

Item 36.**Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment and Raised Pedestrian and Cycle Crossings - Cook Lane, Joynton Avenue and Gadigal Avenue, Zetland****TRIM Container No.: 2025/231150****Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee review the installation of following traffic treatments and parking restrictions in Zetland.

- (A) A raised pedestrian crossing across Joynton Avenue, south of Gadigal Avenue;
- (B) A raised pedestrian and cycle crossing across Gadigal Avenue, east of Joynton Avenue;
- (C) Installation of 1.9 metre wide raised median island, in Joynton Avenue, between the points 0 metres and 25.3 metres, south of Gadigal Avenue;
- (D) Widening of footpath as follows:
 - (i) A 1 metre wide footpath on western side of Joynton Avenue, south of Gadigal Avenue, between the points 0 metres and 20.5 metres;
 - (ii) A 1.3 metres wide footpath on northern side of Gadigal Avenue, east of Joynton Avenue, between the points 0 metres 24.4 metres; and
 - (iii) A 2.1 metres wide footpath on southern side of Gadigal Avenue, east of Joynton Avenue, between the points 0 metres 24.4 metres.
- (E) Relocating a "No parking" on southern side of Gadigal Avenue, east of Joynton Avenue, between the points 24.4 metres and 30.4 metres;
- (F) Relocating a "Mail Zone" on southern side of Gadigal Avenue, east of Joynton Avenue, between the points 30.4 metres and 40.4 metres; and
- (G) Relocating a "Loading Zone 8am-5pm Mon-Fri" on southern side of Gadigal Avenue, east of Joynton Avenue, between the points 40.4 metres and 49.2 metres.

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City has received requests to improve safety for pedestrians crossing at the intersection of Joynton Avenue and Gadigal Avenue. As such, it is proposed to upgrade the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing in Joynton Avenue to a raised pedestrian crossing, new raised pedestrian and cycle crossing in Gadigal Avenue and footpath widening to, facilitate safer pedestrian links and reduced vehicle speeds.

Comments

Green Square has experienced a significant increase in pedestrian and cyclist activity, driven by ongoing residential and commercial development, improved public transport connections, and the area's growing popularity as a vibrant urban precinct. This rise in active transport modes underscores the need for targeted traffic treatments to enhance safety and accessibility. Implementing measures such as improved pedestrian and cycle crossings, encouraging reduced vehicle speeds will help create a safer environment for all road users, particularly vulnerable groups such as children, older adults, and people with disabilities.

Given the high volume of pedestrians in the area, the traffic treatment proposals will help improve pedestrian and bike rider safety in the area as part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity. Given that Joynton and Gadigal Avenues are on a bus route, the raised crossing will comply with STA guidelines. Additionally, the existing footpath widening at the raised crossings will maintain the existing travel lane widths along Joynton Avenue. As, the traffic treatments therefore will not affect traffic flow along the street.

Improved lighting would be incorporated in the traffic treatment proposals to enhance safety at the pedestrian and cycle crossing at night.

Implementation of the proposal would require changes to kerbside parking restrictions.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 778 letters sent out with seven responses supporting the proposal and no response opposing the proposal. The response supporting the proposal noted that it will improve safety at the intersection and slow down vehicles. However, one response supporting the proposal also raised concerns about congestion in the area.

Financial

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

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