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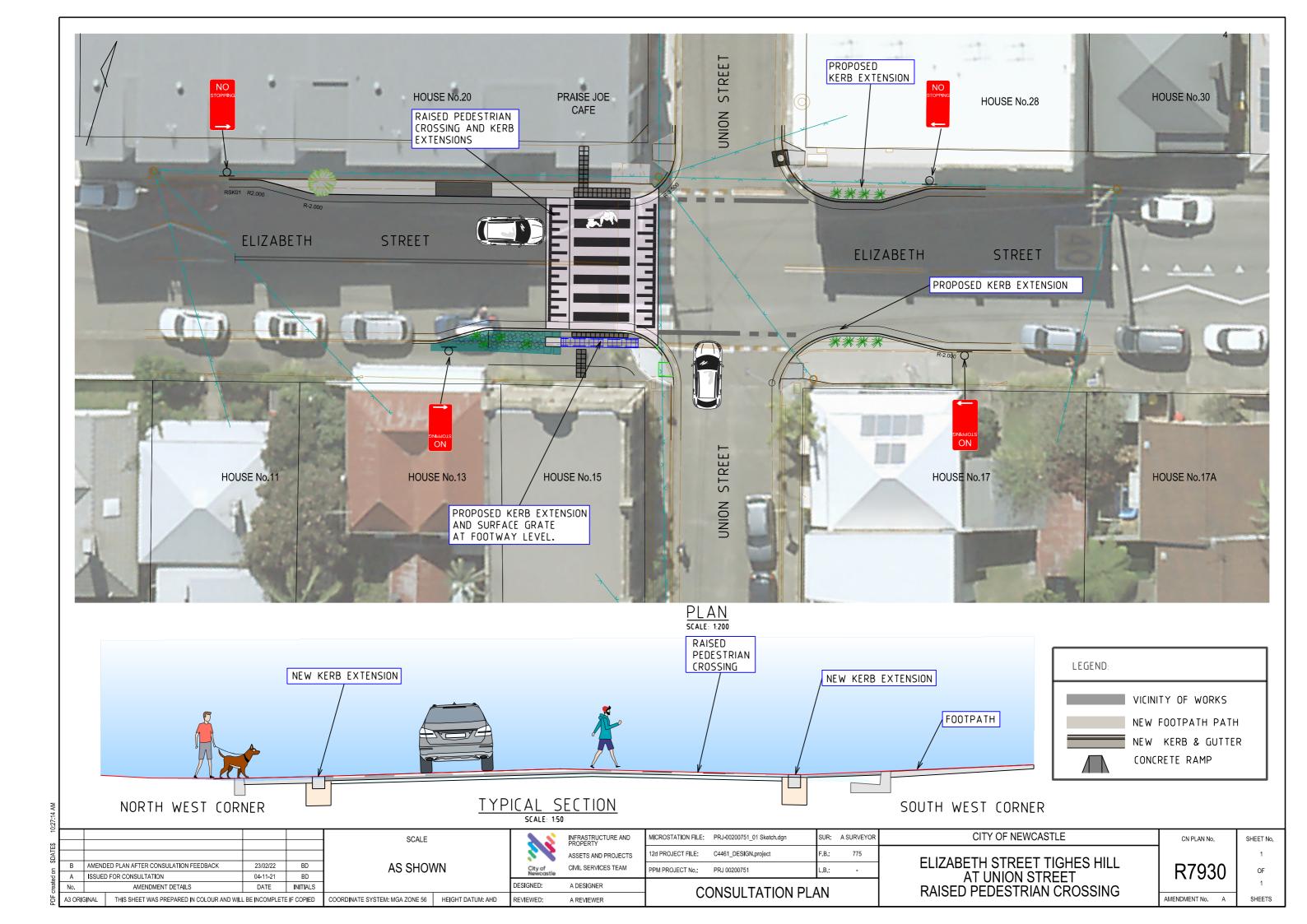
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ITEM-26 Attachment B: CCL 220322 - Elizabeth Street, Tighes Hill - Consultation Flyer

Background

We are proposing to upgrade the crossing to improve safety and help with speeding issues in the area. Due to its proximity to Tighes Hill Public School and shops, the crossing can be very busy, especially during the before and after school period. Traffic calming, additional lighting and signage are all part of the proposal.

