

Item No: C5
Subject: HOLT & CAVENDISH STREETS, STANMORE (CENTRAL WARD)
REQUEST FOR A BUS ZONE & CHANGES TO EXISTING DROP-OFF
& PICK-UP ZONE AROUND STANMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL
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SYNOPSIS

A request has been received from the Principal of Stanmore Public School for the installation of a 'Bus Zone' on the northern side of Cavendish Street, directly east of Holt Street (adjacent to the school) which will replace the existing 5 min parking restrictions. The request also proposes the installation of a 'No Parking - drop off pick up' zone in Holt Street, to provide a quick drop off and pick up facility next to the school entrance gate and to reduce traffic congestion caused by illegal parking during school peak periods.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The installation of a 'Bus Zone 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.30pm Mon-Fri –School days only' on the northern side of Cavendish Street, directly east of Holt Street be APPROVED to replace the existing 5 min 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm Mon-Fri' parking restrictions;
 2. The installation of 'No Parking 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm Mon-Fri –School days only' restrictions and a supplementary plate stating 'School drop-off, pick up zone' on the western side of Holt Street, directly south of Cambridge Street, Stanmore (for a length of approximately 65 metres) be APPROVED;
 3. The existing 2P restrictions on the western side of Holt Street, south of Cambridge Street, Stanmore be AMENDED to 9.30am-2.30pm and 4.00-6.00pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12.00pm Sat; and
 4. The existing '5 min parking' restrictions on the western side of Holt Street, south of Cambridge Street, Stanmore be AMENDED with new times stating 'P5min 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm School days only' be APPROVED to be consistent with RMS school zone times.
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BACKGROUND

A request has been received from the Principal of Stanmore Public School for the installation of a 'Bus zone' in Cavendish Street directly east of Holt Street to replace the existing '5 min Parking' zone. The request also proposes the installation of a 'No Parking'- Drop off Pick up zone in Holt Street, Stanmore to provide a quick drop off and pick up facility next to the school entrance gate to reduce traffic congestion caused by illegal parking during school peak periods.

A site meeting was held with the Principal of Stanmore Public School and Council's Road Safety Officer to discuss the requested changes.

DISCUSSION

Stanmore Public School has frontages on Cavendish, Holt and Cambridge Streets. A childcare centre is also situated in Cavendish Street, opposite the public school.

At present, there are:

- 1) '5 minute parking, 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm School Days' restrictions installed on the northern side of Cavendish Street for a distance of approximately 61 metres. A six metre wide driveway is contained within this section of parking restrictions.
- 2) '2 hour Parking, 8.30am-6.00pm Mon-Fri and Sat 8.30am-12.00pm on the eastern side of Holt Street.
- 3) '5 minute parking, 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm School Days' restrictions on the eastern side of Holt Street for a distance of 22 metres, immediately north of the 'No Stopping' provisions extending from Cavendish street (refer to diagram 1 –Existing parking restrictions).

There are two existing pedestrian crossings, one in Cavendish Street at its intersection with Holt Street (eastern side) and the other pedestrian crossing is in Holt Street at its intersection with Cavendish Street (northern side).

The school has two access points, one from Holt Street which is to be used by pedestrians and another from Cavendish Street which is only meant to be used for vehicles. Currently, the main drop off pick up zone is in Cavendish Street.

The school requires a 'Bus Zone' that would allow for three (3) buses to park, to pick up and offload students at the beginning and end of the school day. The existing 5 minute parking restrictions in Cavendish street are usually taken by parents picking up or dropping off students and there is nowhere for the buses to park safely for the 15-20 minutes required. In an attempt to provide a dedicated area for buses to safely park and pick up and drop off students, it is recommended that a 'Bus Zone' be installed from 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.30pm Mon-Fri on the northern side of Cavendish Street, directly east of Holt Street (for a length of approximately 61 metres) to replace the existing 5 min parking restrictions, with unrestricted parking at all other times remaining as is currently (refer to diagram 2).

It is proposed to install 'No Parking 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm Mon-Fri' restrictions and a supplementary plate stating 'School drop-off, pick up zone' on the western side of Holt Street, directly south of Cambridge Street, Stanmore (for a length of approximately 65 metres). This will provide a drop off and pick up facility next to the school entrance gate and may help reduce traffic congestion caused by double parking during school peak periods. Outside of this period it is proposed to retain the existing 2 hour parking on the western side of Holt Street, south of Cambridge Street, Stanmore. This will result in a loss of 2P for 1 hour in the morning and 1.5 hours in the afternoon. The 2P is adjacent to the school gate entrance and is not directly affecting residents in Holt Street. Therefore it is proposed to amend the existing 2P restrictions as follows; 9.30am-2.30pm and 4.00-6.00pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12.30pm Sat (refer to diagram 2).

The existing '5 min parking' restrictions on the western side of Holt Street, south of Cambridge Street, Stanmore will be retained. However, it is proposed to amend the times from 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm to be consistent with RMS school zone times.

CONSULTATION

A site meeting was held with the Principal of Stanmore Public School and Council's Road Safety Officer to discuss the requested changes.

CONCLUSION

The provision of a 'Bus Zone' in Cavendish Street and relocating the drop off pick up zone to Holt Street will improve the safety of students and will help reduce traffic congestion and unsafe parking behaviour in the vicinity of the school.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of \$874 for the supply and installation of all the signage will be funded from Council's operational budget.

