

Item 32.

Traffic Treatment - Road Closure to Traffic - Hansard Street, Zetland

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the road closure of Hansard Street, Zetland at its intersection with Botany Road.

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC
Representative for the Member for Heffron

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

In 2024, the City received a petition from the community requesting for a closure of Hansard Street at Botany Road. The community has raised concerns about through traffic on Hansard Street and is requesting for a permanent closure to reduce traffic using this street and therefore creating a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

Comments

The City commissioned a seven day tube count in Hansard Street, in May 2025.

Traffic data have shown that there is an average of 831 vehicles per day travelling westbound and exiting from Hansard Street onto Botany Road.

It is expected that the vehicles currently using Hansard Street to travel onto Botany Road will now use Geddes Avenue or Epsom Road via the signalised intersection.

Currently, Hansard Street is a two-way residential street and provides a left-out arrangement at Botany Road. The City is aware that vehicles have been constantly conducting rat-runs through Hansard Street to reach Botany Road which impacts the residential amenity for residents of Hansard Street.

This proposal will install temporary bollards to close Hansard Street at Botany Road to vehicle traffic and maintain access for people walking and cycling. The closure to traffic will help to improve general safety in the area by eliminating through traffic, making it safer for people walking in the area and increase open space. A permanent closure with landscaping will be scheduled to be constructed in the future as part of City's Capital Works Program.

It is not anticipated that there will be any loss of parking. However, if required, up to two permit parking spaces will be lost on Hansard Street to provide space for a turning bay.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 410 letters sent out with ten responses supporting the proposal and eight responses opposing the proposal. The original petition that was received included signatures from 52 individuals that reside on Hansard Street.

Three of the objecting submissions received had concerns about large vehicles and delivery trucks not being able to conduct u-turns at the end of Hansard Street. The City notes that designs will be made to accommodate swept paths of service vehicles.

Four of objecting submissions raised concerns with increasing the number of vehicles that would need to travel through Green Square town centre as well reduced access to Botany Road. Furthermore, the alternative access to Epsom Road would be extremely difficult via Dunning Avenue. The City notes that the aim of this proposal is to reduce vehicles using residential streets such as Hansard Street and instead use streets with signalised intersections such as Epsom Road or Geddes Avenue which can be reached via Zetland Avenue.

The last objection advised that they do not believe there are any issues with the existing arrangement and rat running and that more consideration should be given to this proposal.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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