

5.6. Woolcott Street at Euroka Street, Waverton – Pedestrian Refuge Island and Kerb Build-Outs

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PURPOSE:

North Sydney Council has approved the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plan for Area 1. The plan includes a proposal to install a pedestrian refuge island with associated kerb build outs in Woolcott Street and Euroka Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

North Sydney Council has approved the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plan for Area 1. The plan includes a proposal to install a pedestrian refuge island with associated kerb build outs in Woolcott Street and Euroka Street.

There is a loss of one parking space proposed as part of the proposal.

The proposed works will increase visibility between approaching drivers and pedestrians, reduce vehicle speeds and reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. The proposed concept plan is enclosed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost for this project is estimated to be \$50,000 which can be funded from Traffic's LATM 2022/2023 budget

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the committee endorses the following proposals to:
 - a) Provide a pedestrian refuge with on Woolcott Street just west of Euroka Street;
 - b) Provide kerb build-outs on the northern and southern sides of Euroka Street west of Woolcott Street; and
 - c) Provide a kerb build out on the western side of Euroka Street just south of Woolcott Street.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

2. Our Built Infrastructure

2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet diverse community needs

2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking

4. Our Social Vitality

4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

5. Our Civic Leadership

5.3 Community is engaged in what Council does

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2022/23 implementation of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans, it is proposed to construct a pedestrian refuge island with associated kerb build-outs in Woolcott Street and construct a kerb build-out in Euroka Street. One net-loss of parking space.

The proposed works will increase visibility of approaching drivers, reduce vehicle speeds and reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. The proposed concept plan is enclosed.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

Standard or Guideline Used: AS1742.10

Signs & Lines Priority: N/A

Precinct and Ward: Euroka / Cammeraygal

Impact on Bicycles: N/A

Impact on Pedestrians: Proposed pedestrian refuge and kerb build-outs will improve pedestrian's safety

Impact on Parking: Nil

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community consultation took place from 22 February 2023 until 07 April 2023. Approximately 44 letters were sent to 30 properties in the surrounding area and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 11 responses were received, including 4 responses from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the construction of pedestrian refuge island and garden beds (81.8% support and 18.2% objection). The results of the survey are shown in tabular format below:

I support the proposed Pedestrian Refuge Island and Garden Beds in Woolcott Street and Euroka Street	Response				Total
	No		Yes		
	Qty	%	Qty	%	
Within Survey area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euroka Street • Union Street • Woolcott Street 	1	14.3	6	85.7	7
Outside Survey area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Street • Crows Nest Road • Munro Street • Euroka Precinct 	1	25	3	75	4
Grand Total	2	18.2	9	81.8	11