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Locality map – Stanmore Public School

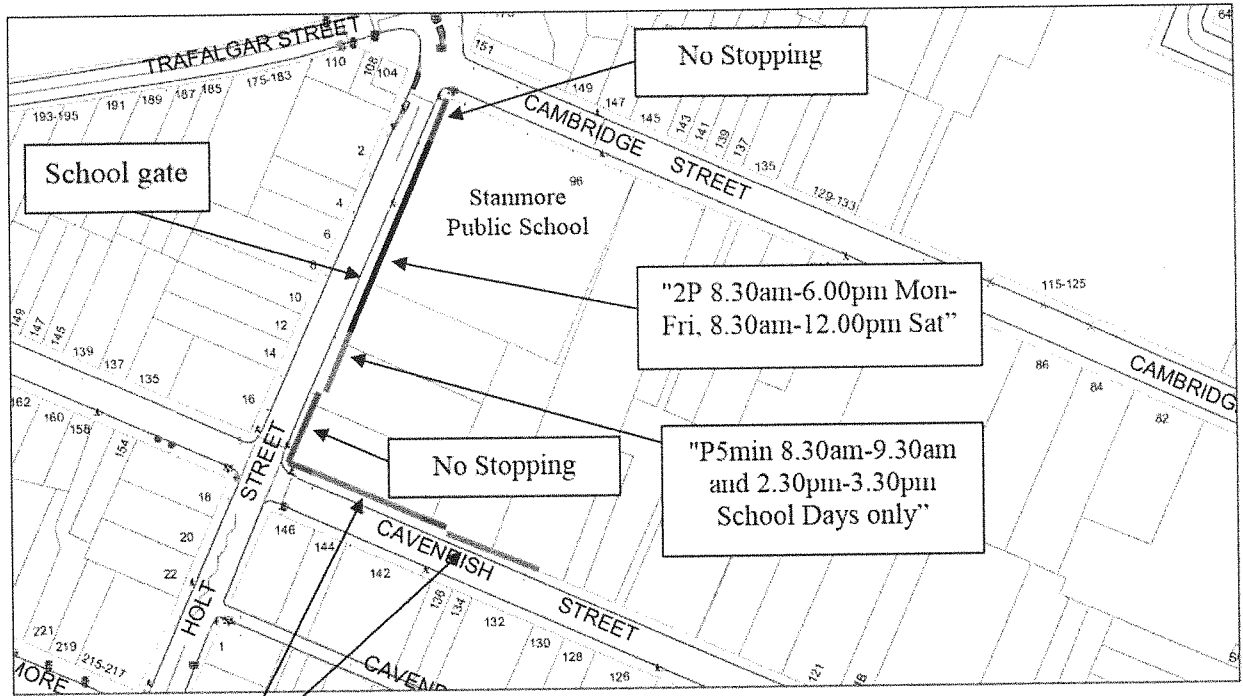


Diagram 1 - Existing parking restrictions

"P5min 8.30am-9.30am
and 2.30pm-3.30pm
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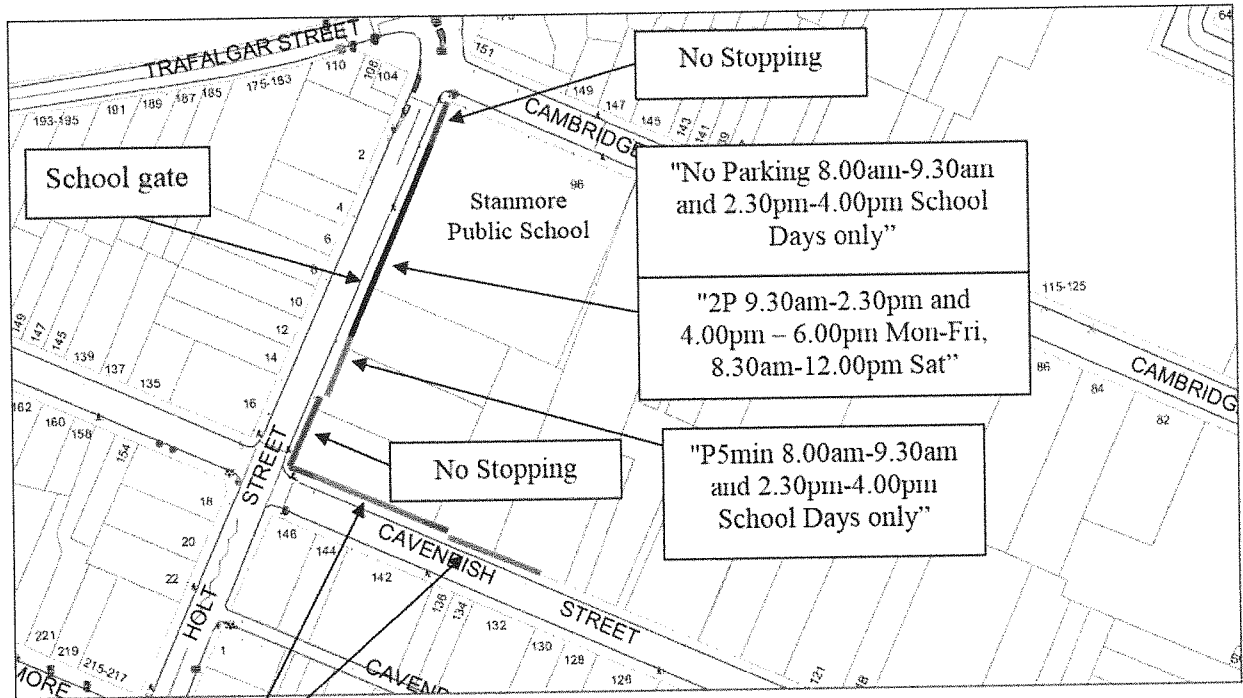


Diagram 2 - Proposed parking restrictions

"Bus Zone 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.30pm School Days only"