



Willoughby City Council

MINUTES

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING NO 2

20 April 2023

Traffic Committee Meeting
held in the Banksia Room
Willoughby City Council
Level 6, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood
and Microsoft Teams
commencing 9:30am



WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Willoughby City Traffic Committee.

The Willoughby Traffic Committee is a Technical Committee of Willoughby City Council mandated by Transport for NSW.

Council has been delegated certain powers, from Transport for NSW, with regard to traffic matters upon its Regional and Local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must take into account the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, *each of whom has a single vote only*.

- The members are the **NSW Police Service, Transport for NSW (TfNSW), the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and Willoughby City Council.**
- Willoughby City Council operates its Traffic Committee such that the single Council vote, upon any issue is held by the Chair of the Meeting.
- Generally the Traffic Committee meetings are chaired by a staff member of Council's Traffic and Transport Team.
- Willoughby City Council allows the public to attend and speak at its Traffic Committee on issues of concern for a maximum of five minutes.
- If either the NSW Police or TfNSW representative on the Traffic Committee disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Sydney Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of Council's resolution. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is determined.
- The Sydney Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.
- Information is available on Council's website use the below link:
[Traffic Committee | Willoughby City Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/traffic-committee)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of Willoughby City Council, I wish to acknowledge the traditional inhabitants of the land on which we stand, the Aboriginal people, their spirits and ancestors. We acknowledge the vital contribution that indigenous people and cultures have made and still make to the nation we share, Australia.

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1 PRESENT

Voting members present:

Shivani Karan	Transport for NSW
Ryan Edward	NSW Police
John Hooper	Local State MP's Representative
Daniel Sui	Willoughby City Council

Other representatives:

Ben Castor	Busways
Andrew Nelson	Willoughby Federation of Progress Association
Sri Sritharan	Willoughby City Council
John Gill	Willoughby City Council
Moones Sotoodeh	Willoughby City Council
Arthur Tsembis	Willoughby City Council
Patrick Williams	Willoughby City Council
Kerrie Edwards	Willoughby City Council

Councillors present:

Robert Samuel	Councillor - Willoughby City Council
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Members of the public:

David Yee	Traffic Management Consulting
Ben Midgley	PDC Traffic consultants

2 APOLOGIES

Tanya Taylor	Mayor - Willoughby City Council
Roy McCullagh	Councillor - Willoughby City Council
Craig Campbell	Councillor - Willoughby City Council
Hugh Eriksson	Councillor - Willoughby City Council

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Refer: Willoughby City Council Code of Conduct 2019
[Willoughby City Council Code of Conduct 2019](#)

Councillor Samuel disclosed an interest in Item 5.1

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OR FROM COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Local Traffic Committee held 23 February 2023, copies of which have been circulated to each member of the Local Traffic Committee, be confirmed.

4.1 COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the Resolution of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 March 2023 provided below, be noted.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The information is received and noted.

12.8 MINUTES - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023

MOTION

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations arising from the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2023.

MOVED COUNCILLOR MCCULLAGH / SECONDED COUNCILLOR ERIKSSON

CARRIED

Voting

For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Eriksson, Greco, McCullagh, Moratelli, Mouradian, Roussac, Rozos, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu

Against: Nil

Note: Councillor Zhu left the meeting at 8:02pm and returned at 8:04pm.

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5 FORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 MELNOTTE AVENUE, ROSEVILLE – EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING ZONE AND REPLACEMENT OF MEDIAN ISLAND WITH DOUBLE CENTER LINE MARKINGS

ATTACHMENTS: 1. REGULATORY SIGNPOSTING DETAILED DESIGN PLAN

WARD: MIDDLE HARBOUR WARD

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER

AUTHOR: SRI SRITHARAN – SENIOR TRANSPORT ENGINEER

CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME: 2.4 – MANAGE PARKING AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

MEETING DATE: 20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval for the extension of the existing No Stopping Zone and replacement of existing concrete median island with double centre line markings, in Melnotte Avenue at William Street, Roseville. The proposed changes will facilitate safe access by garbage trucks and other large vehicles.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the extension of existing No Stopping Zones and replacement of the concrete median island with double line markings in Melnotte Avenue at William Street, Roseville.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nil.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.2 NAMOI ROAD AND SAILORS BAY ROAD, NORTHBRIDGE – PROPOSED ON-STREET PARKING CHANGES, ADJACENT TO NORTHBRIDGE LIBRARY

