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## SUBJECT

Council has reviewed the existing pedestrian crossing and traffic conditions in Sherbrook Road following a number of requests to improve safety at the crossing due to excessive speed and reports of drivers failing to stop at the crossing. It is proposed that a raised threshold be installed at the existing marked pedestrian crossing to reduce the speed of vehicles approaching the crossing location.

## CONSULTATION

Public consultation for the proposal was undertaken in December 2017. Eight (8) letters were delivered to residents affected by the proposal and the school. Letters were sent to emergency services and service and transport providers. The proposal was placed on exhibition for 14 days.

Two (2) written responses were received from residents. A summary of the comments and Council response is provided below. Submissions raising similar issues have been combined into a single comment. Copies of the residents' letters are available upon request:

- *“In the area from Sherbrook Road Hornsby to Sherbrook Road Asquith and Royston Parade Asquith, they are currently zoned 60kms per hour. There are many areas locally that have been zoned 50kms per hour. I would ask with these areas being high traffic zones for pedestrians, these zones are also reduced from 60kms to 50km zones. There have already been quite a few pedestrians injured by cars in these areas.”*

Response – Sherbrook Road is a sub-arterial road and is designed to carry significant traffic between the suburbs of Hornsby Shire. The current speed limit of 60km/h is considered appropriate for a sub-arterial road. There has been one pedestrian related incident along the mentioned segment of Sherbrook Road which was located at the subject marked pedestrian crossing. Installing a raised threshold at the existing marked pedestrian crossing will improve safety at the crossing by physically reducing speeds of motorists approaching the crossing.

## CONCLUSION

The submissions from the residents have been addressed in the report. These changes are aimed at improving safety of pedestrians by reducing the speed of vehicles approaching the crossing near Asquith Girls High School. It is recommended that the raised threshold on the existing marked pedestrian crossing be approved.

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the proposed raised threshold at the existing marked pedestrian crossing in Sherbrook Road, Asquith and associated linemarking and signage be approved for construction in accordance with plan No.100197.

**Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.**

Under the RMS' '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 Lawrence Nagy on 9847 6616. Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Lawrence Nagy  
Chairman



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