

## Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2020 - Harrison Precinct

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- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
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November		<p><b>Proposed Intersection Improvements, Neutral Bay and Cremorne</b> - In general meeting attendees supported the improvements with preference given to Option A where relevant.</p> <p>In addition, the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Location 1 - Rangers Road</b> Precinct members were favourable towards the proposed design, however, there was concern that if a large vehicle, in particular, a truck, turning into Rangers Road from Military Road stopped to give way to a pedestrian that the vehicle would protrude unsafely into the kerbside lane and this may pose a safety risk to other vehicles on Military Road. Precinct members question whether the proposed crossing is located a sufficient distance from Military Road to protect</li> </ul>	<p>Council's Project Manager has advised that the Precinct Committee's comments were incorporated in the Traffic Committee report presented on Friday 27 November 2020.</p> <p>Council's Traffic &amp; Transport Engineer has advised that the proposal will result in no net loss to parking, but one parking space on the west side of Macpherson St and Military Road will be lost (North Sydney Council) and one parking space on the east side of will be gained (Mosman Council).</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>pedestrians from cars turning left out of Military Road. Is it possible to move the crossing further south of the proposed position?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>• Locations 2 and 3 - Holt Ave and Spencer Road</b> Precinct members agreed that option A is preferable, however, questions were raised whether there was possibility of adding pedestrian crossing markings to the proposed design to strengthen pedestrian safety. Precinct members also suggested that bollards need to be made more visible especially at night– suggestions include making them a yellow colour or adding LED lighting</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• Location 4 - Cabramatta Road</b> Precinct members also questioned the possibility of adding pedestrian crossing markings to strengthen pedestrian safety in this location. Bollards in this location also need to be made more visible. In addition, it was noted that cars, taxis and trucks which drive up Cabramatta Road towards Military Road in the morning looking for a parking place would be unable to turn around given that between 6-10am left turn onto Military Road is prohibited. The proposed narrowing of the left lane would make a U-turn difficult and illegal. Has this issue been considered?</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• Location 5 - Macpherson Street</b> While Precinct members agreed that option A is preferable, the possibility of marking the crossings as pedestrian crossings (in the interests of pedestrian safety)</p> </li> </ul>		

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		<p>was also raised. In addition, the bollards need to be made more visible so that they can be seen at night. Precinct members are also concerned about possible loss of parking spaces impacting on local businesses at this location (there are several medical practices at this location).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Parking</b>            Can Council confirm the number of parking spaces lost as a result of all the proposed intersection improvements locations?         </li> </ul>		
		<p><b>Traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and its cross streets</b> - It was reported that there were some minor amendments to be made to the concept plans before these are available for consultation. It was reported that there had been another accident at the corner of Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue involving a motorcycle on 5 October 2020</p>	<p>Council's Traffic &amp; Transport Engineer has advised that concept plans have been finalised and are ready for consultation. The consultation materials are being prepared. It is expected that a survey letter will be distributed to the residents and businesses in the area by mail and/or letter box drop in late January 2021.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
		<p><b>CPC Update</b> - Reported that the CPC had been advised that a new DA was being proposed for the Parraween Street carpark.</p>	<p>Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that discussion was regarding the existing DA, refer to <a href="#">Summary of Actions 2020</a> for further information.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
August		<p><b>Precinct System Review VOC</b> - Precinct members were asked questions regarding options for redistribution of Harrison Precinct's area boundaries in an on-line survey.  <b>Q1: Do you support a proposal to merge?</b>            Yes: 8 No: 5 Total votes: 13            If we are to merge, which merger proposal option is preferred?</p>	<p>Precinct Committee's submission to Stage 1 has been received. All submissions received will be collected and analysed.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: Amalgamate with Bennett Precinct 10 votes</li> <li>• Option 2A: Change to a suburb-based (Cremorne) boundary by amalgamating Willoughby Bay, most parts of Bennett, Brightmore, Harrison and Parks Precinct areas. 0 Votes</li> <li>• Option 2B: Change to a suburb-based boundary but with a further divide at Military Road (South Cremorne) by amalgamating most of Harrison and Bennett with some of Brightmore Precinct areas. 3 Votes</li> </ul> <p><b>Q2: Do you support a change of name from the current "Precinct Committee"?</b>  Yes: 1 No: 8 Unsure: 5  Total: 14 votes</p> <p><b>Q3: Precinct members were also asked to comment on the proposed</b>  Amended Code of Conduct - Precinct Office Bearers.  This includes procedural changes regarding the way that Precincts can interact with Councilors and Council staff.  One significant change proposed is: "The Mayor and General Manager are the official spokespersons for the Council. As such, they (or their delegate) should be approached first for presentations to Precinct Committees on Council issues. Such requests are to be coordinated through Council's Community Engagement Coordinator"  Do you support this proposal?  Yes: 1 No: 12 Unsure: 1</p>		
<b>June</b>	<i>No meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>			

