

7. PENTONVILLE CLOSE/PENRUDDOCK RISE – PROPOSED “GIVE WAY” CONTROL AND NO STOPPING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval of the installation of a “Give Way” control against Pentonville Close at the Penruddock Rise intersection and the installation of associated no stopping restrictions at the intersection (refer to **attached** plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from local residents and road users regarding the level of safety at the intersection of Pentonville Close and Penruddock Rise. The intersection is currently an uncontrolled “T” junction with the normal *“giveway to the right”* rule applying. There are several factors that are causing concern at this intersection. Penruddock Rise continues uphill to the Westmorland residential community from the intersection at Pentonville Close. The curves in the road mean vehicles wishing to turn right out of Pentonville Close must effectively nearly stop to observe vehicles approaching from their left. Vehicles turning left into Pentonville Close tend to cross the centre of the roadway. Guidance of vehicle position is required for the driver. There is general concern regarding the level of safety at the intersection.
3. Pentonville Close and Penruddock Rise are both classified “local” roads in the City Plan. Both roads have a 50kph speed limit. Both roads are residential with a larger new residential subdivision being developed off Pentonville Close. Pentonville Close was a short cul de sac until recent times. At this stage of the development, Pentonville Close provides the only access to the subdivision. The subdivision will add approximately 150 extra dwellings, which are to be serviced off Pentonville Close.
4. A search of reported crashes at or within 30 metres of the intersection over the last five years has shown that there have been no crashes that could have been prevented with the installation of a *“Give Way”* control. However, the intersection is still *“perceived”* as unsafe.
5. The preferred option to address the issues of concern is the installation of a “Give Way” control and markings against Pentonville Close at the Penruddock Rise intersection.
6. In association with the “Give Way” control, the existing no stopping restriction on Pentonville Close will be extended to the east to provide better clearance for the “Give Way” control.
7. There is adequate visibility so that this method of control is considered appropriate. This option would resolve the priority and confusion issues being experienced at the intersection and will be cost effective. Guidance for left turning vehicles into Pentonville Close will be achieved by the associated road markings of the *“Give Way”* control. This option will produce a safer and more efficient intersection.
8. The Westmorland Residents’ Association supports this proposal.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Sign and markings are provided for within existing budgets.
10. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of Give Way controls.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board agrees that:

- (a) A "Give Way" control be placed against Pentonville Close at the Penruddock Rise intersection.
- (b) The existing "No Stopping" restriction, at the intersection of Penruddock Rise and Pentonville Close be revoked.
- (c) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Pentonville Close commencing at the southeast corner of the Penruddock Rise intersection and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 15.0 metres.
- (d) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Pentonville Close commencing at the northeast corner of the Penruddock Rise intersection and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 16.0 metres.
- (e) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Penruddock Rise commencing at the northeast corner of the Pentonville Close intersection and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 25.0 metres.
- (f) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Penruddock Rise commencing at the southeast corner of the Pentonville Close intersection and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 12.0 metres.