



Reference: Mohammed Haque

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Dear Sir/Madam

Wells Street, Newtown- Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing Have Your Say

Council is planning to improve safety for pedestrians in Wells Street, Newtown by converting the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing to a raised pedestrian crossing, relocating the new raised pedestrian crossing 7.5m to the east. The proposal aims to improve safety for pedestrians & school children will address concerns about pedestrian and driver behaviour at this location, particularly during morning and afternoon on school days.

The Plan

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

Wells Street, Newtown (Plan No. 10245):

- Construct a new 150mm high raised concrete pedestrian crossing to replace the existing at grade pedestrian crossing. The new pedestrian crossing will be relocating by approximate 7.5m to the east from the existing location and its surface will generally be level with the existing footpath on either side;
- Construct "gutter bridges" with heel safe grating to provide safe access over new kerb and guttering to the new raised pedestrian crossings and to allow stormwater to pass within the gutter unimpeded;
- Reconstruct some of the concrete footpath on both sides of the proposed raised crossing (where shown on plans);
- Reinstate/resurface some of the existing asphalt road with new asphalt (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 raised 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 Consultation Plan (Plan No.10245), which illustrates the proposed works.

Parking changes

It is proposed to relocate existing "No Stopping" and parking signage to accommodate the relocated 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 plans for details.



Streetlighting

The existing single flood light 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 one (1) new power pole with flood light 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
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 Tuesday 1 August 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 21 August 2023. The Committee will make recommendations for Council to consider at the Council meeting on Tuesday 12 September 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. 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) 9335 2213 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 2023/2024 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.

Yours sincerely

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