ATTACHMENTS:	1. REGULATORY SIGNPOSTING DETAILED DESIGN PLAN
WARD:	SAILORS BAY WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	SRI SRITHARAN – SENIOR TRANSPORT ENGINEER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.4 – MANAGE PARKING AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Committee approval for changes to the existing Loading Zones and No Parking Zones in Namoi Road and Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge, adjacent to Northbridge Library. The proposed changes will increase local parking capacity for residents.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the changes to the existing Loading Zones and No Parking Zones, Northbridge, adjacent to Northbridge Library.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nil.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.3 26 CRABBES AVENUE, NORTH WILLOUGHBY– INSTALLATION OF NO STOPPING ZONE

ATTACHMENTS: 1. REGULATORY SIGNPOSTING DETAILED DESIGN PLAN

WARD: MIDDLE HARBOUR WARD

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER

AUTHOR: SRI SRITHARAN – SENIOR TRANSPORT ENGINEER

CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME: 2.4 – MANAGE PARKING AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

MEETING DATE: 20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the installation of a No Stopping Zone on the south side of Crabbes Avenue (between Peshurst Street and High Street), North Willoughby. The proposed changes will improve access to the adjacent fire hydrant for emergency vehicles.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the installation of No Stopping Zone on the south side of Crabbe's Avenue (between Peshurst Street and High Street), North Willoughby.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nil.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.4 MORIARTY ROAD, CHATSWOOD - NEW 90 DEGREE ANGLED PARKING SPACES

ATTACHMENTS:	1. REGULATORY SIGNPOSTING DETAILED DESIGN PLAN
WARD:	WEST WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	JOHN GILL – ACTIVE TRANSPORT ENGINEER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.4 – MANAGE PARKING AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval to change the current four parallel parking spaces to eight 90-degree parking spaces and two motorbike spaces, on the south side of Moriarty Road, Chatswood, between the Pacific Highway and the driveway to the Ampol service station. The proposed changes will improve local parking capacity for residents.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- **Approve modification of the current four parallel parking spaces to eight 90-degree parking spaces and two motorbike spaces on the southern side of Moriarty Road, Chatswood;**
- **Note there is no funding for the detailed design and implementation in current financial year program or planned for 2023/24; and**
- **Note that funding for the detailed design and implementation will be sought in Council's 2024/25 Traffic & Transport Management Program.**

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

TfNSW noted the trees on either side of the 90-degree parking spaces could impede the view of drivers when leaving these car spaces. Council advised the proposed planting will be below the line of sight. TfNSW requested diagrams showing swept paths of vehicles exiting the service station and for vehicles turning off Pacific Highway, along with the landscape plan and any information impacting the opposite funeral parlour parking space.

TfNSW have now reviewed the additional information and support the Officer's recommendation.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.5 WARRANE ROAD, WILLOUGHBY EAST – ACCESS TO WILLOUGHBY PARK

ATTACHMENTS:	1. REGULATORY SIGNPOSTING ACCESS TO WILLOUGHBY PARK
WARD:	MIDDLE HARBOUR WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	JOHN GILL – ACTIVE TRANSPORT ENGINEER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	3.1 – FOSTER FEELINGS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval to install two new pram ramps on Warrane Road and improve access and safety for residents walking to Willoughby Park via Stan Street.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the construction of two new pram ramps on Warrane Road, opposite Stan Street and the installation of 'No Stopping' signs either side of the new pram ramps.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nil.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.6 FOURTH AVENUE, ROBERT STREET, AND WARRANE ROAD, WILLOUGHBY EAST (AT WILLOUGHBY PARK) – PROPOSED NO PARKING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEPTED REGULATORY PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ATTACHMENTS:	1. PROPOSED NO PARKING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEPTED REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS DESIGN PLAN
WARD:	MIDDLE HARBOUR WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT ACTING TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT ACTING TEAM LEADER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.4 – MANAGE PARKING AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval for the implementation of *No Parking Motor Vehicle Excepted* regulatory parking restrictions in place of unrestricted parking in Fourth Avenue, Robert Street, and Warrane Road, Willoughby East. The proposed changes will improve local parking capacity for residents.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- **Approve the implementation of No Parking Motor Vehicle Excepted regulatory parking restrictions in place of unrestricted parking in Fourth Avenue, Robert Street, and Warrane Road, Willoughby East; and**
- **Note this is an extension of the McClland Street (south side) No Parking Motor Vehicle Excepted regulatory parking restrictions currently in place.**

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Committee was advised that Council received five late submissions (one objection and four in support). The resident objecting to the proposal owns a box trailer and believes local residents should be able to park a trailer outside their house without any restrictions as long as it complies with the Australian Road Rules.

