

Public Consultation - Leeming Street, MOUNT KURING-GAI - Proposed Upgrade of Pedestrian Crossing - 13 to 27 September 2024						
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D08976750	REFERRAL COMMENTS - NSW POLICE - HORNSBY	No objection	Comments noted	1		
D08973697	REFERRAL COMMENTS - TRANSPORT FOR NSW	TfNSW has reviewed the proposed changes and has no objections or concerns regarding these.	Comments noted	1		
D08971507	REFERRAL COMMENTS - AUSGRID	No concerns.	Comments noted.	1		
D08970841	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	Looks good. About time	Comments noted	1		
D08973368	WESTLEIGH RESIDENT	It's an excellent idea. At the moment what's there it's pot luck deciding if motorists are going to stop.	Comments noted	1		
D08973400	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT and SCHOOL PARENT	Thanks for proposing the crossing. We live in Mt Kuring-Gai and have children that go to the school. We would love a zebra crossing. We often use the school grounds at the weekend too so it will be well used. Cars do speed down that road and because it's a main through fare to the other side of Mt Kuring-Gai it is a very busy road especially when sports is on at the oval. This would make drivers slow down and look whether there is people or children crossing.	Comments noted. Comments in relation to alleged speeding have been referred to NSW Police.	1		
D08973413	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	Good idea it's terribly unsafe at the moment as the street isn't wide enough for cars to be parked on both sides of the road. Have seen many near misses with kids running out between cars.	Comments noted. Parking in Leeming Street is considered appropriate, parked cars effectively reduce speeds in local roads.		1	
D08973415	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT and SCHOOL PARENT	I am 100% in favour of this. I've seen and had my own near misses walking my children to and from school. Apart from anything it will hopefully force drivers to slow down as there are currently a lot of people who ignore the 40 zone. I know some of the neighbours will be disgruntled but I urge you to consider the fact that they have in fact been offenders of school zone road rules recently and have almost run over children who have tried to innocently walk along the footpaths. I fear that an accident will happen should there not be safety measures such as this put in place sooner rather than later.	Comments noted	1		
D0873416	WAITARA RESIDENT	This is a great improvement much needed to improve safety of children in the area	Comments noted	1		
D08973418	UNKNOWN	The installation of a permanent zebra crossing on across Leeming Street would be vital to the safety of students from Mount Kuring-Gai Primary School, their families and local residents as both pedestrians and road users during busy school hours. There have been a number of near misses, even when pedestrians have used the temporary children's crossing, and the community can not afford a serious injury or fatality when a simple solution is the installation of a permanent zebra crossing.	Comments noted	1		
D0873430	THORNLEIGH RESIDENT	I am extremely happy with this proposal and would love for a crossing on Church street also. The school zone on church street lasts all of 50m and cars come flying down the road from the highway not even noticing the zone. It is quite unsafe especially during school times. Thank you for this proposal!	Comments noted. Traffic data collected in Church Street shows that speeding is not an issue. Notwithstanding, comments in relation to alleged speeding have been referred to NSW Police.	1		
D08973433	SCHOOL PARENT	As a parent to kids at the school, I think this is a much needed upgrade. Even though it is a quiet street and it is a small school, many students walk to school and it is easy to cross not at the crossing which has had quite a few near misses this year alone. It is so important to highlight the crossing (such as a proper zebra crossing) which will encourage families to cross there instead and it will make it easier for teachers to encourage families to follow this road rule too. Occasionally there is also a particularly impatient driver, same car each time, which I have seen 3 times, who honks at the kids and families when they are crossing at the current crossing, having an upgraded zebra crossing will reinforce giving way to pedestrians.	Comments noted.	1		
D08973434	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT and SCHOOL PARENT	I believe a zebra crossing will make our kids safer as the current crossing is not noticeable enough and there have been many instances where cars have driven straight through the crossing without stopping to let children cross. The current crossing in my opinion is very dangerous and an accident waiting to happen.	Comments noted.	1		
D08973436	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	Fully support the installation of the pedestrian crossing. Could the design only allow for parking on one side of the road. During school pickup two lanes of cars cannot move down Leeming street and cars end up backing up into church street.	Comments noted. Further removal of parking spaces in Leeming Street can encourage vehicle to speed up, which will result in adverse impact on road safety. Full time No Stopping regulations will be provided near the new crossing, further removal of parking from local roads is not recommended.		1	
D08973510	WESTLEIGH RESIDENT	This is a wonderful proposal as it will dramatically improve the safety and welfare of the young children as well as their families. It is long overdue and should proceed with haste.	Comments noted	1		
D08973539	UNKNOWN	Awesome idea! Will be great for this to happen	Comments noted	1		