The proposal to raise the crossing was included in the Tighes Hill Local Area Traffic Management Plan update of June 2017 and has in-principle support of the Newcastle City Traffic Committee. Street lighting at the new crossing will be reviewed as part of the project scope, to determine if upgrades are required to meet the relevant Australian Standards.

This consultation is being undertaken to ensure that the community is informed and can raise any concerns, prior to reporting to Council for approval.

How we use feedback

We are seeking community feedback to make an informed decision on this project.

To view the concept design and provide feedback, visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/yoursay and complete the online form.

Alternatively, you can email a written submission to **mail@ncc.nsw.gov.au**. Please include 'Submission – Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade – Elizabeth Street, Tighes Hill' in the subject line.

Postal submissions can be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer

City of Newcastle

Attention: Transport and Compliance

PO Box 489

Newcastle NSW 2300

Subject: Submission – Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade – Elizabeth Street, Tighes Hill

The public exhibition period will close at **5pm on Monday 10 January 2022**.

Traffic and Pedestrian Project



Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade Tighes Hill



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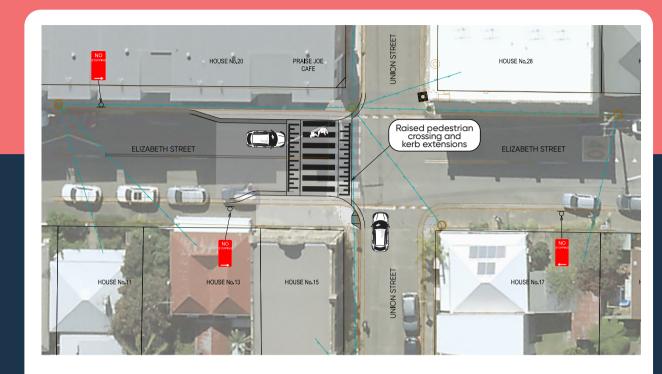
What is proposed

We are seeking feedback on a proposal to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing on Elizabeth Street near Union Street, Tighes Hill to a raised crossing with kerb extensions.

Proposed works include:

- Construction of a raised pedestrian crossing in Elizabeth Street near Union Street, Tighes Hill, at the location of the existing pedestrian crossing
- Construction of kerb extensions
- Upgrade of street lighting
- Signage and line marking works (including advanced warning signage for the raised crossing)

To improve visibility of the crossing, one parking space will be removed on the southeast corner and one on the southwest corner.





Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade

LEGEND			
Vicinity of works	New footpath	New kerb & gutter	Concrete ramp









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ITEM-26 Attachment C: CCL 22/03/22 – Elizabeth Street, Tighes Hill – Summary of submissions