COMMENTS RECEIVED

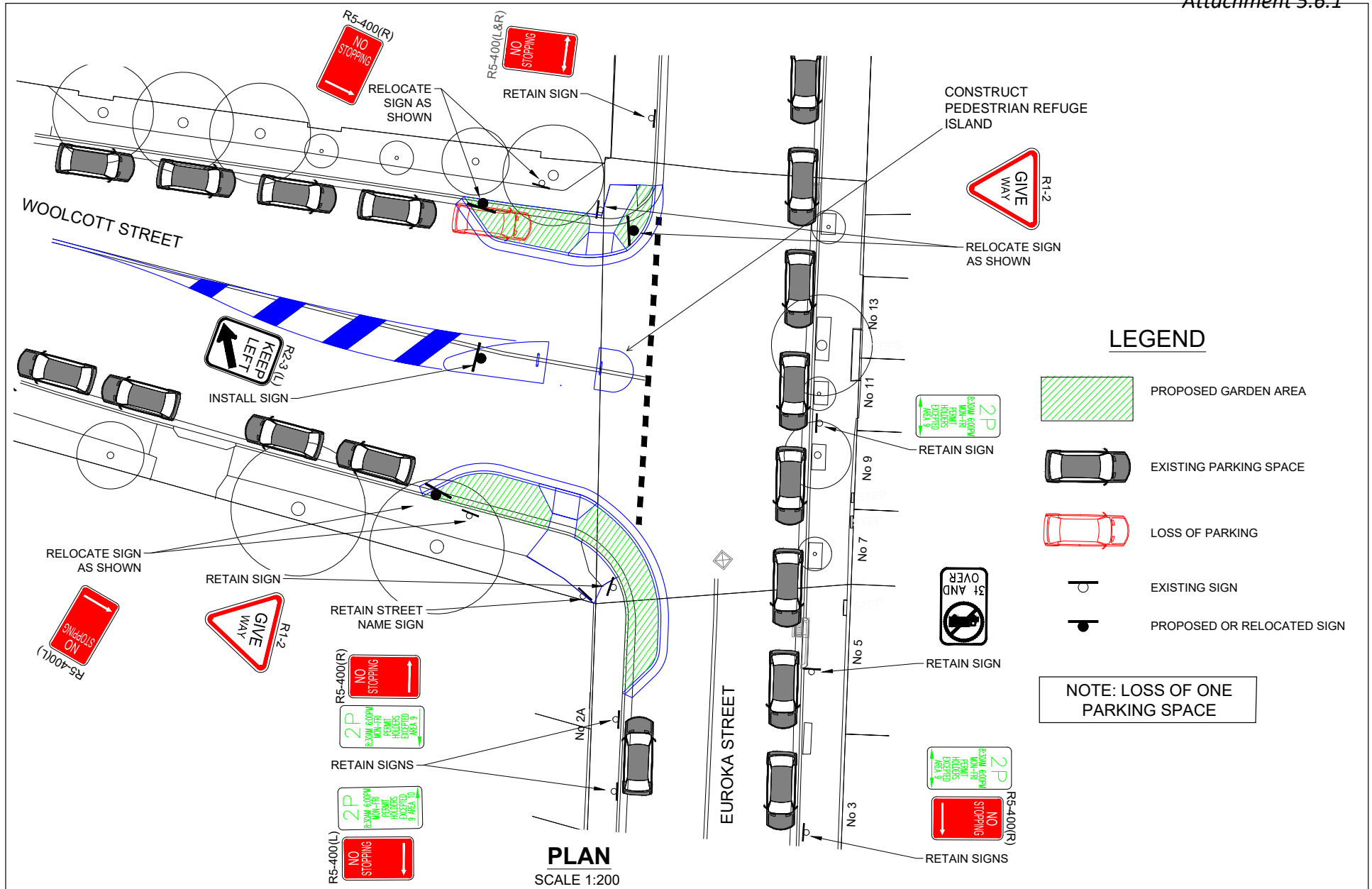
Respondents were asked to provide general comments/feedback as desired. Council consolidates the comments into major themes as opposed to including every individual comments.

Theme	Community Comments	Office Comments
Line marking	Request extension of line markings on Euroka Street toward Union Street.	Faded centerline pavement parking to be repainted as part of works.
Garden Bed	Seeking to ensure that the garden beds are always maintained at low height to ensure suitable visibility for pedestrians & drivers	Garden beds to be maintained at a low height.
Signage	Is the 'Keep Left' sign on the island required?	'Keep Left' sign is to raise awareness of the pedestrian refuge for the drivers and improve safety and prevent vehicle kerb strikes.
	Cars either swerving in and out of the entrance to Commodore Crescent or stopping in the middle of the Euroka/Woolcott intersection because they can't tell which street it is	Street name plates have been provided to clarify the street name at the adjacent intersections. All signs are in prominent positions and not obstructed.

Pedestrian Safety	It is dangerous for pedestrians to cross here and this is a much needed improvement to a very unsafe situation at this intersection.	Noted.
Maneuverability	Cars going into oncoming traffic on Euroka Street as there are no street markings and not enough room when two cars are parked on either side of the road	Faded centerline pavement parking to be repainted. There is sufficient travel lane width on each direction while maintaining parking lane.
	Object to the garden bed on the southside of Woolcott Street on the corner of Euroka, as it will be a hazard to the cars coming down Union Street. I'm also concerned that it's not wide enough for two cars and buses to pass.	Vehicles passing by in Euroka Street was taken into consideration prior to preparing this concept plan. There will be sufficient travel lane for two vehicles to pass by. The reduced width will reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety for pedestrians.
Speeding	Cars coming down Union Street, into Euroka Street going too fast	The kerb build-out on Euroka Street will narrow the street width, which a speed calming method to reduce vehicle speeds.

CONCLUSION

Given the community support for the proposal and that the proposed works will increase visibility, reduce vehicle speeds and crossing distances, it is recommended that Committee endorse the proposal for the pedestrian refuge with associated kerb build-outs on Woolcott Street just south of Euroka Street and kerb build-out on eastern side of Euroka Street south of Woolcott Street.



**PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS,
INTERSECTION OF WOOLCOTT STREET AND EUROKA STREET, WAVERTON.**

