

Item 32.**Traffic Treatment - Permanent Road Closure and Parking Changes - Chapman Road, Annandale**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic treatment and parking changes in Chapman Street, Annandale:

- (A) Permanent road closure of Chapman Street between the points 114.5 metres and 183.8 metres, north of Nelson Street;
- (B) Reallocation of parking on the northern side of Chapman Road, between the points 0 metres and 46.8 metres (18 car spaces), 51.8 metres and 59.3 metres (three car spaces) and 69.9 and 80 metres (four car spaces), west of Nelson Street as "2P 8am-10pm" seven days a week;
- (C) Reallocation of parking on the southern side of Chapman Road, between the points 3.5 metres and 16.3 metres (five car spaces), 25.7 metres and 30.4 metres (two car spaces), 38.9 metres and 46.8 metres (three car spaces) and 58.3 metres and 62.9 metres (three car spaces), west of Nelson Street as "2P 8am-10pm" seven days a week;
- (D) Reallocation of parking on the northern side of Chapman Road, west of Nelson Street, between the points 80 metres and 89.9 metres (four car spaces) as "1/4P 8am-10pm" seven days a week; and
- (E) Reallocation of parking on the southern side of Chapman Road, west of Nelson Street, between the points 66.4 metres and 91 metres (four car spaces) as "1/4P 8am-10pm" seven days a week.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

In 2013, Council adopted the Johnstons Creek Parklands Master Plan which supported the reclamation of industrial land along The Crescent for open space. The vision included the creation of a Village Green for junior sports within a new recreational precinct. This junior field would be situated on the land at 7 The Crescent, Annandale (The Crescent Open Space) and a section of Chapman Road.

The Sports Field Development Programme (endorsed by Council in 2019) selected The Crescent Open Space as a suitable location for the development of a multi-purpose synthetic field because of support from local sporting groups, proximity to public transport links including Jubilee Park Light Rail Station as well as its location adjacent to Federal Park, Jubilee Oval and future Rozelle Interchange, creating a hub of recreation and sport.

Comments

In March 2021 Council endorsed the permanent road closure of 1,822 square metres of Chapman Road, located to the south of the Viaducts, to enable the construction of the sports field.

The road closure will result in the removal of 40 parking bays (consisting of 39 parking bays and 1 mobility parking bay).

A cul-de-sac will be incorporated into the design to accommodate vehicular movement at the northern end of Chapman Road. This will allow service vehicles to perform a three-point turn and exit the road in a forward direction.

Parking

The proposed new cul-de-sac will have a "No Stopping" restriction as it is intended to be a turnaround area for vehicles.

Parking in Chapman Road is currently a mix of "1/4P 7-9am 3-6pm Mon-Fri" and "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri".

To improve parking access for visitors to the new sports facilities, it is proposed to extend the restrictions to 10pm seven days a week to accommodate future parking demands in Chapman Road.

Consultation

Public consultation was undertaken for both the road closure and the field design.

Under Section 38B of the Roads Act 1993, a notification was published in the Sydney Morning Herald and Sydney Your Say between 9 November and 27 December 2020, inviting feedback on the proposed road closure. 61 public submissions and one formal objection

from Ausgrid were received. The road closure was subsequently approved by Council in March 2021.

Public consultation for the field design was undertaken as a two-part process: pre-consultation / early engagement and public consultation / exhibition. The concept design was on exhibition from 20 April to 14 May 2021.

During public consultation, members of the community raised concerns about the loss of parking in Chapman Road and the provision of new amenities (the sportsfield) would impact adjacent residents. The community were also concerned about the traffic movement and safe crossing points along The Crescent.

The overspill of parking associated from the parking loss can be accommodated through changes to parking provisions along Chapman Road and in surrounding streets which are currently underutilised.

The City met with Inner West Council representatives to discuss the sportsfield project and feedback received from residents. The City and Inner West have agreed to continue open dialogue about changes to parking restrictions and will work together to review pedestrian access and traffic calming opportunities along The Crescent with the aim to advocate a future solution to Transport for New South Wales.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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