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## **PARNELL - BUS STOP RELOCATION [RSU1920-154]**

### **Introduction**

You have said you are seeking feedback on a proposal to relocate the existing bus stop from outside 128 Parnell Road to outside 116 Parnell Road in Parnell. You say your proposal is in response to difficulties for buses pulling out from this bus stop due to the proximity to the raised zebra crossing. The new location aims to improve this as the bus stop will be further away from the crossing. You also say that this is expected to improve the safety of people using the crossing as it will make it easier for drivers and pedestrians to see each other. The proposal also includes moving the current P10 (10 minute parking restriction) spaces outside 112 – 122 Parnell Road to the location of the existing bus stop.

### **Feedback**

**We would request that you withdraw this proposal as it really does not make sense, will affect business, will propose significant additional safety risks and is a complete waste of money.**

The current situation works perfectly well, despite the apparent concern you have. Parnell has had a long history with the lack of safety at its pedestrian crossings and fought to have them upgraded last year. The raised tables are a huge improvement and far more visible. One of the difficulties we face on this particular crossing is the effect of light and shadow, right where the bus stop is currently.

You cite ‘difficulties for buses pulling out from this bus stop due to the proximity to the raised zebra crossing’. In our observation, this works fine, and given the point above - the busses are highly visible, which would not be the same with a car. The bus is totally aware of the pedestrians crossing and they are equally aware of the bright orange or green bus.

### **If you move the bus stop further down the road, we foresee these consequences**

- It is going to pose a significant loss of business to the café, fruit shop and diary located between 112-122 Parnell Road. The current parking works extremely well as people travelling up Parnell Rise can easily see if there is available parking and simply ‘slide’ into a place for a quick coffee or bottle of milk. If however there is a bus in that spot, they will most certainly just drive past, or worse from a safety perspective, only notice an available parking after



passing the bus, which could see them pulling into a park while a bus is exiting back into the lane. The bus could also have to wait while people are parking, creating unneeded congestion. So not only does this option remove essential business from 3 retailers who are totally dependant on convenient parking at this vulnerable time, but it poses a new safety hazard that does not currently exist.

- The second safety hazard that you will be creating is one in which cars could be going halfway up a raised pedestrian crossing to reverse into an available bay – which is far less desirable than a large colourful bus merely exiting a stop.
- The third safety hazard will be the fact that this will encourage more pedestrians to cross the road away from the crossing. Where the bus stop is located at the moment, most people use the crossing after exiting the bus. But we know people are lazy, so commuters near Heather Street and surrounds, will likely cross behind the bus rather than walk up to the crossing. This is a really dangerous section of Parnell Road as vehicles often come up Parnell Rise at speed, so encouraging more people to cross there is a safety risk.
- And lastly we really consider this a total waste of money, at a time when budgets are tighter than ever.

**This proposal does not need to be executed, please withdraw it!**

Yours Sincerely  
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