

**Item 16.****Parking - Works Zone and Various Parking Changes - Forbes Street, Darlinghurst****TRIM Container No.: 2023/155572****Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of parking on the western side of Forbes Street, Darlinghurst south of St Peters Street:

- (A) Between the points 7.5 metres and 28.5 metres as "Works Zone 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat";
- (B) Between the points 38.5 metres and 71.5 metres as "Bus Zone 7.30-9am 2-6pm School Days" and "1P 9am-2pm Mon-Fri"; and
- (C) Between the points 71.5 metres and 97.5 metres as "No Parking 7.30-9am 2-6pm School Days" and "1P 9am-2pm Mon-Fri".

The proposed Works Zone is subject to the following conditions:

- (D) The Applicant must comply with the Works Zone conditions as stipulated in Schedule C of this agenda.
- (E) The Applicant must obtain separate approval from the City's Tree Management Team prior to implementation of the Works Zone.
- (F) The Applicant is not permitted to operate any part of a crane over a public road or hoist/swing goods from a Works Zone across or over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or crane unless a separate approval has been obtained from the City's Construction and Building Certification Services Unit as required under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993.
- (G) The Applicant must notify adjacent properties of the Works Zone at least 14 days prior to installation and must provide a telephone number of the supervisor responsible for the proposed Works Zone and include contact details in the notification letter to be distributed to affected stakeholders.
- (H) The Works Zone will only be installed upon approval of the Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP).

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Kings Cross PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City invited feedback in December 2022 to evaluate the effectiveness of trial parking changes implemented in July 2022 to improve traffic and parking conditions during school afternoon pick-up times at the Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School (SCEGGS) in Forbes and Bourke Streets, Darlinghurst.

The redevelopment of SCEGGS Wilkinson House is a State Significant Development (SSD-19989744) and conditional development consent was granted by NSW Department of Planning in August 2022.

In accordance with the development consent conditions, Grindley Constructions Pty Ltd has prepared a Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP) to document traffic and pedestrian management arrangements around the site. The CTPMP proposes a 21 metre Works Zone in Forbes Street in front of Wilkinson House, and conversion of some of the pick up and drop off spaces on the western side of Forbes Street to bus parking.

**Comments****Parking Trial Feedback**

The City received 15 submissions in response to the consultation on the parking trial. The key findings from the feedback are:

- The parking trial has improved the traffic flow and parking access in Forbes and Bourke Streets during afternoon pick up times;

- Access to on-street parking has improved for school buses picking up students in the afternoon;
- The traffic management measures implemented by the traffic controller, engaged by SCEGGS, have improved traffic and parking conditions and alleviate some of the concerns the local residents were experiencing previously;
- Concerns were mostly around drivers not complying with parking restrictions in Forbes Street;
- Vehicles are double parking due to the lack of parking spaces to accommodate the afternoon pick up demands;
- The increase in the number of pick up spaces in Bourke Street has improved traffic access and reduced blockages; and
- Concerns were raised about traffic and parking impacts from the future construction activities associated with SCEGGS Wilkinson House.

### **SCEGGS Wilkinson House CTPMP**

A Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP) has been prepared for the redevelopment of SCEGGS Wilkinson House to document traffic and pedestrian management arrangements around the site.

In summary, the CTPMP states that:

- The total construction period is expected to occur over a 23-month period.
- No truck movements will be permitted during school peak hours of 7.30-9am and 2.30-4pm on school days.
- A 21 metre Works Zone 7am-6pm Mon-Fri; 8am-1pm Sat is proposed in Forbes Street, along the frontage of Wilkinson House. The Works Zone will be crucial for the delivery of materials, small plant and concrete pumping activities.
- Traffic controllers will be on duty during Works Zone hours to manage traffic and parking movements in Forbes Street.

To maintain bus parking demands in Forbes Street, it is proposed to reduce the number of pick up and drop off spaces on the western side of Forbes Street to facilitate the introduction of a Works Zone.