D08973761	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	Having a zebra crossing near the school is a good idea however I feel it could be better used if it was across church street as that's the danger spot as it's a bit of a blind corner coming from over the bridge	Comments noted. Council considered providing marked pedestrian foot-crossings at this location in the past. Site observations indicate the pedestrian and vehicle volumes in Church Street are not sufficient to ensure the safe operation of a pedestrian crossing. Pedestrian crossings provided at locations where pedestrian volumes are relatively low are known to create a dangerous situation where drivers tend to ignore pedestrians. This is particularly important for children and seniors who may feel a false sense of security on the pedestrian crossing and assume the vehicle will stop. Furthermore the site near the footbridge is located on a crest and bend where, depending on the direction of travel, a driver cannot see the crossing markings on the pavement. Council has provided a speed platform, 'stop' sign and modifications to the kerb alignment to reduce vehicle speed through the intersection. A traffic median has been provided in Church Street. The best way of managing risk at this location is for pedestrians to wait until it is safe to cross.		1	
D08974281	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	While I think this is a great idea, as a resident of this suburb who drives past the school daily, the amount of parents that don't even use the current crossing is huge. A lot of parents in my opinion are lazy to walk to the crossing and instead will cross the road where ever they see fit. So I feel doing this will not change the behaviours of the parents around this school at all. Please send someone from council out to observe the parents behaviours for a few weeks to see what we as residents see daily In addition, the amount of parents that throw a U-turn at the stop sign (Leeming and king) is huge and an accident waiting to happen, as a lot of parents will walk diagonally here with their children to cross the road into the school instead of walking up to the current crossing	Comments noted. The location has been monitored by Council staff prior to developing this proposal. Council's Road Safety Officer works closely with the school community to ensure that parents and carers cross the road in a safe manner. The intersection of Leeming St and Church Street will be upgraded with a Give Way control and double barrier line to discourage unsafe U-turns near the intersection. The matter of illegal U-turns at Leeming St and King St has been referred to NSW Police.		1	

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D0874284	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	This is a very ill thought out idea. Church Street and King Street are far more dangerous to cross than Leeming which is a very short road that cars tend to travel down slowly and is already serviced by a crossing warden. Please at least do some reasonable research before wasting our tax dollars.	Review of crash data shows that the intersection of Leeming St and King St is operating safely. Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings near primary schools in the Shire. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to the road rules concerning pedestrian crossing across the Hornsby Shire LGA. Also, a marked pedestrian crossing can reduce instances of drivers ignoring or misunderstanding pedestrian road rules.			1
D08974310	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT and SCHOOL PARENT	<p>As a resident of Mount Ku-Ring-Gai and a parent of a child attending the local school, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed upgrade of the pedestrian crossing on Leeming Street (Reference No F2004/09791). This initiative is a fantastic idea that will significantly enhance the safety of our community, particularly for our children who navigate this dangerous road daily.</p> <p>Having personally witnessed several near-misses on Leeming Street, I cannot stress enough the importance of implementing these pedestrian safety improvements. The installation of a full-time marked pedestrian crossing with painted 'zebra' lines and signs will greatly improve driver awareness and responsiveness to pedestrians, especially during peak school hours. The proposed upgrade of kerb ramps to meet full-time pedestrian crossing standards further demonstrates the Council's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity for all residents.</p> <p>Moreover, extending the 'No Stopping' zones on both approaches to the crossing will provide a clearer line of sight for both drivers and pedestrians, minimising the risk of accidents caused by obstructed views. As a parent, I firmly believe that these measures will create a safer environment for our children, offering peace of mind to families throughout the community.</p> <p>In a world where traffic continues to increase and our lives become increasingly busy, it is crucial that we prioritise the safety of our most vulnerable road users. By implementing these pedestrian safety improvements, Hornsby Shire Council is sending a clear message that the well-being of our residents, particularly our children, is of utmost importance. I commend the Council for its proactive approach in addressing this critical issue and for seeking community input to ensure that the project meets the needs of our local area.</p> <p>In conclusion, I unequivocally support the proposed upgrade of the pedestrian crossing on Leeming Street. The installation of these safety measures has the potential to save lives and prevent serious injuries, making our community a safer and more liveable place for all. I urge the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee and the Council to proceed with this project without delay, as every day without these improvements puts our children and other pedestrians at unnecessary risk.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my feedback and for your ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.</p>	Comments noted	1		
D08974335	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	Please put this thru. It's a great idea. Hopefully drivers will slow down.	Comments noted	1		
