



HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road: Somerville Road Suburb: Hornsby Heights
Location: Hornsby Heights Public School
File Ref: F2008/00582 LTC No: 22/2020
Electorate: Hornsby
Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/ahaeKq4zwAQtm03G7>
Subject: Proposed changes to parking restrictions
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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications for the installation of ‘15 minute parking’ and extension of existing drop-off and pick up ‘No Parking’ zone within the school zone in Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights, at the front of Hornsby Heights Public School.

SUBJECT

Council has received a request from parents and Hornsby Heights Public School to provide an extended 'No Parking' zone near the school's entrance and to replace an existing short 'No Parking' zone with '15 minute parking'. The change is aimed at addressing a request from the school to run an organised set-down and pick-up program for parents and carers. The set-down pick-up program will allow parents and carers a safe location to drop-off and pick-up students under supervision directly outside the school gate. The proposal has been developed following discussions with the school's Principal and NSW Police Force.

The Proposal:

1. 18.5 metre (approx. 3 parking spaces) '15-minute parking', (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) zone be provided on eastern side of Somerville Road at front of school. This will replace the existing short 'No Parking' zone.
2. 37.5 metre (approx. 6 car spaces at one time) 'No Parking' zone, (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) be provided on eastern side of Somerville Road at front of school. This will extend the existing 'No Parking' zone for the remaining section of school's frontage.
3. The existing 'disabled parking area' and indented bay with kerb ramp will remain unaffected.

A concept plan of the proposed parking restrictions is attached.

The existing parking restrictions at the front of Hornsby Heights Public School (eastern side of Somerville Road) currently consist of 'No Stopping' at the crossing and two short 'No Parking' areas separated by an indented bay 'Disabled parking zone' with a kerb ramp. The installation of '15-minute parking' (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) in place of the first 'No Parking' zone will accommodate parents and carers who need to park and walk into the school to drop-off and pick-up junior students. The extension of the existing 'No Parking' zone will provide a safe and efficient drop-off zone with an existing footpath connecting the area directly to the school gate. Existing unrestricted parking will remain available along the school frontage on Pike Road and within the surrounding school zone to accommodate parents and carers who need to park and walk into the school.

CONSULTATION

The proposal has been developed in close consultation with the school Principal and follows suggestions made by the parents and NSW Police. Further consultation is not required as the proposed parking restrictions are directly along School's frontage.

CONCLUSION

The suggestions and issues raised by the parents, the school and NSW Police have been addressed in the report. The changes to the parking restrictions in Somerville Road will include

an initial 3-month trial of the afternoon (2:30pm to 4:00pm) pick-up zone. The continuation of this zone will be subject to ongoing monitoring and Council will reserve the right to remove the afternoon pick-up zone only if extensive queueing becomes an issue affecting other road users.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. 18.5 metre long '15-minute parking', (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) zone be provided on the eastern side of Somerville Road at front of school.
2. 37.5 metre 'No Parking' zone, (8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, School Days) be provide on eastern side of Somerville Road at front of school.
3. The afternoon operation of the pickup zone be subject to the school organising formal pickup activity and monitoring by Council staff for at least 3 months.

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 of receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki
Chairman



Date: 19 August 2020