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D08827646	Ausgrid	Ausgrid has no objections to the proposal. There is currently no streetlighting around the proposed pedestrian refuge and approach to the roundabout. Council may wish to consider streetlighting to AS1158.	This upgrade of the refuge does not warrant Pedestrian Crossing lighting upgrade. No Pedestrian Crossing is proposed.		1	
D08827657	Police	No objection.	Comments noted.	1		
D08828347	Resident	This project certainly must go ahead. I am surprised that such safety improvements haven't been done earlier - and I would suggest that similar work be undertaken on the Hancock Drive side of the roundabout and on the Purchase Rd approaches. This is a busy intersection especially in school hours as children from kindergarten up to Year12 make their way to/from the two schools in Purchase Rd. Another good project here would be the construction of a concrete footpath on the eastern side of Hancock Drive from Kentia Parade to the bus stop on the northern side of Purchase Rd.	Comments noted, the plan has been updated to include refuge in the island on Purchase Road as suggested.		1	
D08828356	Resident	This proposal is to upgrade an existing traffic island in Beechwood Parade (near Purchase Road) to improve safety of pedestrians crossing Beechwood Parade. Any proposal to increase safety of the Hornsby Shire community has my support.	Comments noted.	1		
D08828459	Resident	We applaud the initiative to improve safety for pedestrians at the roundabout. In addition there is a safety issue for pedestrians, that being a lack of footpath on the north side of Hancock Dr linking the bus stop on Purchase Rd to Kentia Pde. I am surprised that such safety improvements haven't been done earlier - and I would suggest that similar work be undertaken. This is a busy intersection especially in school hours as children from kindergarten up to Year 12 make their way to/from the two schools in Purchase Rd. Commuters are often forced to walk on the road heading to the bus stop, we believe the risks is high for accidents to happen. Another good project here would be the construction of a concrete footpath on the northern side of Hancock Drive from Kentia Parade to the bus stop on the northern side of Purchase Rd."	Comments noted. Provision of footpaths and works at intersection of Purchase Rd / Hancock Dr are not in the scope of this project but will be considered in future works program.		1	
D08828657	TfNSW	Thank you for your email regarding the proposed pedestrian island and kerb ramps on Beechwood Parade, Cherrybrook. TfNSW has reviewed the proposed changes and has no objections or concerns regarding these.	Comments noted.	1		
D08832873	Resident	Make it a proper pedestrian crossing	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1	
D08832895	Resident	Finally! Yes, please you should do more, kids cross this way and traffic is lousy to stop and you have drivers who speed. It's high time this was done to prevent any accidents of young children walking to school. Thank you.	Comments noted.	1		
D08832911	Resident	I find that at this roundabout cars approach too quickly and are not in a position to stop if needed. Added to this are limited sight lines of coming up Beechwood towards Purchase. In addition to the proposed change would you consider installing small speed humps on the approaches to remind, or require traffic to slow on approach?	No speed humps are proposed at the present time. A review of the crash data indicates that the roundabout is operating safely with no crashes recorded in over 10 years. Sight lines have been checked and property owner will be requested to prune / remove vegetation near the roundabout.		1	
D08832963	Resident	Can this also be used as an opportunity to add a crossing over Purchase Road (the side facing the schools). Many students cross here in the morning and afternoon school rush, there should also be an appropriate crossing, even if there is already one in front of the John Purchase school.	Council will consider installation of kerb ramps and refuge in Purchase Road in conjunction with this project.		1	
D08833052	Resident	I suggest that a Wombat crossing should be provided instead of a pedestrian island. This would be safer especially for the primary school and high school students crossing here to access John Purchase PS and Cherrybrook Tech HS. Also lots of children crossing to access the oval and community centre from the neighbouring suburb roads.	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1	
D08833054	Resident	High traffic area with lots of families crossing this road before and after school.	Comments noted.	1		
D08833150	Resident	Agreed, will definitely increase safety.	Comments noted.	1		
D08833178	Resident	That's a great plan. I had school kids run in front of my car exactly there. I slammed my brakes on and one kid(high school) stopped and stared at me in fright knowing he was inches from death. He said sorry!	Comments noted.	1		
D08833183	Resident	Money could be spent better on a safer way to cross Newline Rd between Shepherds Dr and County Dr.	New Line Road is a state road under the jurisdiction of the Transport for NSW. Council has been lobbying the government for improvements along this road.		1	
D08833186	Resident	This is a great initiative to improve the safety of everyone who crosses here. This crossing is used often by children walking to school and by people walking to the park and shops. We currently find the crossing difficult to navigate when we cross due to the current island being raised with a kerb and also being narrow. For consideration with the new island, would be great if the new island in the middle of the road was wide enough for a push bike, so anyone waiting in the middle with their bike is protected from cars and buses. Also would be good to see a metal barrier to prevent oncoming cars/buses hitting the person standing on the new island.	The island has been designed to accommodate a bicycle or a person with a pram in accordance with TfNSW guidelines. Metal barriers are not installed on splitter islands, the "Holding Rails" at refuge islands must be frangible and are not intended to stop a vehicle.		1	