Although some residents have requested Council install the *No Parking Motor Vehicle Excepted* regulatory parking restrictions on both sides of the streets, that is not supported as it does not align with Council's operational policy.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.7 SALISBURY ROAD, WILLOUGHBY - PROPOSED MOBILITY PARKING ZONE

ATTACHMENTS:	1. CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN 2. TECHNICAL REPORT 3. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT
WARD:	SAILORS BAY WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI – TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	MOONES SOTOODEH – TRAFFIC ENGINEER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.1 – ENHANCE TRANSPORT CHOICES AND CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY 3.1 – FOSTER FEELINGS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval for the construction of one additional mobility parking space and modification to the adjacent existing mobility parking space at Salisbury Road, Willoughby. The proposed changes will improve access for people with a disability.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- **Approve the installation of a new mobility parking space, including signs and line markings, adjacent to the existing mobility parking space at Salisbury Road, Willoughby;**
- **Approve the installation of two mobility parking space ramps at the existing mobility parking space and the new mobility parking space, at Salisbury Road, Willoughby;**
- **Note that there is no funding for the detailed design and construction of the accessible ramps in current financial year Operational Plan; and**
- **Note that funding for detailed design and implementation of the ramps will be sought in Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan - Traffic & Transport Management Program.**

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Traffic Committee requested that the Armenian Evangelical Church be consulted about the proposed additional mobility parking space and whether an internal parking area could be provided for people with disability. It was also questioned whether there is an opportunity for the Church to seek a community grant to convert the existing on-site stairs to a ramp for safe wheelchair access.

The Traffic and Transport team met the Church Minister and inspected the stairs at the rear parking area. It was agreed that due to the topography and gradient of these stairs, a ramp is not feasible and would not comply with Australian Standards.

The Church Minister supports the proposed alternative mobility parking space adjacent to the existing mobility parking space on Salisbury Road, to improve and provide safe access for people with disability.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) do not support the mobility parking space due to the width of the space, as it does not meet the current Australian Standards. Given there is an existing disability parking space that is functioning well and without complaint, the additional space will only improve and provide better access for people with a disability.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

Although TfNSW did not support the recommendation based on the width of the space, the remainder of the Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.8 RESERVE ROAD, ST LEONARDS - PROPOSED SAFETY ENHANCEMENT WORKS TO AN EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

ATTACHMENTS:	1. CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN
WARD:	NAREMBURN WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI – TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	MOONES SOTOODEH – TRAFFIC ENGINEER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.1 – ENHANCE TRANSPORT CHOICES AND CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY 3.1 – FOSTER FEELINGS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the concept design plan and construction of two new traffic islands at the existing pedestrian crossing in Reserve Road, St Leonards. The proposed changes will improve pedestrian safety.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- **Approve the construction of two new traffic islands and installation of associated signs and line markings at the existing pedestrian crossing in Reserve Road, St Leonards;**
- **Note the detailed design plans will be completed based on the approved concept design plans; and**
- **Note that the construction of the wombat crossings will be 100% funded (\$150K) by the Federal Government Stimulus Commitment under the TfNSW Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure).**

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

TfNSW requested cross-section diagrams of the final design. Following review of these diagrams, TfNSW support the Officer's recommendation.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

5.9 DELEGATED ITEMS - REGULATORY SIGNPOSTING AND LINE MARKING

ATTACHMENTS:	1. DIAGRAMS OF SIGNPOSTING, PAVEMENT MARKING AND LINE MARKING CHANGES
WARD:	ALL WARDS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	MOONES SOTOODEH – TRAFFIC ENGINEER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.1 – ENHANCE TRANSPORT CHOICES AND CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY 2.4 – REDUCE PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION 3.1 – FOSTER FEELINGS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval to implement regulatory signposting and line marking changes at various locations in the Willoughby Local Government Area.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the implementation of regulatory signposting and line marking changes at various locations in the Willoughby Local Government Area, as shown in Table 1 in the Traffic Committee agenda and reports.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Item No. 23/16 – Council will install the sign on a new pole.

