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Road:	The Comenarra Parkway	Suburb:	Thornleigh
Location:	Between Wood Street and Butterfield Street		
File Ref:	F2005/01108	LTC No:	11/2020
Electorate:	Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai	UBD Ref:	153 B14
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 of proposed parking restrictions in The Comenarra Parkway, Thornleigh, between Wood Street and Butterfield Street.

SUBJECT

As the populations of North Western Sydney and the Central Coast increase, changes to the road network are required to ensure adequate levels of road safety and access are maintained.

Council has received a significant number of requests from motorists and nearby residents regarding vehicles parked during peak times impacting on traffic flow and access to properties along The Comenarra Parkway, east of Wood Street.

Council is considering restricting parking during peak hours in The Comenarra Parkway between the hours of 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm, Mon – Fri, on both sides of The Comenarra Parkway between Wood Street and Butterfield Street, as well as formalising the intersection of The Comenarra Parkway with Butterfield Street as follows:

1. 'No Parking, 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm, Mon – Fri, signs to be installed on both sides of The Comenarra Parkway between Wood Street and Butterfield Street.
2. 'Bus Zone' signs to be installed along The Comenarra Parkway at existing bus stops near Butterfield Street and Wood Street.
3. 'No Stopping' signs to be installed for the intersection of The Comenarra Parkway with Butterfield Street (10 metres from the intersection).

CONSULTATION

In February 2020, Council invited comments on the proposal from residents, tenants and authorities. 35 letters to affected residents were delivered. 12 letters to authorities and bus operators were sent. The proposal was exhibited on Council's website for 14 days.

Twenty-two (22) written responses were received. A table summarising the responses is provided below with detailed summary of the issues raised and responses. Similar issues raised have been compiled into a single comment. Copies of the residents' letters / comments are available upon request:

Overall Proposal		North Side Restriction		South Side Restriction	
Support	Object	Support	Object	Support	Object
15	7	9	13	15	7

Submission from resident – *On-street parking spaces are valuable for local residents. It could be an option to just restrict the south side of The Comenarra Parkway and leave the other side.*

Response – The Comenarra Parkway is a sub-arterial regional road and as such it is designated to carry a significant amount of traffic. The proposed parking restrictions will operate part time so that residents can park in front of their homes outside of peak times. The restrictions will not apply on weekends. Properties along The Comenarra Parkway are typically single dwellings with access to off-street parking.

Submission from resident – *If the traffics lights on Woods and Pennant Hills Road allowed more traffic to go through each time the overall traffic flows would be drastically improved'*

Response – Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) is responsible for maintenance and operation of all state roads and traffic signals on the NSW road network. Notwithstanding Council is aware that priority is given to traffic travelling along Pennant Hills Road to ensure optimum operation of this arterial road. As The Comenarra Parkway is constrained by topography to one lane in each direction to the east, additional green time is unlikely to have significant benefits on overall trip times.

Submission from resident – *'In my opinion the Council could consider of opening up additional roads to divert traffic - eg opening up Orchard Street connecting The Comenarra and Pacific Highway via Thornleigh street or connecting other in-suburb streets allowing better overall traffic flows in the area. Or consider one-way traffic'*

Response – The suggestions are contrary to the adopted Hornsby Shire Council Road Hierarchy and cannot be supported due to adverse impacts on environmental and residential amenity on local roads.

CONSULTATION continued

Submission from resident – *'It is extremely difficult to get in/out of driveways onto the The Comenarra Parkway given the heavy traffic and speed (60 km/h). This is especially true during pick hours (both mornings and evenings) given extremely long queues going towards Pennant Hills Road. With proposed parking restrictions, this problem will escalate to the next level given all residents will have to navigate through at-least 2-4 lanes depending on direction of travel.'*

Response – The Comenarra Parkway is a sub-arterial regional road with a four-lane formation between Pennant Hills Road and Butterfield Street. It is noted that the removal of parking may make ingress and egress for properties more difficult in particular when turning right in or right out of the driveways. Peak time parking restrictions are common on sub-arterial roads in the Shire eg Edgeworth David Avenue where driveways continue to operate safely.

Submission from resident – *'I would prefer that the No Parking restriction are in force Monday -Friday 6am-7pm'*

Response – On-street parking spaces are valuable for the local residents. The current proposal provides a balance between residents' and motorists' needs. The restrictions will allow residents or visitors to park their vehicles outside the restricted time, such as mid-day, late afternoon and weekends.

Submission from resident – *'My major concern is that parking will be greatly affected'*

Response – See the reply above.

Submission from resident – *'Constantly moving cars around for parking restrictions would be impractical. I propose that a permanent parking lane be implemented.'*

Response – See the reply above.

Submission from resident – *'It will not improve traffic flow, rather it may increase traffic volumes. You have listed more possible disadvantages than advantages. There is already limited parking in Pennant Hills, maybe a better option would be first to build a carpark, then look at this proposal again.'*

Response – Comments noted. This proposal has no implications on parking availability in Pennant Hills.

CONCLUSION

The submissions from the residents and retailers have been addressed in the report. The responses from the community show majority support for the introduction of parking restrictions along The Comenarra Parkway. The part time operation of the restrictions will provide a balance between the needs of motorists and residents.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. 'No Parking, 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm, Mon – Fri, restrictions be installed on both sides of The Comenarra Parkway between Wood Street and Butterfield Street as per plan No LTC 11/2020.
2. 'Bus Zone' restrictions be installed along The Comenarra Parkway at existing bus stops near Butterfield Street and Wood Street as per plan No LTC 11/2020.
3. 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed for the intersection of The Comenarra Parkway with Butterfield Street (10 metres from the intersection) as per plan No LTC 11/2020.
4. The operation of the parking restrictions be reviewed 12 months after the opening of the NorthConnex tunnel.

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



Date: 28 April 2020