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D08833203	Resident	Thank you for addressing this safety issue that is located close to the local primary school and one of the largest public high schools in the state. Concrete kerb ramps are super important for the safety of families with prams and also those with disabilities. A two stage crossing on the splitter island would also be an excellent addition as young children often are not aware of all traffic coming from multiple directions on the roundabout and it will give them an opportunity to pause and recheck changing conditions before moving forward. Please ensure that it is wide enough to accommodate a double pram as this is a high young family traffic area. Warning signs including a hold my hand sign would also be appropriate. Thank you again for addressing this safety issue on Beechwood Parade. However, the large roundabout on New Line Road, County Drive and Shepherds Drive also continues to be the highest safety risk for drivers and pedestrians in our area and is yet to be remedied. We hope this also becomes a priority in the near future.	Comments noted. The island has been designed to accommodate a bicycle or a person with a pram in accordance with TfNSW guidelines. Council does not support installation of non-standard signs on public roads as they often create visual pollutions and may distract road users. Council runs a road safety program with local school to improve awareness of road safety. New Line Road is a state road under the jurisdiction of the Transport for NSW. Council has been lobbying the government for improvements along this road.		1
D08833694	Resident	This is a good upgrade, but why not make it a proper pedestrian crossing?	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1
D08833710	Resident	I would support those suggestions. I often worry about JPPS students crossing there. My only addition would be to also try to make the roundabout less ugly. It is a concrete eyesore. There are other small roundabouts in our shire that are better looking (particularly in West Pennant Hills) Maybe the addition of a tree or garden in the centre that doesn't block the view of drivers. Or some type of sculpture from a local?	Council's parks section will consider the inclusion of landscaping on the central island.		1
D08833713	Resident	This seems to be a sensible change, particularly as many drivers do not know the road rules and don't give way to pedestrians at all times (including school kids!). Further, I don't see how this will affect drivers in the area either. Perhaps consider moving the 40 Km school zone to just before the roundabout - heading towards New Line Road down Purchase, as cars are slowing anyway, and this helps families dropping off (or parking) just after the roundabout.	School Zones are implemented by the State Government (Transport for NSW) in accordance with speed zoning guidelines, Council is aware that school zones are generally installed in close proximity to school gates. The existing default urban speed limit of 50kn/h is considered appropriate for local roads.		1
D08833715	Resident	This is a good proposal for the safety of kids walking to John purchase and CTHS. The road is very busy	Comments noted.	1	
D08833723	Resident	I have lived in Cherrybrook 24 years and must travel down purchase Rd many times a day. Both my children attended JPPS and CTHS. I do believe this intersection would benefit with this island. It would also force cars to drive slower while turning into Beechwood.	Comments noted.	1	
D08834024	Resident	Make it a pedestrian crossing so that cars are required to give way to pedestrians.	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1
D08834563	Resident	This is an important upgrade for pedestrian safety. I think this is urgently required as there are significant safety risks associated with crossing this road on the way to and from the schools.	Comments noted.	1	
D08834566	Resident	Please include a pedestrian crossing	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1
D08834572	Resident	This is a very welcome proposal. I have young kids who attempt to cross that road to get to and back from school and it's at times a dangerous spot in the peak times as some cars travel at high speed.	Comments noted.	1	
D08834582	Resident	Extensive submission summarised, copy available upon request: Please consider including these suggested additional works to achieve a better outcome for pedestrians around this location – Island barriers that will prevent illegal parking at the Beechwood Parade / Mark Place intersection (areas marked red in attached photo). These should be adequate to obstruct / prevent vehicles from parking within 10m of the T intersection, on the Mark Place side (the other side of Beechwood Parade is continuous and does not cause much if any concern). The main reason for this is to improve visibility at Mark Place / Beechwood Parade, and therefore safety overall. I do not believe signage alone will result in the required safety improvements. The island barriers do not need to extend further into Beechwood Parade than necessary, only far enough into the roadway to eliminate the danger of cars parking too close to the intersection. Island barriers would enable the installation of signage on them, to slow traffic approaching the nearby Purchase Rd / Beechwood round about. This should further improve pedestrian safety. As the concrete footpath on Beechwood Parade extends from our lawn to the kerb, there is not space for signage unless added to new islands that force parking compliance. Signage and possibly other traffic calming measures as appropriate, but not to obstruct the footpath on Beechwood Parade.	Beechwood Parade / Mark Place intersection - Council does not install physical barriers to enforce illegal parking near intersections. The road rules regulate parking near intersection within 10m. Traffic rangers will monitor the location for illegal parking. No speed humps are proposed at the present time in Beechwood Avenue. A review of the crash data indicates that the roundabout is operating safely with no crashes recorded in over 10 years. Sight lines have been checked and property owner will be requested to prune / remove vegetation near the roundabout.		1