Item No. 23/18 – TfNSW noted concerns with traffic congestion in this area. Council staff have agreed to monitor this area closely and if issues arise, the issue will be reported to the Traffic Committee.

Item No 23/21 – TfNSW advised that Kiss & Ride is limited to use in School Zones only. Council will provide more detailed plans for TfNSW. It was noted that the Kiss & Ride zones offer the same restrictions that 'No Parking' zones offer, where cars can stop for up to three minutes and drop-off/pick-up passengers. This supplementary signage would serve to educate drivers and better utilise the 'No Parking' areas as drop-off and pick-up points.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

6 LATE ITEMS

NIL

7 INFORMAL ITEMS

7.1 24 HERBERT ST, ARTARMON – DA 2010/66/A

ATTACHMENTS:	1. TRAFFIC AND PARKING REPORT: REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO DA CONSENT CONDITIONS AND CURRENT WALTHAM STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS
WARD:	NAREMBURN WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MITCHELL NOBLE – HEAD OF PLANNING
AUTHOR:	ARTHUR TSEMBIS – ACTING FAST TRACK TEAM LEADER
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.4 – REDUCE PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION 3.1 – FOSTER FEELINGS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS
MEETING DATE:	20 APRIL 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek advice from the Traffic Committee on the applicant's proposal to change the current parking restrictions in Waltham Street (adjacent to Taylor Lane), Artarmon.

Any change to the current parking restrictions would need to be approved by Council based on advice provided by the Traffic Committee. This would require a separate formal submission to the Traffic Committee following determination of the application to modify Condition 4 of DA 2010/66. Condition 4 states:

Loading and Unloading

All loading and unloading of new vehicles/goods is to be conducted wholly within the site. Under no circumstances are loading/unloading activities to be conducted from vehicles standing kerbside in Herbert Street and Taylor Lane or from any appurtenant right of way.

(Reason: Access and amenity)

The applicant's proposal is to delete the requirement for all vehicles to be loaded/unloaded wholly within the site, and allow unloading to take place on the adjacent street using larger car carrier vehicles between 8.00pm and 3.00am the next day.

In support of the modification application, Transport Management Consulting (TMC) prepared a Traffic and Parking Report dated 15 August 2022, a copy of which is attached. The report proposes a change to the unrestricted parking along Waltham Street (adjacent to Taylor Lane) to provide a 'Truck Zone'.

Whilst approval may be granted to amend Condition 4, development consent cannot be granted to permit unloading from a public place.

The advice sought from the Traffic Committee will assist the development assessment of the modification application to determine if a potential alternative on-street unloading arrangement is appropriate for the subject site.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The application is under assessment.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Traffic Committee requested the following further information to allow Council to reassess the application:

- Provide truck routes to and from the proposed Truck Zone
- Provide swept path analysis for trucks to manoeuvre this area (loading and unloading)
- Assess tree impacts and protections alongside the proposed Truck Zone
- Assess street lighting adequacy in the area for night work activities
- Provide a traffic control plan and traffic management plan for the proposed use of Truck Zone and vehicles unloading from the 7-car carrier, ensuring public safety for road users (pedestrians, cyclists and motorists)
- Advise on the legal implications and provide insurance details of loading/unloading 7-car carrier on a public road; and
- Council to undertake wider community consultation.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee does not support the proposed Truck Zone application in its current form.

7.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA-2022/394 - 2 TESSA STREET CHATSWOOD

ATTACHMENTS:	1. STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS 2. ARCHITECTURAL PLANS 3. TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT
WARD:	WEST WARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	DANIEL SUI – TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT ACTING TEAM LEADER
AUTHOR:	AKSHAY BISHNOI – DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT
CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	2.1 – ENHANCE TRANSPORT CHOICES AND CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY 2.4 – REDUCE PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION 3.1 – FOSTER FEELINGS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Traffic Committee advice on the proposed development for a Child Care Centre comprising of 145 children, particularly with regard to the potential traffic impacts on the localised street network. The development is considered to be of a contentious nature, approximately 80 unique submissions have been made to this development to date with majority of them pressing on the potential traffic impacts associated with the operation of the proposed use.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The application is under assessment.

3. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The following issues were discussed:

TfNSW further review

- TfNSW's did not comment on traffic generation/queue at Fullers Rd and Pacific Hwy (State roads), during peak hours tidal flow traffic management arrangements. The intersection is operating at capacity (Level of Service F) during peak periods.
- Council to request another assessment from TfNSW.