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May	<i>No meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>			
March	<i>No meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>			
February		<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> - No action report in response to the November meeting minutes had been received from Council at the time of the meeting.	Council's Community Engagement Coordinator emailed the Precinct Committee with the Summary of Actions (SOA) on 5 December 2019 at 12.48pm. The Precinct Committee and residents can view the SOA on <a href="#">Council's website</a> .	Closed for Council
		<b>Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Safety Issues: Rangers Road and Spofforth Street intersection</b> - AC provided a summary of past actions and issues at the intersection and efforts to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. The Precinct Committee understands a group of Spofforth Street residents residing on the Mosman side have been attempting to lobby their council to take action to improve safety but Mosman Council (MC) states it has only one record of a resident complaint about Spofforth Street. The issues at the intersection were brought before the NSC Traffic Committee of 18 October 2019. Please refer to the Minutes of this meeting for more detailed information. NSC acknowledges the intersection can benefit from changes and is supportive of resident efforts to pursue the recommendations of the LATM. This includes the installation of two roundabouts - one at the intersection of Spofforth Street and Rangers Road and another at the intersection with Calliope Street. However, without support and contributory funding from MC, NSC cannot proceed to make any changes.	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.	Closed for Council

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		<p><b>Motion:</b> Harrison would like to thank NSC for their efforts so far. Carried.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how to generate support for action from Mosman residents. PK suggested circulating a petition to local residents living on both sides of Spofforth Street. This action was unanimously supported. AC agreed to start this process.</p> <p>Another suggestion was that a site meeting be organised with these same residents.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That a site meeting be organised with residents from both sides of Spofforth Street.</p> <p>Proposed: AC, Unanimous</p>		
		<p><b>Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street intersection</b> - The intersection of Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street is also unsafe and residents have observed frequent accidents. Residents including Precinct Committee member GH have attempted to contact NSC in the past but was told that Council have no record of accidents at this intersection.</p> <p>It was noted that residents commenced record keeping in early 2019.</p> <p>Issues at this intersection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danger from speeding vehicles crossing Spofforth Street at Holt Avenue - particularly to pedestrians.</li> <li>• Buses creating visual blockage when parking near corner of Holt Avenue.</li> <li>• Obstruction from trucks and other large vehicles which are legally allowed to park outside 122 Holt Avenue in Spofforth Street but which restrict vision to vehicles attempting to turn right and left out of Holt Avenue on the NSC side onto Spofforth Street.</li> </ul>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has noted Precinct Committee's comments.</p> <p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has provided the following clarification: Holt Avenue/ Spofforth Street - Design is underway to improve pedestrian safety and operation of the intersection, in consultation with Mosman Council. An update is expected to be provided to the Traffic Committee on 12 June 2020 (TBC). Pedestrian Crossing Audit (LGA-wide) - an audit of all existing pedestrian crossings in the LGA was undertaken and reported to the Traffic Committee meeting on 20 March 2020. Refer to reports on <a href="#">Council's website</a> (Item 4.05)</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of policing - residents report never seeing any speed checks being carried out.</li> <li>• Lack of any traffic calming devices on Spofforth Street.</li> <li>• B-line - has resulted in increased traffic on Holt Avenue in the morning due to no left turn on Cabramatta Road.</li> </ul> <p>The installation of a pedestrian refuge on the NSC side of Holt Avenue was raised as the 'silent cop' is of a little use.</p> <p>Cr Keen stated that NSC has resolved to meet Mosman Council to restart discussions regarding Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street and that communication on this matter remains open.</p> <p>Cr Keen also stated that she has asked NCS to look at all pedestrian crossings and is sure Spofforth Street will be included.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> NSC to clarify</p>		
