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To the Owner / Resident / School Community

"No Stopping" signs will not be implemented. Guide Posts will be retained in front of 51 and 53. Kallista – Emerald Road, The Patch

I refer to my previous letter of 22 October 2103 advising of the installation of No Stopping restrictions along Kallista – Emerald Road. Further feedback has been received from residents. In response to the issues raised we will not proceed with the installation of "No Stopping" signs. The existing Guide Posts will be retained.

It is currently not legal to park on the gravel footpath along the northern side of Kallista-Emerald Road between The Patch Road and The Patch Primary School. The road rules do not allow parking on, or travelling along, a footpath. Also, the road rules do not allow parking on a nature strip.

School parents, residents and visitors need to be aware of where it is allowable to park on the northern side of Kallista-Emerald Road.

- Parking is allowed on Kallista-Emerald Road provided there is:
  - three metres clearance between the parked vehicle and the other side of Kallista-Emerald Road
  - three metres clearance between the parked vehicle and a vehicle parked on the other side of Kallista-Emerald Road.
  - The tyres of the parked vehicle do not protrude beyond the concrete edge strip onto the gravel footpath.

This means that no parking or stopping is allowed on the gravel footpath along the northern side of Kallista-Emerald Road at any time. It also means that no parking or stopping is allowed on the grassed section of the nature strip. Drivers are allowed to park on the asphalt road surface.
To make it clear that parking on the footpath is not allowed, the Guideposts were installed. Due to some objections by residents and due to school parents parking further back along the footpath, we then proposed to use the No Stopping signs to advise drivers not to park on the footpath, however, the “No Stopping” signs would have also restricted parking on the road.

Council understands the importance of road safety and the impact that changes may have upon residents. Council also values community feedback relating to traffic issues.

As residents have made it clear that they want to park in front of their properties, it is no longer proposed to install to “No Stopping” signs.

In the afternoons it is recommended that school parents:
1. continue to stagger their arrival times at the school pick up zone. The impact upon through traffic is increased if too many parents arrive early or at the same time.
2. avoid parking or traveling on the footpath.

At all times it is recommended that residents and their visitors:
1. park in private driveways if possible.
2. avoid parking on the footpath.

In the future it may be possible to upgrade the footpath in a way that would create some parallel parking that is clear of the roadway but funding for this type of upgrade is not currently available.

If you require further information or have concerns about the current situation please contact Janet Kaylock, Project and Investigation Engineer, on (03) 9294 6755.

Yours sincerely,

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