D08834607	Resident	This would be a significant improvement to the ability to cross safely. A great initiative.	Comments noted.	1	
D08834615	Resident	Given the high traffic and many families need to cross this conjugated intersection it would be a worthwhile upgrade for the safety of children and their families.	Comments noted.	1	
D08835329	Resident	Yes. It's a great idea. All the school kids (especially the primary school children) cross there and it's very dangerous. It definitely should be upgraded	Comments noted.	1	

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D08835352	Resident	Hello. I also suggest a zebra crossing here and plenty of signs to warn drivers to slow down, and look out for kids. It is a great idea to fix this corner. My best friends young child and mother will use this crossing everyday to walk to and from school from next year.	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1	
D08836413	Resident	In my opinion, existing island is sufficient. As per resident’s reports, there are bigger problems to be solved around the area - large hole at the roundabout on New Line rd and Shepherd’s drive, lack of pedestrian crossing in the same area as examples.	The proposed island upgrade is in response to numerous request from the community and school. There is currently no facility provided in the middle of the road for pedestrians to cross the road in two stages, which is a recommended treatment at roundabouts in accordance with current guidelines. New Line Road is a state road under the jurisdiction of the Transport for NSW. Council has been lobbying the government for improvements along this road.			1
D08836421	Resident	For extra safety make this a Pedestrian crossing as well. Most kids cross from this side of the road. This is the most dangerous section on Purchase Road I find when walking my kids to school.	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1	
D08836529	Resident	We have yet to receive anything about this proposal from Council and only found out about it through a friend. We have lived near this section of the road for more than 30 years and find this proposal absolutely unnecessary. The problem in that section of the road is that people park directly opposite each other on both sides of Beechwood Parade. Not only does it limit the road space but it also limits the visuals for pedestrians and drivers. It is worse when the school kids finish school. This is happening in many places around the area. Please take a look at the smaller roads towards Apple Tree Drive and throughout Purchase Road too. The money should be spent on a traffic light at the large roundabout in between New Line Road and County Drive as people no longer follow road rules there. The population has also increased and it is no longer safe to drive via this roundabout which has caused many close encounters for us and other drivers.	No postal address has been provided, direct notification letters have been send to residents directly affected by proposed civil works. The proposed island upgrade is in response to numerous request from the community and school. There is currently no facility provided in the middle of the road for pedestrians to cross the road in two stages, which is a recommended treatment at roundabouts in accordance with current guidelines. New Line Road is a state road under the jurisdiction of the Transport for NSW. Council has been lobbying the government for improvements along this road.			1
D08836625	Resident	I strongly support this proposal from both pedestrian road user points of view. This would make it much safer for pedestrians to cross Beechwood in two stages.	Comments noted.	1		
D08837323	Resident	Extremely supportive. There should also be more island crossing along Purchase Road and Beechwood. Please have work done during school holidays so that it does not affect school day traffic.	Comments noted, the plan has been updated to include refuge in the island on Purchase Road as suggested. Council will aim to carry out the works during school holidays.		1	
D08837343	Resident	It’s wonderful to see the plan, and I hope it gets completed soon. Taking my kids to school is a daily challenge due to the blocked view of the current ramp on Beechwood Parade caused by a plant from the corner property. Crossing the road becomes dangerous as we can’t see cars turning from Purchase Road, relying solely on sound. This improvement will deeply reduce risk of accidents and extremely helps to protect kids safety.	Comments noted.	1		
D08838810	Resident	I fully support this proposal. As a mother of three children, they will be attending Cherrybrook Technology High School in a few years. It will provide a great sense of relief and assurance to know that my children will have a safer and more secure path to walk to and from school if this proposal is implemented. Not only for their safety but for the many school children and pedestrians that cross the road daily at this intersection on Beechwood Parade, Cherrybrook. Pedestrians that cross this road not only to travel to the two nearby Primary School and High School but also travelling to Greenway Oval through Mark Place. Please seriously consider this proposal for the safety of the children and pedestrians that travel through Beechwood Parade.	Comments noted.	1		
D08839108	Resident	This is a brilliant idea. But to make it even better, I suggest a zebra crossing here. As from next year, my young child and elder mother would be walking across this road and this would be a much safer option.	This location is not suitable for a marked pedestrian crossing due to its proximity to roundabout. Pedestrian crossings on roundabouts are not recommended due to traffic flow and pedestrian safety implications. Where splitter islands and refuges are provided at roundabouts, the NSW Road Rules require that pedestrians give way to cars.		1	
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