



## CITY OF PARRAMATTA COUNCIL

### Parramatta Traffic Committee Agenda Item

**ITEM NO:** 2305 A1

**SUBJECT:** Parkes Street, Harris Park – Proposed Median Island

**APPLICANT:** City of Parramatta Council

**REPORT OF:** Traffic and Transport Investigations Engineer

**WARD:** Rosehill

**SED:** Parramatta

#### Purpose

This report seeks approval for the installation of a concrete median island in Parkes Street, Harris Park outside the proposed driveway of 14-20 Parkes Street. The purpose of the median island is to restrict right turn manoeuvring to and from the driveway of the proposed development to ensure that the traffic flow in Parkes Street is not interrupted.

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Council approve the installation of a 26.5m long concrete median island in Parkes Street, Harris Park to restrict right turn manoeuvring to and from the proposed driveway of 14-20 Parkes Street as shown in Figure 2 of this report subject to all costs associated with the works being paid for by the applicant at no cost to Council.

#### Background

On 17 December 2020, City of Parramatta Council approved a development application (DA/336/2020) for a 39-storey mixed-use development at 14-20 Parkes Street, Harris Park which is comprised of 294 apartments and 204 residential basement car parking spaces. Condition 75 of the notice of determination requires that a median island or similar be constructed in Parkes Street to restrict right turn manoeuvring in and out of the development subject to the review of the Parramatta Traffic Committee and approval by Council. The purpose of this condition is to ensure that traffic flow in Parkes Street is not interrupted due to the development.

#### Location Description

Parkes Street is a classified regional road with a sign posted speed limit of 60km/h and serves an important access route function for the Parramatta CBD. The road has a width of 12.8m which allows for two continuous travel lanes in each direction with no on-street parking.



**Figure 2: Design plan of the proposed median island in Parkes Street, Harris Park. The median island is shown with the yellow hatch with the grey hatching around the island indicating the proposed road pavement restoration.**

### Community Consultation

Community consultation was undertaken between 21 February 2023 and 13 March 2023 and involved the engagement channels listed below:

- Mailout to owners & occupiers
- Email to bus service providers

Council has received one (1) response from a resident of 17 Parkes Street who was opposed to the proposal as it will restrict right turns from their property which is located opposite the subject development site. No objections or comments were received from bus service providers.

It is noted that access to the driveway of 17 Parkes Street will be impacted by the proposal. This movement is also not considered desirable as right turning traffic in the existing property can disrupt traffic flow in Parkes Street.

The alternative route for this property would involve turning into Wigram Street and using Una Street and Harris Street as shown in the Figure 3 below. This will involve an additional distance of 350m and travelling through one additional traffic signal.

It is considered that the traffic implications for not having the median island at this location outweigh the inconvenience caused to residents. Accordingly, it is recommended that the proposed median island be installed by the developer as per their conditions of consent.



**Figure 3: Alternative route for residents accessing 17 Parkes Street coming from an eastbound direction or leaving the property to travel in the westbound direction**



## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The median island is to be installed by the developer of 14-16 Parkes Street, Harris Park at no cost to Council. Accordingly, there is no direct impact to Council's budget as a result of this proposal.

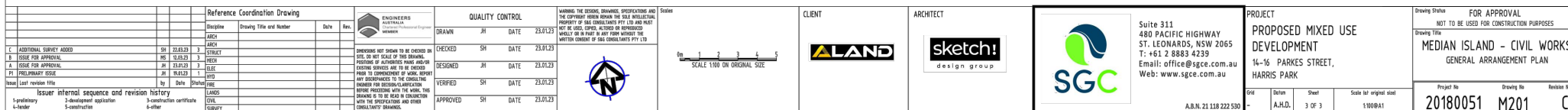


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**Attachments –** Detail Design Plan





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### Parramatta Traffic Committee Agenda Item

**ITEM NO:** 2305 A2  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Events in Harris Park  
**APPLICANT:** Little India Harris Park Business Association  
**REPORT OF:** Traffic and Transport Engineer  
**WARD:** Rosehill  
**SED:** Parramatta

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information about the four events that are proposed to be organised by Little India Harris Park Business Association (LIHPBA) in Harris Park between August 2023 and January 2024 and seek approval to process the August 2023 event through the Parramatta Traffic Committee under Delegated Authority process.

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the Special Event Traffic Management Plan (SETMP) for the Indian Independence Day to be held on 13 August 2023 in Wigram Street and Ada Street, Harris Park be considered through the Parramatta Traffic Committee under Delegated Authority process subject to all costs associated with the event being paid for by the organiser Little India Harris Park Business Association (LIHPBA) at no cost to Council.
2. That the information related to the three events proposed to be held by Little India Harris Park Business Association (LIHPBA) in Wigram Street and Ada Street, Harris Park between November 2023 and January 2024 be received and noted.
3. That Council write to Little India Harris Park Business Association (LIHPBA) advising that it submit Special Event Traffic Management Plans for the events as referred in Recommendation 2 to Council at least four (4) weeks prior to the September and November 2023 Parramatta Traffic Committee meetings for consideration.

#### Background

Councillor Noack has received a letter, dated 9 April 2023, from Little India Harris Park Business Association (LIHPBA) advising of three proposed events to be held in Harris Park between November 2023 and January 2024. Councillor Noack has received another email on Saturday 6 May 2023 from LIHPBA advising that it is also proposing to hold an event in August 2023. A new date has also been proposed for one of the events advised previously. The details of these events are provided below:

1. **Indian Independence Day**

Proposed to be held on Sunday 13 August 2023 (8am-10pm) involving closure of Wigram Street between Marion Street and Una Street, and Ada Street between Wigram Street and Station Street.

2. **Little India Diwali Festival**

Proposed to be held on Sunday, 19 November 2023 (8am-10pm) involving closure of Wigram Street between Marion Street and Una Street, and Ada Street between Wigram Street and Station Street.

3. **Little India Christmas Celebrations**

Proposed to be held on Sunday, 17 December 2023 (8am-10pm) involving closure of Wigram Street between Marion Street and Una Street, and Ada Street between Wigram Street and Station Street.

4. **Australia Day 2024 and India Republic Day**

Proposed to be held on Friday 26 January 2024 (8am-10pm) involving closure of Wigram Street between Marion Street and Una Street, and Ada Street between Wigram Street and Station Street.

For traffic management purposes, all these events are classified as Class 2 events. According to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events, Class 2 events are to be considered and approved through the Local Traffic Committee process.

The Parramatta Traffic Committee (PTC) meetings are generally held at every two months. Traffic Committee recommendations are then referred to Council meetings, that are held approximately 4 weeks after the PTC meeting.

The next PTC meeting will be held on 19 July 2023 and the minutes of the meeting will be referred to Council on 28 August 2023 for determination. As the Indian Independence Day is proposed to be held on 13 August 2023, it is recommended that the Special Event Traffic Management Plan (SETMP) for this event be considered through the PTC under Delegated Authority process.

The SETMPs for the Dewali Festival and Christmas Celebrations need to be referred to the PTC meeting to be held on 20 September 2023. The Australian Day and India Republic Day event needs to be considered at the PTC meeting on 8 November 2023. SETMPs with supporting documents for each event are required to be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the PTC meeting dates.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The all four events are to be organised by Little India Harris Park Business Association (LIHPBA). This matter has therefore no financial impact on Council.



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