Right-Turn Ban at the driveway

- The Development Application proposed to ban a right-turn from the driveway. The right-turn movement ban only works in theory but not in practice; the illegal right-turn

movements will likely continue without Police enforcement. Police advised that this right-turn ban is not enforceable by local Police.

- The right-turn ban aims to address increased traffic generation (on View St; and Fullers Rd intersection). There isn't any road safety reason to ban this movement other than theoretical traffic distribution/management and network performance assessment. Allowing the right-turn ban will move the traffic generations/impacts to other local streets & intersections (as an alternate route) to access Fullers Rd and Pacific Hwy.

External Loading Zone/deliveries

- The Traffic and Transport team do not support delivery (drop off & pick up) from kerbside at 'No Stopping' zones at the intersection of Tessa St/View St. All deliveries need to be contained within the car park in the basement, including waste collections.

Tessa Street - narrow road

- Tessa Street is a bi-directional one lane street with parking permitted on both sides. Any increase of traffic during peak periods could potentially increase traffic congestion and safety issues with motorists finding gaps to allow vehicles to pass during peak hours.

Local road network traffic volumes analysis

- Comparison and analysis of the traffic volumes in 2019 and 2021 at Fullers Rd/Pacific Hwy is not accurate as it was undertaken immediately following a Covid-19 lockdown period (11 Oct 2021) where traffic movements were significantly reduced.
- Traffic volumes and the level of analysis need to include all other adjacent child care centre traffic - the analysis needs to demonstrate the cumulative impacts including the local residential traffic.

4. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

The Committee are unable to make a complete assessment of the traffic and transport impacts based on traffic analysis data provided from a period immediately following the Covid-19 lockdown when traffic was significantly reduced.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PEDESTRIAN WORKS TEMPORARY DELEGATION

Council sought clarification from TfNSW regarding the Traffic Management and Pedestrian Works Temporary Delegation.

The Committee's TfNSW representative advised that further questions or information on the delegation should be referred to the Department of Transport (delegated_works@transport.nsw.gov.au).

8.2 SAILORS BAY ROAD, NORTHBRIDGE – TRUCK ZONE RELOCATION

The Committee discussed a request received from the member for Willoughby regarding the extensive traffic queue during peak hours (pm) due to the existing truck zone on the south side of Sailors Bay Road just east of Strathallen Ave, Northbridge.

A video camera was installed at this location to monitor the loading/unloading activities and the impact to the traffic congestion (traffic queue length). Council's Traffic & Transport team found the following:

- Truck Zone only used between 10.00am and 2.00pm
- At other times utes and other vehicles are parking on the truck zone (without loading and unloading)
- These parking restrictions only allow the westbound of 3 or 4 vehicles turn left from Sailors Bay Rd into Strathallen Ave, hence there is traffic congestion and queues.

Existing Restrictions are:

No parking 6.00 am – 9.00pm (Mon – Fri), 9.00 am – 6.00pm (Sat- Sun) and Truck Zone 4.00 am – 6.00 am, 9.30 am – 6.00pm (Mon – Fri)

Proposed Restrictions are:

No Parking 6.00 am – 9.30 pm, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm (Mon – Fri) and Truck Zone 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Mon – Fri)

It is recommended that the proposed changes be consulted with affected business owners and reported to future Traffic Committee to improve the traffic congestion and to reduce queues at the intersection of Sailors Bay Rd and Strathallen Ave.

8.3 LONG GULLY BRIDGE (NORTHBRIDGE)

Local residents have raised safety concerns about the outdated drainage system on the Long Gully Bridge in Northbridge during floods. The current drainage outlets cannot handle heavy rainfall, posing a risk. Council will send photos to TfNSW, who owns the bridge, showing the outlets at capacity or blocked.

Residents have tried contacting ConnectSydney, TfNSW's contractor, regarding regular outlet maintenance before heavy rain, but their messages were not received or responded to.

Council has requested TfNSW and ConnectSydney to prioritize improvement works for public safety, including regular unblocking of the drainage outlets.

Shivani Karan from TfNSW will be Council's primary contact for updates on ConnectSydney's maintenance plan. An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

8.4 BUSWAYS

Ben Cantor from Busways advised the Committee of the passing of Steve Grady. Steve was Busways previous representative on the Traffic Committee. Councillor Samuel has requested that a formal condolence message be provided to Busways and Steve Grady's family.