



Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 6 February 2020 at 7pm

at the Early Learning Cremorne Early Childhood Centre, Parraween Street

<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Attendees – as per Attendance Sheet which included a representative from each of the Brightmore and Bennett Precincts and the guest speaker, Councilor Jess Keen.</p> <p>Apologies: FC</p>
<p>Previous Meeting</p>	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2019 were accepted.</p> <p>Moved: JMQ, Seconded: BD. Unanimous</p>
<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No action report in response to the November meeting minutes had been received from Council at the time of the meeting. However, the Member for Northshore provided a response following the site meeting held 3 December 2019 advising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"the addition of two seconds of green walk time will make a noticeable difference for pedestrians without negatively impacting traffic"</i> • The B-Line project team has commenced <i>"driver education to help reduce the incidence of buses queuing over intersections and pedestrian crossings"</i> • State Transit Authority representatives have issued <i>"an alert to bus drivers about pedestrian safety, red light running and queuing on Military Road in the Cremorne area"</i>. <p>The Precincts are awaiting a response to the other matters raised at the site meeting.</p> 2. Contact had not yet been made with the Owners Corporation about the possibility of erecting a notice board for the Precinct near the IGA store in Cremorne. 3. There was insufficient time during the site meeting with Council and State representatives on 3 December 2019 to look at the traffic and pedestrian issues in Spofforth Street.
<p>Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Issues: Military Road, Spofforth Street, Rangers Road, Holt Avenue and surrounding streets.</p>	<p>A number of traffic issues were discussed relating to Spofforth Street and its feeder streets.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that management of the Spofforth Street issues requires co-operation between Mosman and North Sydney Councils (NSC). The divide runs down the middle. Spofforth Street and Rangers Road are heavily used by Mosman residents.</p> <p><u>Rangers Road and Spofforth Street intersection</u></p> <p>Precinct member, AC, provided a summary of past actions and issues at the intersection and efforts to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety.</p> <p>The Precinct understands a group of Spofforth Street residents residing on the Mosman side have been attempting to lobby their council to take action to</p>

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.

Motion: Harrison would like to thank NSC for their efforts so far. Carried.

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.

Another suggestion was that a site meeting be organised with these same residents.

Motion: That a site meeting be organised with residents from both sides of Spofforth Street.

Proposed: AC Unanimous

Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street intersection

The intersection of Holt Ave and Spofforth Street is also unsafe and residents have observed frequent accidents. Residents including precinct member GH have attempted to contact NSC in the past but was told that council have no record of accidents at this intersection.

It was noted that residents commenced record keeping in early 2019.

Issues at this intersection include:

- Danger from speeding vehicles crossing Spofforth Street at Holt Ave – particularly to pedestrians.
- Buses creating visual blockage when parking near corner of Holt Ave.
- Obstruction from trucks and other large vehicles which are legally allowed to park outside 122 Holt Ave in Spofforth Street but which restrict vision to vehicles attempting to turn right and left out of Holt Ave on the NSC side onto Spofforth Street.
- Lack of policing – residents report never seeing any speed checks being carried out.
- Lack of any traffic calming devices on Spofforth Street.
- B-line – has resulted in increased traffic on Holt Ave in the morning due to no left turn on Cabramatta Road.

The installation of a pedestrian refuge on the NSC side of Holt Ave was

raised as the 'silent cop' is of a little use.

Cr Keen stated that NSC has resolved to meet Mosman Council to restart discussions regarding Holt Ave and Spofforth St and that communication on this matter remains open.

Cr Keen also stated that she has asked NCS to look at all pedestrian crossings and is sure Spofforth St will be included.

Action: NSC to clarify

Holt Avenue and Military Road intersection

This intersection is also unsafe for pedestrians and motorists due to:

- Unsafe, illegal vehicle movements and parking by parents and commercial couriers making drop-offs at the Little Sprouts Child Care Centre.
- Motorists attempting to 'queue jump' onto Military Road by overtaking on right-hand side creating two lines of traffic.
- Danger to pedestrians on Military Road traversing the intersection especially from the direction of the drivers' left-hand side - motorists are busy concentrating on looking to the right in order to find a break in traffic.

Councilor Keen advised that she has put forward a request for Council to review all pedestrian crossings which she hoped would also include Spofforth St.

Cr Keen agreed to propose to the Traffic Committee that a site visit be organised for Holt Ave. 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.

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 Ave and the installation of traffic calming devices.

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.

A comment was made (by GS) that roads must be made safer whatever the debate for the increase in traffic.

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.

Cr Keen pointed out that the upcoming Precinct Review would be a good opportunity to look at how precincts could best work together more effectively and collaboratively on issues such as traffic concerns.

JMQ – forthcoming changes to ferry timetable may result in less patronage of ferries and lead to an increase in residents using their vehicles.

	<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 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-line & Cremorne Streetscape update</p>	<p>On 17 January 2020 B-line announced “Major civil and infrastructure works have now been completed in Cremorne”.</p> <p>It was queried whether in fact the infrastructure works have been completed as there is still a lot of pavement work being carried out on Military Road at the Cremorne shopping precinct.</p> <p>Cr Keen assured the meeting that ‘B-line’ will remain a standing item on the traffic committee agenda. Cr Keen also advised that she had received a request to reinstate the bus stop on Military Road near Hampden Avenue and would raise this at the Traffic Committee meeting.</p>
<p>NSC Ward Boundary redistribution</p>	<p>Cr Keen explained that the redistribution was necessary following the referendum to have councilors elect the Mayor from among their number. NSC area is now divided into two wards (north and south) with five representatives each. Harrison Precinct is now located in the southern ward (Cammeraygal). The meeting was advised the changes will not be effective until the next election which is due in September 2020.</p>
<p>Heritage Project</p>	<p>Joint initiative with Bennett Precinct – 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>Other business</p>	<p>The meeting was advised that the bus route M30 has been ‘renamed’ the 430. Also there was a concern that the privatization of buses could lead to less frequency and quality of service. There are apparently other changes coming but it is not known what these are.</p> <p>PK provided a brief update on 24 Cranbrook Ave – the developer has contested NSC’s refusal of the amended DA and taken the matter to the Land and Environment Court in an attempt to overturn the current heritage listing. Council has engaged legal representation to contest the developer’s application.</p>

	Harrison Precinct and local residents wish to acknowledge the continued and excellent support from NSC on this matter.
EIS on WH tunnel and proposed changes to ferries	The meeting was advised that these items were open for comment and of the opportunity to provide feedback.
Meeting concluded	8.30 pm
Next Meeting	The next meeting of Harrison Precinct will take place on Thursday, 5 March 2020.

POSTSCRIPT: 5 March 2020 meeting was not held due to unavailability of Office Bearers