

# Traffic Management Plan

## Permanent Closure of Horwood Pl (northern end), Parramatta (Stage 1)

### Introduction

**City of Parramatta Council** is seeking approval for permanent closure of the northern end of Horwood Place, Parramatta for the development of Civil Link, which will be a new pedestrianised public space between Parramatta Square and the Parramatta River. This new pedestrian connection will be approximately 500m in length, extending across four blocks between Parramatta Square and the Parramatta River along the existing Horwood Place alignment.

### Details

Civil Link Block 1 was delivered by Council in 2022, Block 2 is under development for the Sydney MetroWest and is due to open in 2032, and Block 4 is under construction for the Parramatta Powerhouse and due to open in 2025. This proposal focuses on Block 3 which seeks approval to close Horwood Place (between George Street and Phillip Street) to through traffic specifically Stage 1 of Council's two-stage delivery strategy:

**Stage 1:** The northern end of Horwood Place, between Phillip Street and Auctioneer Lane, will be closed to vehicular through traffic, and the southern end vehicular access is maintained to facilitate the entry and exit to Erby Place Carpark and Auctioneer Lane.

**Stage 2:** Horwood Place is fully closed and full pedestrianisation is provided. *(This will be subject to a separate TMP to be submitted to TfNSW at a future date).*

For Stage 1, the vehicular movements along Horwood Place will be limited to access from the south via the existing left-in/left-out movement at George Street. However, vehicular access from the north at the Philip Street intersection will be restricted and the northern section of Horwood Place from Phillip Street to Auctioneer Lane will only allow pedestrian and cyclist movements. Access to the Erby Place Carpark will be retained on both Horwood Place (from the south via George Street) and Erby Place.

It is expected that after Stage 1, the existing marked pedestrian crossing on Phillip Street will be shifted eastward to provide direct connectivity between Horwood Place and the entry to the Powerhouse Museum. Footpaths are provided on both sides of Horwood Place. The eastern footpath will remain the current width and the western footpath will be widened to 8m to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists as a shared use pathway.

The proposal will have no impact on any public transport service. Parramatta train station is located within 500m of Horwood Place. There are no bus stop facilities along Horwood Place. Emergency service vehicle access will be maintained. Access for a garbage truck to be maintained through to Auctioneer Lane. The existing Loading Zone at the northern end of Horwood Place is proposed to be moved to Phillip Street.

Any adjoining council areas will not be impacted by the road closure. It is also not expected to affect current or future developments within the precinct as Horwood Place is a short stretch of road and lot configurations show four parcels each occupying a corner position thereby with access to either



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George Street or Phillip St frontages. Service lanes are provided by way of Andrew Nash Lane to the east, China Rose Walk to the northwest, or Auctioneer Lane to the west.

Comprehensive public consultation was undertaken from 11 March – 15 April 2024 through direct consultation with Horwood Place businesses, drop-in sessions, letter drop, Councils Have Your Say website, and social media. In addition, a specific advertisement for the traffic proposal was published on the online and printed editions of the ParraNews on 19 March 2024. Overall, 128,000 people saw the Civic Link Block 3 project proposal inclusive of the road closure plan.

Comments were received regarding the inability to circumnavigate the block (1 submission), loss of on-street parking (2 submissions), concerns regarding loading zone relocation (2 submissions), and support to have entire Horwood Place pedestrianised immediately (6 submissions).

### Recommendation

The submission from City of Parramatta Council has satisfactorily addressed the necessary requirements of the TMP process for Stage 1 works and is **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL** subject to the following:

- Signage, line marking, and other traffic management devices planned for Stage 1 closure be submitted and reviewed by LTC

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