

Item 26.**Traffic Treatment - Shared Zone - Park Lane, Glebe**

TRIM Container No: 2022/329481

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of the following traffic treatments in Glebe:

- (A) A Shared Zone in Park Lane, Glebe between Cowper Street and Mitchell Lane; and
- (B) Continuous footpath treatment in Park Lane at the intersection with Cowper Street.

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

Condition 22 of the approved Development Application D/2021/493, requires the applicant to make a submission to the Committee for all traffic treatments proposed for the proposed Glebe Mid-Rise development at 17-31 Cowper Street and 2A-2D Wentworth Park Road, Glebe.

The applicant proposes to introduce a Shared Zone in Park Lane, Glebe between Cowper Street and Mitchell Lane.

Comments

Shared Zone

Park Lane between Cowper Street and Mitchell Lane is a short local road, approximately 35 metres in length and 4.5 metres wide with no kerbside parking on either side of the street. It currently has no footpaths adjacent to the residential properties which forces all pedestrians to walk along the carriageway.

The proposed Glebe Mid-Rise development will deliver a mixed-use development comprising of both residential and commercial properties. A Shared Zone is proposed in Park Lane to enhance the public domain surrounding the development, support walking to and from the development and facilitate waste collection.

A Shared Zone is a road, network of roads or a road-related area with a posted speed limit of 10km/h and where pedestrian access and safety takes precedence over the ease of vehicle movement.

Approval to install a Shared Zone however is not delegated to Councils. Shared Zones are speed limits and approval to install them must be obtained from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) directly. On 2 June 2022, TfNSW granted conditional approval for the proposed Shared Zone.

The proposed Shared Zone will create a pedestrian-friendly environment that allows pedestrians to walk safely and legally within the road carriageway. The appearance of the Shared Zone will be considerably different to nearby local streets to clearly communicate to road users that there is a change in the street environment and that pedestrians have priority. The Shared Zone would prioritise access for pedestrians, control vehicles speeds and preserve residential amenity.

The installation of the proposed Shared Zone will not affect traffic flows. The existing "No Parking" restrictions in Park Lane will be retained after the installation of the Shared Zone.

Continuous Footpath Treatment

Continuous Footpath Treatments are proposed in Park Lane at the intersection with Cowper Street. Under the road rules, a footpath is a road related area. When entering, or crossing, a road related area from a road, drivers must give way to any pedestrian or other road users on the road related area. The introduction of a continuous footpath treatment reinforces the road rules, improves pedestrian safety and controls vehicle speeds. The new continuous footpath treatment will not affect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 564 letters sent out with no responses either supporting or opposing the proposal.

The City received one submission about the detailed design specifications of the Shared Zone. The Applicant would consider the feedback received in the final design and construction of the Shared Zone.

Financial

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by the Applicant.

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