestrians at the crossing. Council's Parking Management Study has identified the need to implement short term parking in the Waitara are to provide increased turnover of cars. The recommendation os the study are currently being evaluated. C. Two small trees recently planted will be re-planted at another suitable location.</p>

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53	D08681213			1		This needs to happen soon, on Wednesday 28 June 2023 there was an accident involving a vehicle and a school child at this exact location. Is there a potential to install flashing lights on the signs to alert vehicles of people crossing at this location? I also worry about visibility of the signs as the park side has a lot of tree cover. Is there also a possibility to reduce the speed limit on Romsey Street to match the speed limit imposed on Alexandria Parade (40)? There are quite a lot of people who speed down Romsey Street at high speeds and is extremely dangerous since there's already been an accident and that was at low speeds.	Flashing lights are not provided at crossings, these are only used on School Zone signs.
54	D08681247		1			The proposed pedestrian crossing and refuge Island will cause way too much traffic on Romsey St. There is currently a lot of traffic during peak time already. Romsey St is a busy street with a lot of traffic. I think it might be dangerous - especially for young children if they were to use the proposed pedestrian crossing.	Study of traffic volumes in Romsey Street indicates that the street is used as a rut ran with excessive traffic volumes, provision of a crossing will assist in reducing through traffic in this area. Plans have been updated to include raised threshold crossing to reduce speeds.
55	D08676569			1		Hello. The notification of the proposed pedestrian crossing prompted me to write. I did want to send this email last 21st April 2022, when I was hit by a car travelling up Romsey St from Edgeworth David Ave. I was hit, and knocked over, by the car. The driver had come to a complete stop at the roundabout... at least 4 metres from the entrance to the roundabout. I was waiting at the kerbside, where there is a dip in the kerb to allow for the easy passage of prams, wheelchairs etc to the other side (Rotary Park side). I had come from Waitara station direction, and was heading home. The driver stopped at least a metre to my right side, and well to the right of the traffic island. I waited. Clearly, the driver was giving me passage to cross. I started to cross the road. When I was directly in front of the car, the driver put her foot on the accelerator. I turned right, toward the car, and instinctively, reached out my arms to stop the car from moving forward. My 2 hands (red and grazed afterwards, from the impact) hit the centre of the car bonnet, I stumbled, and was thrown backwards onto my back. The car stopped moving. I watched from the bitumen (I was down) when the car started moving forward again. Instinctively, I scrambled up off the road, and toward the kerbside, to my right. The passenger jumped out of the car and started yelling at me... I was upset, my glasses were broken, some guy turned up from nowhere ?? (or, had he been in the car backseat?). After some to-ing and fro-ing, this guy decided he would handle this situation !!! and told the driver (and passenger) to drive away. But they never came back. This guy, who turned up from nowhere?, apparently was a bike-rider. He seemed to think that I should be able to handle this... although, when I asked him, did he see me get hit by the car and fall... did he see me on the ground? No, he did not. He saw the outcome.. the driver, the passenger and me, at the side of the road after I was hit. This guy was "out of line". He should not have told them to drive away. I never obtained the car registration details, or the driver's details. It was upsetting being hit, and the car occupants only made it worse with their attacks on me. The driver should have/must have seen me waiting at the kerbside, when she drove up Romsey St toward the roundabout. She stopped well back from the entrance to the roundabout, back from the traffic island, and well to my right. She came to a full stop. She was letting me cross. But no, she was in a massive hurry to enter the roundabout from that distance. She was too busy looking up the road, where Alexandria Parade goes over the railway-line. She was not interested in pedestrians. And who was the guy who turned up from nowhere? *I am fully aware this isn't a zebra crossing, HOWEVER, all indications were that the driver was allowing me to cross the road. This was not a simple misunderstanding. The driver was careless, and who waits 4-5 metres back from a roundabout entrance. There were no other cars heading in the same direction when I hit. I had to pay for physio and new glasses, afterwards. A year later, my neck is still sore. Effects of whiplash, when I was thrown backwards. ***This is a dangerous roundabout. Many residents in this area, the train station, gym and Magpies club, are just around the corner. All the apartments! I am always warning people about what happened to me. I believed I was crossing the road safely. I see residents running between cars at this roundabout..... in order to cross the road.	Operation of the roundabout at the intersection of Romsey Street and Alexandria Avenue is typical to most roundabouts. Council cannot install a pedestrian crossing at every leg of a roundabout due to traffic flow and safety implications. At roundabouts splitter islands are provided but pedestrians must give way to vehicles. Pedestrian will be able to use the new crossing further down in Romsey Street if they don't feel comfortable crossing at the roundabout.
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