



## HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road: Castle Howard Road  
Suburb: Cheltenham  
Location: Near Cheltenham Oval  
File Ref: F2004/09766  
**LTC No: 05/2023**  
**Electorate: EPPING**  
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/6YnvvLhcdLZR6d6RA>  
Subject: Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions  
and  
Proposed Installation of Two 'Motor Bikes Only' Parking Spaces  
Date of Circulation: Monday, 20 March 2023

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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

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## **SUMMARY**

This report details the traffic implications of the proposed changes to parking restrictions in Castle Howard Road, Cheltenham. The aim of the proposal is to:

- prevent illegal parking
- reduce the impact of cars on vegetation
- improve access for Council's essential services in the narrow section of the road.

## **SUBJECT**

Council has received a number of requests in relation to parking in the narrow section of Castle Howard Road, as well as illegal parking in the shared area of the disabled space.

The road width varies from 6 metres to under 4 metres with no kerb and gutter. Parking occurring along the road during sporting activity peak times has caused traffic blockages and impacted on sensitive vegetation.

To address the situation, it is proposed to **extend the existing 'No Parking' restrictions in the narrowest sections of Castle Howard Road**, from 48 Castle Howard Road to 36 Castle Howard Road.

The new restricted area will be approximately 120 metres on the southern side and 60 metres on the northern side of the road. The extended restrictions will apply to the narrow section of Castle Howard Road, to improve traffic flow at the location. The restrictions will also address the issue of cars damaging vegetation in the area.

**Two 'Motor Bikes Only' parking spaces in Castle Howard Road, are also proposed**, within the site of **Cheltenham Oval**. The spaces will be located adjacent to the existing disabled parking space. This will also address illegal parking which has been reported to occur within the parking area. The proposed 'Motor Bikes Only' parking spaces will occupy a redundant area and will not impact on any existing parking availability.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plans of the proposal.

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## **CONSULTATION**

Council invited comments on the proposal - Public Consultation was undertaken for two weeks **17 February to 3 March 2023**.

**36 letters** were posted to affected property residents, and to affected property owners which were 'Roads & Maritime Services Parramatta' and 'The State Of New South Wales'.

**Emails** were sent to regulatory authorities, transport providers and key stakeholders including:

NSW Police

Transport for NSW

State Transit Authority

Ausgrid

NSW Ambulance

Fire and Rescue NSW

NSW Taxi Council

Sydney Water

Transdev NSW

CDC Hillsbus bus

Council's Parks, Trees & Recreation Manager

Council's Asset Operations & Maintenance Branch

The proposal was also **exhibited on Council's website** for the 14 days.

Four (4) Submissions have been received from residents and two (2) from authorities.

A summary of the Submissions, and Council Responses, are provided below.

Copies of Submissions are available upon request.

**Submission** from residents - *Would like the 'No Parking' restrictions extended to 34 Castle Howard Road.*

**Response** - Road width of Castle Howard Road at this location can accommodate parking on both sides. Excessive removal of on-street parking spaces can lead to higher travel speeds and adverse impact to road safety.

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**CONSULTATION continued**

**Submission** from residents - *Parking area outside property number 48 should be retained.*

**Response** - Site measurements show that the length between existing 'No Parking' sign in front of number 48 to the adjacent driveway is around 5.4 metres. The width of the road at this location is sufficient to retain the space. **The proposal originally exhibited has been amended to keep this parking space.**

**Submission** from residents - *Suggest replacing proposed No Parking to No Stopping.*

**Response** - 'No Stopping' restrictions are generally used near intersections and crossings where stopped cars can pose a significant risk to safety or significant impact on traffic flow. The provision of 'No Parking' restriction is considered a suitable regulation along a park frontage. This will also provide opportunities for set down and pick up.

**Submission** from residents - *Suggest that the restrictions be limited to one side of the road (Park side) between number 36a and 40a.*

**Response** - Further site inspections have identified that the road is wider at this location and that parking can be accommodated. **The proposal has been amended to retain parking at this location as requested.**

**Submission** from residents - *The parking spot next to the Disabled Parking spot should be kept for people. Introducing motorcycle parking spaces on Castle Howard Road is not safe.*

**Response** - Site measurement shows that the redundant area next to existing Disabled Parking space is narrower than a standard parking space. Compliance with Australian Standards cannot be achieved. Converting this location to two 'Motor Bikes Only' parking spaces is to utilise the area and comply with the Australian Standards.

**Late Submission** from resident - Concerned about resident not being able to park in front of home (no 52 Castle Howard Road). Illegal parking is not an issue. Would like to dispute the impact of cars on vegetation. Concerns about lack of Council services in the area. Kerb and gutter should be installed in the street.

**Response** - The proposal does not impact on parking near No 52 Castle Howard Road. No changes to parking are proposed in this section of road. The parking restrictions are proposed in the narrow section of road starting approximately 70 metres from the resident's location. The reports of illegal parking have been provided by Council's Regulatory Services Branch. Council's Natural Resources team has raised concerns in relation to impact on vegetation. Comments in relation to future kerb and gutter will be referred to Council's Asset Operations & Maintenance Branch for consideration.

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**CONSULTATION continued**

**Submission** from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) - *Arrow on one of the signs appears incorrect.*

**Response** - Plan has been updated as suggested by TfNSW.

**Submission** from Ausgrid - *Ausgrid has no objections to the proposal.*

**Response** - Comments noted.

**CONCLUSION**

The submissions have been addressed in the report resulting in minor amendments to the original proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION THAT**

1. 'No Parking' restrictions be installed on the northern side of Castle Howard Road, between No 48 to No 42. The length of new restricted area will be 55 metres.
2. 'No Parking' restrictions be installed on the southern side of Castle Howard Road, between No 48 and No 36. The length of new restricted area will be 120 metres.
3. Two 'Motor Bikes Only' spaces and signs be installed next to existing disabled shared zone.
4. That the signs and markings be in accordance with Plan No LTC 05/2023.

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**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](mailto: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



Issued Date: Monday, 20 March 2023

Comments Close Date: Friday, 31 March 2023, at 5:00pm