

**ITEM 86. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – SHARED ZONE – BULWARA ROAD
ULTIMO**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/015952

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a Shared Zone in Bulwara Road at Quarry Green between Fig and William Henry Streets.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City is proposing a Shared Zone in Bulwara Road at Quarry Green between Fig and William Henry Streets, Ultimo.

COMMENTS

Bulwara Road is a one-way northbound street that varies in width between 6.3 and 6.5 metres and provides a north-south vehicular link from William Henry to Fig Streets, bisecting the Quarry Green Park site and effectively dividing the park in two.

The park is an important thoroughfare and event space for local residents and students of the Ultimo Public School. Events such as the Ultimo/Pymont Uptown Festival, Chinese New Year celebrations and Second Hand Saturday are held in the park throughout the year. These events generate a large number of pedestrians who would benefit from the introduction of the Shared Zone at this location.

As part of the City's vision to green our City, and the ongoing program of park improvements, a developed concept plan has been prepared for Quarry Green, Ultimo and was publicly exhibited in July 2014. This project is currently in the documentation stage.

At the intersection of Bulwara Road and Quarry Green Park there is a raised threshold approximately 6 metres long to slow traffic and provide pedestrians with an at grade footpath access over Bulwara Road. This existing threshold is considered to be inadequate as the use of the park expands and the east-west pedestrian link offered by Quarry Green is strengthened through the park upgrade works.

The proposed upgrade works will provide a direct and generous east/west pedestrian link in addition to a Shared Zone at Bulwara Road where it intersects with Quarry Green Park to improve pedestrian access and priority through the park.

The proposed Shared Zone extends the existing raised threshold to approximately 40 metres in length. The existing road level will be raised to produce a flush surface throughout the Shared Zone area with a distinctive pavement upgrade. The use of bollards along the sides of the raised threshold would provide a barrier to prevent motorists driving into the Green as the proposed shared zone extends beyond the extent of the park to service surrounding properties.

The vehicle speeds on the entry to the Shared Zone will be slowed by the introduction of an entry threshold and speed cushion. Standard Shared Zone signage will be introduced at the start and end of the Shared zone to comply with the RMS' Shared Zone Policy.

On-street parking is currently located on the western side of Bulwara Road. There are no proposed changes to the existing parking arrangements in the street and there will be no loss of parking or access to the loading zone for the Lord Wolseley Hotel.

A Traffic Management Plan for the proposed Shared Zone has been submitted to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). The RMS has given their in-principle approval to the Shared Zone subject to a Road Safety Audit (RSA) being undertaken on the design.

A RSA has been commissioned for this project and its findings will be incorporated into the final design of the Shared Zone.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 1,654 letters sent out outlining the overall park upgrade including the proposed Shared Zone.

The City received five submissions on the proposal relating to the impact of the proposed Shared Zone on the Loading Zone to the Hotel and on-street parking in the area and concern about pedestrian safety at the proposed Shared Zone.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the as part of the Quarry green Upgrade budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Shared Zone – Bulwara Road Ultimo

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