		<p><b>Holt Avenue and Military Road intersection</b> - This intersection is also unsafe for pedestrians and motorists due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsafe, illegal vehicle movements and parking by parents and commercial couriers making drop-offs at the Little Sprouts Child Care Centre.</li> <li>• Motorists attempting to 'queue jump' onto Military Road by overtaking on right-hand side creating two lines of traffic.</li> <li>• Danger to pedestrians on Military Road traversing the intersection especially from the direction of the drivers' left-hand side - motorists are busy</li> </ul>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has noted Precinct Committee's comments.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p>concentrating on looking to the right in order to find a break in traffic.</p> <p>Cr Keen advised that she has put forward a request for Council to review all pedestrian crossings which she hoped would also include Spofforth St.</p> <p>Cr Keen agreed to propose to the Traffic Committee that a site visit be organised for Holt Avenue. It was suggested that the visit be timed for the morning (e.g. 8.15 am) and that the Police be invited and it not be on a Friday, when 'things' are a bit quieter.</p> <p>Some ideas for improving general safety of Spofforth Street included the installation of another raised pedestrian crossing on Spofforth Street - between Cabramatta and Spencer or Spencer and Holt Avenue and the installation of traffic calming devices.</p> <p>The meeting was advised that the new practice is to install raised crossings immediately adjoining a roundabout - such as those installed by MC at the intersection of Military, Middle Head and Bradley Head Roads.</p> <p>A comment was made (by GS) that roads must be made safer whatever the debate for the increase in traffic.</p> <p>JD stated traffic is a "global problem" in NSC area - suggested multiple precincts get together to work on resolving the issues which need bigger thinking rather than individual precincts dealing with such issues in isolation.</p> <p>Cr Keen pointed out that the upcoming Precinct Review would be a good opportunity to look at how Precinct Committees could best work together more effectively and collaboratively on issues such as traffic concerns.</p> <p>JMQ - forthcoming changes to ferry timetable may result</p>		



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		<p>in less patronage of ferries and lead to an increase in residents using their vehicles.</p> <p>Update on site meeting with Mayor and Member for Northshore on 3 December 2019 at the pedestrian crossing on Military Road near Cabramatta Road.</p> <p>The meeting was advised that the pedestrian crossing time has been increased by 2 seconds. However, other suggestions were not taken on board. It was suggested the three precincts should report whether the change has made any difference to pedestrian safety. It was noted that any response should include solutions as well as pointing out the problems.</p> <p>Harrison Precinct Committee will respond to the reply from the CPC.</p> <p>Several Harrison Precinct residents indicated they hope to attend the Traffic Committee meeting on 7 February 2020.</p>		
		<p><b>Heritage Project</b> - Joint initiative with Bennett Precinct Committee - this project is still on-going. JD from Bennett Precinct has recently joined the Harrison/Bennett Heritage subcommittee and attended Harrison meeting to show support and encourage collaboration.</p> <p>The loss of older buildings on Military Road was raised and it was noted that MC has a good heritage retention program in place and the question was asked how NSC's approach could be benchmarked against this.</p> <p>Cr Keen suggested taking both heritage and traffic concerns to the Victoria Ward forum when it is held.</p>	<p>Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Conservation Planner/Heritage Officer.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>