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Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan – Local Roads Package

The Northern Road Upgrade Community Consultation Report

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Executive summary

This report provides a summary of the community consultation carried out by Penrith City Council in November 2016 and January 2017 on a proposal for intersection improvements along The Northern Road (Parker Street).

The Australian Government is funding a \$200 million Local Roads Package as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan to improve road safety and traffic flow efficiency. Intersection upgrades on The Northern Road at Derby Street, Kingswood and The Great Western Highway, Kingswood are part of this funding. The key features of the proposed upgrade include:

Derby Street and The Northern Road intersection

- New designated left and right turn lanes on both Derby Street approaches
- Adjustments to kerb lines and footpaths
- Removal of some on-street parking on Derby Street to facilitate these additional turning lanes
- Relocation of bus stops to facilitate turning lanes

The Great Western Highway and The Northern Road intersection

- 50m extension of the right turn lane northbound on The Northern Road
- 100m extension of the right turn lane westbound on the Great Western Highway
- Widening of the right turn lane and realignment of median island, southbound on The Northern Road
- New pedestrian fencing in the median island of The Great Western Highway

Letters have been distributed to the community and stakeholders in the local area, inviting feedback.

Penrith Council received feedback from three community members and stakeholders. Five comments were about the community and one was about parking.

Penrith Council will provide responses to all feedback through this report and directly to members of the community and stakeholders who have made comments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for considering our proposal and providing comments.

Penrith Council has reviewed all feedback and is proceeding with the detailed design of the proposed intersection improvements to The Northern Road (Parker Street) at Derby Street and The Great Western Highway.

Construction is expected to start late 2017 and we will keep the community updated as this project progresses.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

The Northern Road is an arterial road running north / south between Windsor and Narellan via Penrith that will ultimately form one of the main arterial transport corridors to the South West Growth Centre (SWGC) and the Western Sydney Employment Area (WSEA). Intersections along The Northern Road between the Great Western Highway and the M4 Western Motorway are currently operating at capacity. As a result of the increasing population and employment growth and changes in land use, traffic flow efficiency, travel time and road user safety will continue to decline. The proposed works would address these issues at the selected intersections, Derby Street and The Great Western Highway, along The Northern Road.

1.2. The Proposal

The Australian Government is funding a \$200 million Local Road Package as part of its \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, to be completed over the next 10 years to improve road safety and traffic flow efficiency on Sydney's major roads.

As part of the Local Roads Package, two intersections along The Northern Road will be upgraded:

Derby Street and The Northern Road intersection

- New designated left and right turn lanes on both Derby Street approaches
- Adjustments to kerb lines and footpaths
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The extent of work will include 200m from each intersection on The Northern Road, 100m along all side streets except The Great Western Highway which is 200m in each direction.

2. Consultation Approach

2.1 Consultation Objectives

Penrith Council consulted with the community during November 2016 and January 2017 to:

- Seek comment, feedback, ideas and suggestions to consider when developing the detailed design.
- Build a database of interested and concerned community members with whom Council can continue to engage during the proposal's development.

2.2 How Consultation was done

Council sought feedback between 28 November 2016 and 27 January 2017. Community members and stakeholders were encouraged to provide their feedback and make comments via mail, email or phone contact with the project team. Consultation tools included:

Table 1 – How consultation was done

Method	Extent
Targeted Letters – 28 November 2016	Distributed to 18 properties.
Have your say flyer – 10 January 2017	Distributed to 200-250 properties.

3. Consultation Summary

3.1. Overview

Penrith Council received six comments from three people. Five comments were about the community and one was about parking.

Table 2 – Consultation overview

Category	Matter Raised	Penrith Council Response
Community 5 Comments	Acquisition of property X 2.	Council will engage an independent valuer to ensure fair and reasonable assessment is made. Council will also offer an opportunity to property owner to conduct their own assessment. Footpath near the hospital will be a part of the new acquired land.
	Safety requirements in relation to the design bringing traffic closer to the residence.	The designer will provide details and investigation into modifications relating to property adjustment works. This adjustment will be discussed with the property owners
	New location of the bus stop just west of the Anxiety Clinic on Derby Street.	The designer is to confirm the new location of the bus stop.
	Suggestion to relocate Derby Street bus stop, near the hospital, to prevent issues with parking near properties.	The bus stop will replace four on-street parking spaces near the pedestrian crossing on the eastbound side of the Derby St Moving the bus stop further east (as per resident proposal) will undermine the safety and convenience of the commuters. The bus stop at suggested location will pose safety issues for vehicles exiting and entering the busy underground car park due to restricting sight distance. U-turns can be performed at the roundabout which is only 35m away from your property if exiting the property onto the eastbound Derby St is uncomfortable.
Parking 1 Comment	Parking for the anxiety clinic is crucial and it would be beneficial to keep at least two off street parking spaces within the property boundary.	The designer is to ensure that new driveway access will provide access to two or more off street parking spaces within the property.

4. Decision

Penrith City Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider the proposal and provide feedback.

Council has considered the comments received and where practicable will incorporate feedback items into the detailed design.

5. Next Steps

Penrith City Council will finalise the detailed design for this project to facilitate construction commencement in 2017. The community will be kept informed as the project progresses.



January 2017

Have your say – The Northern Road (Parker Street) intersection improvements at Derby Street and The Great Western Highway

The Australian Government is funding a \$200 million Local Roads Package as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan. Funding has now been allocated to Penrith City Council to improve road safety and traffic flow efficiency at key intersections along The Northern Road.

The project is now progressing to final design. Council is inviting community feedback on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors for the project.

Key features of the proposed upgrade

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The upgrades will significantly improve road safety and traffic efficiency.

What are the next steps?

- Council is currently inviting community feedback
- Detailed Design starting early 2017
- Construction starting late 2017

The community will be kept informed as the project progresses.

During construction, there will be additional temporary loss of parking that will occur on The Northern Road and Great Western Highway. Two lanes in either direction on The Northern Road and Great Western Highway will be in operation at peak times.

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Public exhibition

To view the proposed upgrades go to <http://yoursaypenrith.com.au/our-future-penrith>.

Also available in hard copy at the Penrith City Library.

Further information regarding the Australian Government's Local Roads Package can be found on the RMS website <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-west/local-roads-package/index.html>

How can you give feedback?

We encourage you to send us your comments by **Friday 27th January 2017**

WSIP@penrith.city or:

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Penrith City Council
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Penrith NSW 2751

We will carefully consider your feedback and continue to keep you updated as the proposal progresses.

Contact

Having issues or have a question? Please contact the Have Your Say team on 02 4732 7458 or WSIP@penrith.city

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Appendix B – Distribution Area