No.	Document Date	Reference	Suburb	Support	Summary of Submission	CN Response
1	17/12/2021		Tighes Hill	Yes, with changes	Respondent supports the proposal. Respondent notes limited parking in the area and queries if a parking space can be reinstated on the northwest corner west of the kerb extension. Respondent queries whether the No Stopping will be enforced, noting that illegal parking is already rife. Respondent queries if time limited parking and resident permits have been considered. Respondent queries if street tree planting is being considered in this upgrade.	The length of No Stopping on the approach to a pedestrian crossing is set by standards and varies according to the width of the kerb extension (the wider the kerb extension, the shorter the length of No Stopping). The kerb extension is proposed to be lengthened. Timed parking is outside the scope of the current project but could be considered in future, subject to analysis of the existing situation and wider consultation. Establishment of a resident permit parking scheme is subject to Transport for NSW guidelines, incorporating analysis and survey. As above, it is not within project scope but could be considered in future. Kerb extensions will incorporate landscaping, if possible. Street tree vacancies throughout the city have been identified.
2	18/12/2021		Tighes Hill	Yes, with changes	Respondent supports the proposal but considers there should be No Stopping in front of 28 Elizabeth Street to improve sight lines for traffic turning right from Union Street into Elizabeth Street west.	Sight lines will be assessed during detailed design and design road safety audit. An additional kerb extension on the northeast corner is proposed.
3	18/12/2021		Tighes Hill	Yes, with changes	Respondent strongly supports the proposal but considers changes are required to fully address current issues. Respondent notes that illegal parking already occurs, obscuring the crossing for eastbound drivers and for traffic turning west from Union Street. Respondent states that the kerb extension on the north side must be lengthened to finish at the No Stopping sign and prevent illegal parking and failure to do this would be unacceptable.	Suggestion for lengthening of the kerb extension is supported and will be addressed in detailed design.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS – ELIZABETH STREET, TIGHES HILL – RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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4	19/12/2021	OT2021/05208	Tighes Hill	Yes	Respondent supports the proposed upgrade. Respondent requests beautification of the corners with gardens. Respondent also requests maintenance throughout Tighes Hill, including addressing potholes, road resurfacing, completion of installation of ramps, addressing cracks and gaps in footpaths and pruning and maintenance of trees.	Support for proposal noted. Landscaping options are to be considered as part of detailed design. Request for maintenance has been forwarded to Assets and Projects for consideration in future programs.
5	20/12/2021		Tighes Hill	Yes, with changes	Respondent supports the proposal but suggests that a parking space be removed in front of No. 28 to improve sight lines to the east when exiting Union Street. Respondent suggests removal of the power pole outside the café (Praise Joe Café) and restrictions on congregating, to improve sight lines to the west when exiting Union Street.	It appears illegal parking is occurring on the northeast corner of the intersection. A kerb extension on the northeast corner is to be implemented, to discourage illegal parking. Further investigation of power pole and potential relocation required.
6	22/12/2021	OT2021/05287	Tighes hill	Yes	Respondent supports the proposal. Respondent states that the 40km/h speed limit is constantly exceeded by motorists and proposes that, to further restrict speeding, road humps be installed along the entire length of the street.	Noted. The spacing of local area traffic management (LATM) devices on Elizabeth Street is somewhat greater than the recommended spacing of 80 - 120 metres. This project, to upgrade the crossing, is one of series of projects recommended in the Tighes Hill LATM Review 2017. Monitoring of speed will be undertaken following construction of the raised crossing, should it be approved, to confirm the need for additional devices. A future stage, to reconstruct the threshold at Kings Road, will be expanded in scope to include additional traffic calming measures on Elizabeth Street, should surveys indicate they are required.
7	22/12/2021		Tighes Hill	Yes	Respondent supports the proposal. Respondent requests consideration of additional measures to improve sight lines	It appears that many of the sight line issues are associated with illegal parking. An additional kerb extension (northeast corner)

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					when turning from Union Street into Elizabeth Street.	and lengthening of the kerb extension on the northwest corner are proposed.
8	22/12/2021	OT2021/05304	Tighes Hill		Respondent notes that the intention of the proposal is to improve safety but considers this is being done to the detriment of the local community (due to loss of parking). Respondent states that Elizabeth Street is short of parking and that this issue is becoming more and more of a problem. Respondent requests repositioning of the No Stopping sign on the northwest corner so that there is no reduction in parking spaces.	The length of No Stopping on the approach to a pedestrian crossing is set by standards and varies according to the width of the kerb extension (the wider the kerb extension, the shorter the length of No Stopping). Improved safety is prioritised over parking.
9	24/12/2021		Tighes Hill	Yes, with changes	Respondent strongly supports the proposal. Respondent states that footpaths in Tighes Hill are in urgent need of repair and requests improvements.	Support for proposal noted. Requests for footpath maintenance have been forwarded to Assets and Projects for consideration in future programs.
10	5/01/2022			Yes	Proposal supported. No comments provided.	Noted.
11	9/01/2022		Tighes Hill	Yes, with changes	Respondent supports the proposal with some changes to the proposed parking arrangements, namely relocation of the No Stopping sign on the northwest corner to allow one additional car parking space and modification of the kerb extension on the southwest corner to allow an additional space. Respondent requests implementation of a kerb extension on the northeast corner to prevent illegal parking (and decrease enforcement effort needed) and relocation of the No Stopping sign to allow another car space. Respondent queries if landscaping is proposed in the kerb extension.	The length of No Stopping on the approach to a pedestrian crossing is set by standards and varies according to the width of the kerb extension (the wider the kerb extension, the shorter the length of No Stopping). Improved safety is prioritised over parking. An additional kerb extension (northeast corner) and lengthening of the kerb extension on the northwest corner are proposed.
12	10/01/2022	OT2022/00112	Tighes Hill		Respondent notes project is proposed to improve pedestrian safety, but is concerned that the kerb extensions may make turning movements into and from Elizabeth Street and	Points noted. Only a narrow kerb extension was included, to account for turn movements.

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					Union Street more difficult. Respondent requests full consideration of vehicle turn radii. Respondent notes that 'No Stopping' signs are already in place in what seem to be the same locations as those sketched, and so does not believe sight distance can be further improved. Respondent supports raising of the crossing.	