

HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road:	Sefton Road
Suburb:	Thornleigh
Location:	East of Kooringal Avenue
File Ref:	F2005/00066-002
LTC No:	1/2023
Electorate:	HORNSBY
Google Map:	https://goo.gl/maps/tR6GNpGxDygzdgVZ8
Subject:	Proposed changes to parking restrictions
Date of Circulation:	Thursday, 9 February 2023

REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications of the proposed changes to parking restrictions in Sefton Road, Thornleigh, east of intersection with Kooringal Avenue.

SUBJECT

Council is proposing to install 'No Stopping' signs at Sefton Road, Thornleigh along the northern side of Sefton Road, Thornleigh, east of intersection with Kooringal Avenue. This section of Sefton Road has no formal kerb and gutter. Residents have reported that cars parked at this location often block two-way access due to the position of trees and regular parking occurring between trees. Cars parking between trees at this location also lead to erosion of roadside verge. The proposed 'No Stopping' zone will prevent cars parking at this location and improve traffic flow in this section of Sefton Road.

Plan showing proposal is attached.

CONSULTATION

Public Consultation for the proposal was undertaken for two weeks, **8 to 22 August 2022**. The proposal was also placed on exhibition on Council's website for 14 days. Emails were sent to regulatory authorities, transport providers and key stakeholders including NSW Police, Transport for NSW, State Transit Authority and Transdev and CDC Hillsbus bus companies.

Council received 19 submissions from residents and regulatory authorities. Copies of submissions are available upon request. Submissions raising similar issues have been combined into a single comment.

Submission from residents - Very pleased to note that Hornsby Council has commenced consideration of this issue which creates a number of safety issues under prevailing conditions. **Response** - Comments noted.

Submission from Ausgrid - Ausgrid has no objections to the proposed parking changes in Sefton Road.

Response - Comments noted.

Submission from TfNSW - TfNSW has no objections to the proposed parking changes in Sefton Road.

Response - Comments noted.

CONSULTATION continued

Submission from residents - Concerned with the loss of parking spaces. Parking in Sefton Road is at a premium. Council should consider options to offset the loss of parking.

Response - The proposal placed on exhibition would result in the loss of 5 informal spaces. Council has reviewed the site and made amendments to the proposal. 27 metres of existing 'No Parking' area along the southern side of Sefton Road is redundant and can be removed to offset the loss. This will enable 4 full-time on-street parking spaces to be reinstated. The net loss of parking will be 1 parking space which is considered acceptable.

Submission from residents - Suggestion that parking should also be removed from the southern side of Sefton Road.

Response - Sufficient road width to maintain 2-way traffic flow can be achieved with the proposed parking restrictions along the northern side of Sefton Road. The removal of parking from the southern side is not warranted.

Submission from residents - *If this is approved, please ensure that the new restrictions are policed by rangers.*

Response – Council's Regulatory Services Branch Traffic Rangers regularly patrol local streets where parking restrictions are in place.

Submission from residents - *Suggestion of installation kerb along the northern side of Sefton Road.*

Response - There are currently no plans to install kerb and gutter along the northern side of Sefton Road. This will be further considered as part of future road improvement program, noting that there are significant trees along the northern side that may require removal.

CONCLUSION

The submissions from residents show general support for improvements to traffic flow along this section of Sefton Road. While some submissions suggest further removal of parking, some are concerned with the loss of parking. On balance, the revised proposal will result in the loss of one parking space which is considered acceptable given the site constraints. It is recommended that Council's future road improvement program should consider formalising the road alignment along Sefton Road with formalised parking along the northern side of the road wherever possible.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

- 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed along the northern side of Sefton Road, east of the roundabout / intersection with Kooringal Avenue. The length of new restricted area will be 50 metres in accordance with plan No LTC 1/2023.
- Existing 'No Parking' restrictions along the southern side of Sefton Road, east of the roundabout / intersection with Kooringal Avenue are to be removed. The length of new unrestricted area will be 27 metres in accordance with plan No LTC 1/2023.
- 3. Council's future road improvement program considers formalising the road alignment along Sefton Road with parking along the northern side of the road wherever possible.

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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<u>Issued Date</u>: Thursday, 9 February 2023 <u>Comments Close Date</u>: Thursday, 23 February 2023, at 5:00pm