

Item No:	A3.1
Subject:	YULE STREET, DULWICH HILL (CENTRAL WARD/SUMMER HILL)
	PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING – DESIGN PLANS
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SUMMARY

In 2011 Council adopted a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) plan for Dulwich Hill South which recommended a series of projects which have been accelerated into the current capital works program. These are schedule for construction in 2015/2016.Design plans have been finalised for Yule Street, Dulwich Hill as part of Dulwich Hill South LATM Scheme.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council defer the installation of angled slow points due to lack of community support of the detailed design (as per attached design plan No6049) and that Council investigate angled slow point as part of an angle parking solution for Yule Street, Dulwich Hill.

BACKGROUND

The issue of Yule street traffic calming devices originates in 2009/2010 as part of part of Dulwich Hill South LATM Scheme. At that time residents indicated that through traffic and speeding vehicles were a problem as well as pedestrian safety due to high vehicle speed.

In May 2010 residents of Yule Street were consulted by way of a survey questionnaire in relation to their support or otherwise of the two options listed below:

- The original proposal for the installation of speed cushions adjacent to properties 2A, 18 & 34; and
- **2.** The proposal for speed cushions to be installed adjacent to property 2A and two-lane angled slow-points to be constructed adjacent to properties 25 & 44.

Of the 180 surveys sent, a total of 59 responses were returned (i.e. 33%). There were 48 residents in favour of the installation of traffic calming devices (i.e. 81%). 27 of those in favour chose the angled slow point option over the originally proposed speed cushions (i.e. 56%).

The survey results indicated strong in support of traffic calming devices, with the majority of residents preferring angled slow points over speed humps at that time.

In December 2010 Council subsequently approved a concept plan for the installation of a speed cushion at the New Canterbury Road end of Yule Street with two angled slow-points between Fairfowl Street and Wardell Road.



The design plans have now been finalised for the proposed devices together with the outcome of community consultation on detailed design plans are presented in this report for consideration

DISCUSSION

Yule Street is a two way local residential street which runs east-west from New Canterbury Road to Wardell Road. The subject section of Yule Street is 12.8 metres in width. Yule Street is used as a short cut to New Canterbury Road from Wardell Road especially in the PM peak period.

Council traffic counts have indicated that the average daily traffic volume in Yule Street was 460 vehicles a day westbound and 263 vehicles a day eastbound. The 85th percentile speed is 56.9 kph.

Crash History

A search through Council's crash database over a five years period (2010-2014 revealed that 4 accident occurred. The accident was as follows;

- Yule Street/New Canterbury Intersection- two (2) Rear End accidents
- Yule Street/Wardell Road Intersection- two (2) Rear End accidents
- Yule Street/ Fairfowl Street Intersection one (1) Cross Traffic accident

Parking Survey – Newington Road, Marrickville (between Wymess Street and Perry Street)

As part of Council's Parking Strategy review the Dulwich Hill South Parking Strategy is currently underway and a draft Dulwich Hill South Parking Strategy is to be discussed at the next Pedestrian, Cyclist &Traffic Calming Committee on 14April 2016 followed by the public exhibition.

A parking survey review along Yule Street was undertaken in November 2015 as part of the Dulwich Hill Parking Strategy review.

The survey indicated that parking utilisation exceed 85% on the weekday (and are consistently greater than 75%.





Figure 1-Draft Dulwich Hill Parking Issue Plan

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Design Plans

Design plans showing proposed traffic calming treatment and sign and line markings in Yule Street, Dulwich Hill (as per attached design plans No 6049) are attached for consideration.

The proposed scope of works includes the following:

- Installing speed cushions and a landscaped traffic island with a tree in front of number 2A Yule Street;
- Constructing two angled slow points with landscaped traffic islands in front of number 18 and number 44 Yule Street;
- A length of dividing barrier (BB) line marking, including Reflective Raised Pavement Markers (RRPMs), on both approaches to the slow points to provide additional delineation; and
- Providing associated traffic signs and road markings.

The aim of proposed work is to decrease speed of the vehicular traffic and to increase road safety for all road users.

Impacts of the proposal

The proposed installation of the kerbside blister islands and 'no stopping' requirements will result in the loss of kerbside parking spaces along Yule Street.

The loss of parking spaces as a result of the proposal is as follows:

- One parking space in front of number 1 Yule Street, near the new speed cushions;
- Six parking spaces near the slow point at number 18 Yule Street; and
- Five parking spaces near the slow point at number 44 Yule Street.

All vehicle access to adjoining properties will be retained.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community Engagement

Consultation was undertaken with affected properties regarding each of the above design plans. A letter outlining the proposals with copies of the plans was sent to residents, property owners and stakeholders and summary of community consultation is provided below as follow:

The consultation period closed on 12 April 2016.

