

11 October 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Wells Street, Newtown- Proposed Pedestrian Crossing (Amended Proposal) Have Your Say**

In July 2023, Council sent letters to residents advising of planned pedestrian safety improvements by converting the existing at-grade (flat) pedestrian crossing to a raised pedestrian crossing. In consideration of comments received regarding the initial proposal to raise the pedestrian crossing, Council has now completed its investigations and has made amendments to the proposal to improve pedestrian safety in Wells Street by relocating the existing pedestrian crossing by approximately 6.5m east and not raising it.

#### **The Amendment**

In Wells Street, Newtown

- Delete proposal to construct a new raised existing pedestrian crossing;
- Provide a new at-grade (flat) pedestrian crossing relocated approximately 6.5m east of the existing location (instead of 7.5m as originally planned). The relocated pedestrian crossing is required to address safety concerns due to the conflict between the existing driveway/off-street parking spaces associated with the school and pedestrian movements using the pedestrian crossing in its current location.

#### **The Plan**

The following works are proposed and illustrated on the attached plans.

Wells Street, Newtown (Plan No. 10245-A):

- Construct a new at-grade (flat) pedestrian crossing (including new pedestrian crossing markings) to replace the existing at grade pedestrian crossing. The new pedestrian crossing will be relocating by approximate 6.5m to the east from the existing location and its surface will be level with the road surface;
- Construct new kerb ramps either side of the relocated pedestrian crossing; remove redundant kerb ramps associated with the old pedestrian crossing;
- Reconstruct some of the concrete footpath, kerb & gutter on both sides of the street in the vicinity of the works (where shown on plans);
- Adjust the existing pedestrian fencing on the footpath (by removing some sections and providing some new sections) to accommodate the new location of the pedestrian crossing (as shown on plans);
- Resurface some of the existing roadway with new asphalt adjacent to the new pedestrian crossing (as deemed appropriate at the time of works);
- Adjust existing No Stopping zones by relocating existing "No Stopping" signs to new locations (where shown on plan);
- Install associated pavement line markings and signages as required.

Please refer to the attached **Amended** Consultation Plan (Plan No.10245-A), which illustrates the proposed works.

#### **Parking changes**

It is proposed to relocate existing "No Stopping" and parking signage to accommodate the relocated at-grade pedestrian crossing and to meet current standards required for new pedestrian crossings. On the



north side of the street, this will result in the loss of one (1) existing on-street parking space but a gain of two (2) new on-street parking spaces. On the south side of the street, this will result loss of one (1) existing on-street parking space but a gain of one (1) new on-street parking space. Therefore, the proposal will result in an overall gain of one (1) on-street parking space. Please refer to the attached **Amended** plans for details.

### Streetlighting

The existing single floodlight for the pedestrian crossing on the north side of the street on its own does not meet current standards for pedestrian crossings. Therefore, it is proposed to install another new floodlight on the south side of the street to provide additional lighting to the new pedestrian crossing to comply with current minimum standards for lighting of pedestrian crossings.

### Have your say

Council welcomes feedback in relation to the proposal. Should you wish to provide any comments, please send the response by one of the following methods:

Email: [mohammed.haque@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mohammed.haque@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)  
Mail to: Inner West Council, PO Box 14, Petersham NSW 2049  
In person: Submit your written comments to the Customer Service Team at Council's Petersham Service Centre, or any of the other Service Centres listed on the bottom of this letter.  
By phone: Mohammed Haque on (02) 9392 5639

Please ensure all correspondence is marked with Council's reference Mohammed Haque to ensure your comments are received by the correct Council Officer.

**The last day to comment is Friday 27 October 2023.**

### What happens next?

Council has not yet made any commitment to change the traffic and parking arrangements in the street. A report, together with the community's comments and this proposal, will be considered by Council's Local Traffic Committee (LTC) at its meeting on Monday 20 November 2023. The Committee will make recommendations for Council to consider at the Council meeting on Tuesday 5 December 2023. You can check Council's determination shortly thereafter.

Council will notify everyone who provided comments of the final decision.

The LTC meeting agenda will be available to view on Council's website in the week before the meeting at [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/committees/local-traffic-committee](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/committees/local-traffic-committee). Members of the public may register to speak at this meeting. If you wish to do so, please contact Council's Administration Assistant—Infrastructure Services on (02) 9392 5788 to advise of your attendance. Please note that COVID restrictions may apply and limit personal attendance to the Traffic Committee (subject to restrictions in place).

### When is the work planned?

These works are expected to be undertaken during either the 2024/2025 financial year, subject to the outcome of this community engagement, final approvals, and budget allocations. No firm construction date is yet available, and residents will be notified further before any work starts in the street.

### Further information

For specific enquiries about this project please contact me on 02 9392 5639 or alternatively email me your responses to [mohammed.haque@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mohammed.haque@innerwest.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Mohammed Haque

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