D0876094	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	<p>We would like to register our strong objection to this proposal and outline the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The existing Children's crossing has operated successfully for a number of years without any problems. •Other than the morning and afternoon usage of the school crossing, there is virtually no requirement for this permanent crossing to be provided. This will be used by less than 10 houses who may want to walk to the shops or railway station. Most people that walk in Leeming Street, cross at either the Church or King street corners. •The existing crossing is fully flagged with the standard 'Children Crossing' flags. There is good vision both directions for cars and even though a 40km/hr speed exists, the speed is often less than that due only one lane available when cars park on either side of the street. •As the school does not operate for twelve weeks a year plus public holidays and school development days the enforcing of 24/7 year long restriction in this area cannot be justified. •If this permanent 'No Stopping' zone is implemented, this totally unnecessary restriction, would along with our neighbour, will lose the ability for anyone to park outside our homes, including tradespeople, family and friends, who would have to park around the corner because all the other houses are able to park in front of their houses. There is no need for this permanent restriction on weekends, Christmas, and other times, including between start and finish times. Often the school has events on such as for voting and for Grandparents day when parking is required close to the school due to age and mobility issues. •The school has only a small number of children attending and some children approach the school from King Street and the school bus makes a stop on the school side of the road so neither of them require to cross Leeming Street. •In the afternoon the children finish at 3.30pm exit the school via the gate and cross Leeming Street in numbers and in most cases have at least one parent present. This flow across Leeming Street only lasts a maximum of fifteen minutes. •The existing 'Childrens Crossing' has the regulation sighting distance signs in place that restrict any close parking to the crossing during the restricted hours. The replacement signs would only mirror the existing signs but be a more permanent restriction at all times. •Surely there are other areas in the shire, that would benefit more for a permanent crossing than one in Leeming Street, the current one operates quite successfully. <p>The main objection that we have will be the loss of parking outside our house on the street at all times both for our visitors, family and tradespersons and restrictions it will impose on a permanent basis for school users. This would be a totally unnecessary restriction placed on our homes.</p> <p>There will soon be a new house to be built at 9A Leeming Street and would surely inconvenience all the trades people that will be required to work in constructing the house.</p> <p>Today Friday there were at least four work trucks present outside our house doing work on the footpath. Had this 'No Stopping' been in place then if there was room all these trucks would have needed to park further down the road to carry out the repairs. There is a photo attached regarding this event.</p> <p>Therefore we would like to submit our strong objection to the proposal and would like the current set up to continue.</p>	Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings near primary schools in the shire to full-time marked pedestrian crossings. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to the road rules concerning pedestrian crossings across the Hornsby Shire LGA. Council receives regular complaints from pedestrians where Childrens Crossing are present of drivers ignoring or misunderstanding the road rules. This request is in response to many reports received concerning drivers failing to stop at the Children's crossing. Pedestrian facilities encourage active travel, such as walking, contributing to a healthier lifestyle for children and families. The 'No Stopping' signage is mandatory at a marked pedestrian crossing in accordance with Transport for NSW and Australian Standards. Private residences in Leeming Street provide off-street parking in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan and Council. There is ample parking available in the nearby area for additional cars or visitors with footpath network providing good walking connections.			1

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D08976355	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENTS	<p>Our names are Peter & Debbie Milgate. Our address is 5a Leeming St Mount Ku-Ring-Gai. We would like to register our objection to the above proposal on several grounds as listed below.</p> <p>Notification</p> <p>An audit was carried out at least six weeks ago possibly up to eight weeks ago when we noticed a person in Hi Vis using a measuring wheel and taking photographs of the current signage in the street. This followed incident on Saturday 23 March where two police officers knocked on our door and questioned us over a car belonging to our son which has been legally parked opposite our home for some time. The car is registered to my son and is legally parked. The female police officer demanded to know why the car was parked there as a complaint had been lodged by a person associated with the school. We believe this event is related to the current proposal.</p> <p>We received a letter to inform us of the proposed new crossing on 17/9/24 posted on 12/9/24 giving us a cutoff date to reply as 28/9/24, a period of ten days for a project that has clearly been in the hands of expert traffic planers for at least six and probably eight weeks. We find this is clearly an inadequate time to consider a response to a team of professional consultants.</p> <p>Traffic Survey</p> <p>To help us with our reply we would need to be shown a copy of whatever traffic and pedestrian survey were carried out, and over what time frame these surveys were carried out in order to suggest a permanent crossing is needed.</p> <p>In our observations on a very regular daily basis is the current parking , speed and crossing restriction are adequate, the problem we see almost every day is some parents completely ignoring the current crossing restrictions by dropping off children in current No Stopping zones on a regular basis, also ignoring the parking restrictions regarding the Stop sign at the corner of King & Leeming Streets, as well as performing illegal U turns within the restricted areas, also very few of the parents, if parked south of the current crossing, actually use the current crossing when dropping off or picking up, they instead Jay walk with their children to their cars.