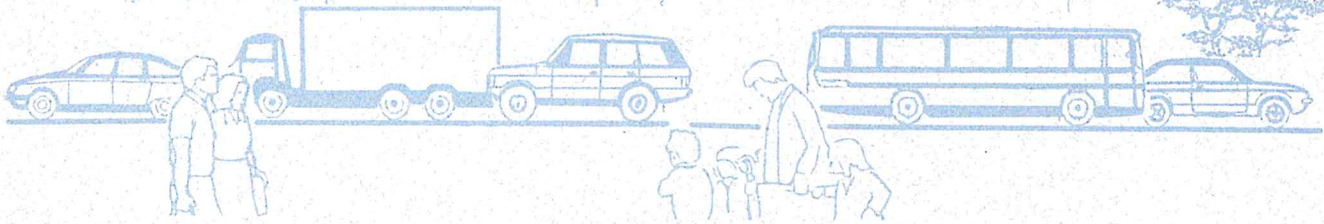


HORNSBY SHIRE

LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE



ATTENTION

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- Mr David Ross**
- HORNSBY KURING-GAI POLICE – Senior Constable Narelle Tomich**
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- TRANSDEV BUS SERVICE - For your information**
- HILLSBUS SERVICE – For your information**
- NSW TAXI COUNCIL - For your information**

Road:	Highlands Avenue, Wahroonga	Suburb:	Wahroonga
Location:	Waitara Public School	LTC No:	29/2019
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Electorate:	Ku-ring-gai	UBD Ref:	153M3
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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 proposed changes to parking restrictions in Highlands Avenue Wahroonga, to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety around Waitara Public School.

SUBJECT

Council has received a request from the Principal of Waitara Public School and the Department of Education to improve traffic flow in Highlands Avenue. It has been reported that the part time 'No Stopping' zone at the northern end of Highlands Avenue is too short and that the times of operation do not adequately address the school traffic peaks. Council officers have monitored the location and determined that a change to the times of the 'No Stopping' zone in Highlands Avenue is warranted.

Highlands Avenue is a residential 'No Through Road' providing access to the school's staff carpark and several residential properties. The road is approximately eight (8.3) metres wide and fully formed with a footpath provided along the eastern side up until the intersection with Fern Avenue. No turning area (cul-de-sac) is provided at the northern end which makes the location unsuitable for school set down and pickup operation. A dedicated set down and pickup area is provided in Myra Street.

Following monitoring and feedback from Council's traffic rangers a proposal to convert the part time 'No Stopping' zone to full time 'No Stopping' was developed.

The initial public consultation letter that was sent to residents suggested a full time 'No Stopping' zone for this location. However following submissions received from affected residents of Highlands Avenue, the proposed restrictions have been altered to address issues raised in the submissions.

The proposed changes are:

1. Operation times of all 'No Stopping' restrictions at northern end of Highlands Avenue to be changed from 8.30am-9.30am, 3pm-3.30am School Days to 7:00am – 6:00pm School Days.
2. 'No Stopping' zone along the western side to be extended by 6 metres.
3. 'No Stopping' zone along the eastern side to be extended by 16 metres.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

The traffic implications of the proposal have been developed following monitoring of the location during school drop off and pick up times. As Highlands Avenue is a 'No Through Road', the proposed changes will have no adverse implications on the road network.

CONSULTATION

In September 2019, Council invited comments on the proposal from residents, occupiers, and primary school. The proposal was also placed on Council's website. 15 letters were sent to residents, occupiers and the primary school, as well as regulatory authorities and transport providers.

Three (3) submissions were received by Council. Two were in favour of the proposed changes, and one opposed. A copy of the submissions are available upon request:

Submission from resident – I endorse the intention of the proposal to amend the existing "No Stopping" zone signs to be 24/7, however would like to request...the new "No Stopping" sign ...be located at the boundary of our property next to 32 Highlands Avenue instead.

Response – Comments noted. Request for extension of existing 'No Stopping' zone 16 metres along eastern side of Highlands Avenue will assist in alleviating congestion at the northern end of road. This is reflected in the amended proposal.

Submission from resident – I agree that the restrictions need "tweaking", I think there are changes that can be made that can help the situation without the need to go to 24/7.

Extending the current zone to the southern side of 39 Highlands Ave is an excellent proposal. I would also suggest the zone be extended on the other side of the street to the southern side of the driveway at 34 Highlands Ave (next to 32 Highlands Avenue).

Response – Comments noted. Adjusting the times to assist school use on school days only would free it up for residents overnight and on weekends. Request for extension of existing 'No Stopping' zone 6

metres along western side of Highlands Avenue will assist in alleviating congestion at the northern end of road. This is reflected in the amended proposal.

Submission from resident – We object to the amendment from part-time to full-time 'No Stopping' zones as this will unnecessarily negatively impact us and our neighbours. Extension not needed as only used by residents on weekends and after school.

Response – Highlands Avenue is a dead-end street, with no formal turning circle (cul-de-sac). Council has received many complaints and observed vehicle's performing unsafe three point turns at the end of the road due to limited road space. Extending the 'No Stopping' restrictions in length will improve their manoeuvring. The proposal has been amended from full time to part time which will allow residents to utilise the area at other times.

CONCLUSION

Site visits and consultation with the Principal of Waitara Public School, the Department of Education, local residents and Council's traffic rangers have noted frequent unsafe manoeuvring at this location. The amendments and extension to the existing 'No Stopping' zone will improve traffic flow, access and safety in Highlands Avenue for local residents and the school.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. Operation times of all 'No Stopping' restrictions at northern end of Highlands Avenue to be changed from 8.30am-9.30am, 3pm-3.30am School Days to 7:00am – 6:00pm School Days as per plan LTC29/2019.
2. 'No Stopping' zone along the western side to be extended by 6 metres as per plan LTC29/2019.
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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. 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
Acting Chairman

Date: 05 November 2019