Grindley Constructions Pty Ltd, the appointed contractor, has conducted community meetings and shared the CTPMP with affected stakeholders in March 2023.

To improve traffic and parking conditions in Forbes Street during school pick up and drop off times, City staff will work with SCEGGS to continue:

- Encourage students to use public transport, walk or cycle to school;
- Remind and encourage parents/carers to comply with parking restrictions in Forbes and Bourke Streets; and

- Increase City Rangers presence during afternoon pick up times to improve compliance.

## Consultation

The City consulted the proposed parking changes with local residents and businesses in the area. There were 672 letters sent out with 23 submissions opposing the proposal. Comments from the submissions are summarised below.

Submission comments	City comments
<p>Object to the original parking plan to remove the 1P parking between 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Concerned about parking loss.</p>	<p>The removal of 1P parking was originally proposed to discourage vehicles from overstaying the time limits, which impact on school pick up activities in the afternoon. The proposed parking removal will also discourage construction vehicles from parking near the site.</p> <p>Following consideration of the submissions, the proposal was amended with parking allocated as 1P parking between 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. The revised proposal to allow 1-hr parking from 9am to 2pm address parking loss concerns and reduce the likelihood of vehicles overstaying during school pick up times.</p>
<p>Object to the reduction of pick up spaces for general vehicles and concern about vehicles double parking to pick up due to lack of spaces</p>	<p>Feedback from the parking trial indicated that it is important to maintain bus parking spaces in Forbes Street to meet its demands.</p> <p>There are "No Parking" spaces in St Peters Road and Bourke Street for parents/carers to stop and pick up their children.</p> <p>SCEGSS will remind and encourage parents/carers to comply with parking restrictions in Forbes, Bourke and St Peters Streets.</p> <p>SCEGGS will continue to provide a Traffic Controller during peak afternoon pick up time to manage flow of traffic around the school.</p>
<p>Concern about construction vehicles parking in on-street spaces.</p> <p>Request for SCEGGS to allow construction vehicles to use their underground car park.</p>	<p>Workers are encouraged to take public transport and park in off-street car parks. The CTPMP do not permit construction related vehicles to park on public streets.</p>

	<p>City Rangers will be requested to increase enforcement in streets surrounding the site to improve compliance and turnover.</p> <p>Grindley Constructions to manage construction vehicle parking demands and if required, work with SCEGGS to consider the use of their underground car park.</p>
<p>Object to Works Zone location in Forbes Street. Concerns were raised about the proposed three-point turns for construction vehicles to exit the Works Zone at the intersection of Forbes and St Peters Streets.</p> <p>Request for Works Zone to be located in St Peters Road.</p> <p>Request for St Peters Street and Premier Lane to be opened for construction vehicle use.</p>	<p>THE CTPMP states that construction vehicles are not allowed to move during school pick up and drop off times and the three-point turn movement required by construction vehicles must be managed by traffic controllers at all times to ensure safety of all road users.</p> <p>The Works Zone is proposed in Forbes Street to improve construction efficiency for the delivery of materials, small plant and concrete pumping activities.</p> <p>St Peters Street provides access for students to cross between the school main campus and The Diana Bowman Performing Arts Centre. It also provides access for pedestrians to walk between Forbes and Bourke Streets.</p> <p>There are currently raised thresholds, a mid-block raised pedestrian crossing, pavement surface treatments and in-road garden beds to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in St Peters Street.</p> <p>St Peters Street was considered for construction vehicle travel and assessment indicated that traffic treatments would need to be removed to facilitate construction vehicle movements.</p> <p>Premier Lane is a narrow Shared Zone and is not suitable to be used as a heavy vehicle route.</p> <p>Based on the need to remove existing traffic treatments and the increased risk to pedestrians, including school children, the City does not support the opening of St Peters Street and Premier Lane to be used for construction vehicles.</p>

**Financial**

All costs associated with the Works Zone will be borne by the Applicant.

**CLEMENT LIM, TRAFFIC MANAGER - NORTH**