</p> <p>The current rules are quite adequate they just need to be enforced, and some parents need to be educated in the relevant road rules.</p> <p>Twenty-Four-hour Crossing</p> <p>The proposal for a Twenty-Four-Hour crossing is completely unwarranted. Has any form of pedestrian survey been carried out to warrant this. Our observation of pedestrian activity in peak hour times show the majority of pedestrians on route to and from the train station or shops, from the south use the lane way behind the school and cross at the corner of Church & Leeming.</p> <p>Weekend activity at the school is also frowned on by the Dept. of Education as is clearly stated by signs placed at every school gate stating it is trespassing the enter school grounds without permission and is supported by an on-call security system.</p> <p>Impact</p> <p>There are only approximate four residences that would be impacted by the proposed changes, at least two have elderly and or disabled persons, but the problems incurred would be very life changing for some i.e. deliveries, parking for relatives, friends and support workers in out of school hours.</p>	<p>Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossing near primary schools in the shire to full-time marked pedestrian crossings. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to the road rules concerning pedestrian crossings across the Hornsby Shire LGA. Council receives regular complaints from pedestrians where Childrens Crossing are present of drivers ignoring or misunderstanding the road rules. This request is in response to many reports received concerning drivers failing to stop at the Children's crossing. Pedestrian facilities encourage active travel, such as walking, contributing to a healthier lifestyle for children and families. The 'No Stopping' signage is mandatory at a marked pedestrian crossing in accordance with Transport for NSW and Australian Standards. Private residences in Leeming Street provide off-street parking in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan and Council. There is ample parking available in the nearby area for additional cars or visitors with footpath network providing good walking connections. The provision of the crossing meets TfNSW pedestrian crossing warrants as detailed in the LTC report.</p>			1
D08977095	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	<p>I believe somebody should come and conduct a survey over several weeks before proceeding with the upgrade. I have lived in the area for many years and there are few parents and children using the existing crossing. Somebody just needs to sit and watch of an afternoon when school comes out. Parents and children are far too lazy to walk to the crossing and teach their children to cross a road correctly. At times it's like playing Russian roulette with the oncoming cars etc. Won't be surprised to hear of a child getting hit by a car soon. Also cars parking illegally, doing illegal turns etc- Rangers would make a killing from this school. Before wasting more money. PLEASE do more research.</p>	<p>Council has completed traffic survey at the crossing confirming that it meets Transport for NSW crossing warrants. Providing a formal crossing will encourage pedestrians to cross the road at the designated location. Concerns about illegal parking have been forwarded to Traffic Rangers for investigation.</p>			1
D08978182	MOUNT KURING-GAI RESIDENT	<p>I need to ask if we could improve the safety of our children and students. It is very dangerous for children and residents when crossing Church Street at Leeming Street. Cars travel off the overpass bridge very quickly and in the afternoon, the sun is in the eyes of pedestrians crossing the road that leads to a walkway to the station. We must slow down traffic at this point. This is where many students walk before and after school and there have been many near-misses. It is also an area where many children cross after school on their bikes. This is a very dangerous area to cross as the cars come very, very quickly over the bridge.</p> <p>The other area that needs improvement is when students, children and residents cross Church Street to walk on the overpass bridge toward Aldi. See image attached. These are two very dangerous areas and I ask that council please consider what could be done here.</p>	<p>Council's investigations have confirmed that due to geometric constraints and street utilities, the provision of a pedestrian crossing near the intersection of Church Street and Leeming Street is not possible and the closest location where a facility council be provided is near the Mount Kuring-Gai Community Centre in Church Street. This will also involve a significant amount of civil works to ensure compliance with relevant engineering standards. Council will consider further improvements to pedestrian facilities in this area as part of NSW State Government's 'Walking and Cycling' funding program in the future.</p> <p>This Council considered providing marked pedestrian foot-crossings at overpass bridge in the past. Site observations indicate the pedestrian and vehicle volumes in Church Street are not sufficient to ensure the safe operation of a pedestrian crossing. Pedestrian crossings provided at locations where pedestrian volumes are relatively low are known to create a dangerous situation where drivers tend to ignore pedestrians. This is particularly important for children and seniors who may feel a false sense of security on the pedestrian crossing and assume the vehicle will stop. Furthermore the site near the footbridge is located on a crest and bend where, depending on the direction of travel, a driver cannot see the crossing markings on the pavement. Council has provided a speed platform, 'stop' sign and modifications to the kerb alignment to reduce vehicle speed through the intersection. Further works cannot be provided without blocking bus and service vehicle access. The best way of managing risk at this location is for pedestrians to wait until it is safe to cross.</p>			1
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