A summary of the comments received and responses is provided below:

102 letters sent out to the property owners and occupiers. Council received a total of 31 summations with 7 supporting, 2 supporting with changes and 22 opposing the proposal due proposal impact on the existing parking.



Yule Street- Traffic Calming proposal –Community Consultation Summary			
Total submission 31 received by 8.4.16	Number	%	
Support	7	23%	
Support proposal with changes	2	7%	
Object proposal with reason and suggested	22	70%	

The key issues raised in the public exhibition stage were as follows:

Issue raised by respondent	Council's Officer comments
Support with changes -I think the proposal is good, cars often speed down Yule Street to get to New Canterbury road. However, since the Zeus and Tella Balls cafes have opened up on New Canterbury road, parking on Yule street is often impossible. If car spaces are removed I suggest that the Council make a number of parking spaces on Yule street 'residents only' spaces.	Council proposing to implement to an 2P Resident Parking in Yule Street as part of Dulwich Hill South Parking Strategy I subject to community consultation, Traffic Committee and Council approval.
Objection with suggestion - I am vehemently opposed to the changes in Yule Street as this will have an impact on parking in front of my home. I do not have a driveway (there is space there for a driveway) but there is no access from the road in order to access my driveway.) It is generally a quiet street and if you want to slow down traffic, traffic humps are the way not the removing of car spots and making things more difficult for residents.	Council approved the Dulwich Hill South LATM traffic calming scheme in July 2010 and resolved that a review be undertaken of the location of speed cushions and any other traffic calming devices in Yule Street. In December 2010 Council subsequently approved a concept plan for the installation of a speed cushion at the New Canterbury Road end of Yule Street with two angled slow-points between Fairfowl Street and Wardell Road.
Support-I, on behalf of a group of 30 neighbours, lobbied for moves of this nature some 5 years ago so I suppose it is a case of better late then never. At present Yule St is a rat run for vehicles, mainly in peak hour, wishing to avoid the Wardell Road/ New Canterbury Road lights. I often witness cars reaching speeds of 80 kph in Yule Street in their attempt to beat the other traffic from Wardell road. All my neighbours are in agreement that Marrickville council would be doing a great community service by ensuring that this work is completed as soon as possible.	Noted. Proposal addresses concerns raised by resident petition.
Support with changes -I understand some residents are concerned about the loss of parking spaces. I would strongly urge council not to abandon the plan on those grounds. If guidelines for the number of parking spaces are not met by the proposal, additional parking could be made available by the creation of more 90 degree parking as has been done on the northern side between Fairfowl Street and New Canterbury Road. More 90 degree parking would have the added benefit of narrowing the street and further slowing traffic.	The draft Dulwich Hill South Parking policy is developed and a public exhibition would be organised in May 2016 subject to Traffic Committee Endorsement .
Objection with suggestion - The most significant issue in Yule St is the limited on-street parking. Most households have 2-3 cars and this proposal will significantly reduce our already limited parking spots by 12! My household and neighbours that I have	Council approved the Dulwich Hill South LATM traffic calming scheme in July 2010 and resolved that a review be undertaken of the location of speed cushions and any other traffic calming devices in Yule Street. In December 2010 Council subsequently approved a

discussed this proposal with are vehemently opposed to any traffic slowing measure that will reduce on - street parking. A simple speed bump which will allow cars to still park on top of will address the alleged speeding issues and retain all on- street parking that is currently available.	concept plan for the installation of a speed cushion at the New Canterbury Road end of Yule Street with two angled slow-points between Fairfowl Street and Wardell Road.
Objection with suggestion-I object to this proposal - as there will be a loss of the car space in a limited street as is. I do however want a sped hump installed in the street to reduce speeding or divert traffic else where	Council approved the Dulwich Hill South LATM traffic calming scheme in July 2010 and resolved that a review be undertaken of the location of speed cushions and any other traffic calming devices in Yule Street. In December 2010 Council subsequently approved a concept plan for the installation of a speed cushion at the New Canterbury Road end of Yule Street with two angled slow-points between Fairfowl Street and Wardell Road.

Also community consultation revealed the following:

- 10 out of 31 residents have requesting speed humps 32%
- 3 out of 31 residents don't have a driveway 9%
- 3 out of 31 residents living in Fairfowl Street-Dulwich Hill opposed the proposal due to parking issues 9%

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council defer the proposal of approved traffic calming treatment in Yule Street, Dulwich Hill (as per attached design plans No 6049), due to concerns related to the loss of parking. The proposal will be considered for the inclusion of angled parking as part of the Dulwich Hill South Parking Study.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding of approximately \$40,000 is available for the proposed works as part of Council's 2015/16 Capital Works budget.







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