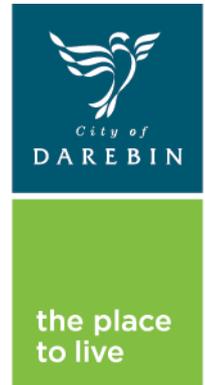


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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING ON CLYDE STREET**

A community meeting regarding the proposed raised school crossing on Clyde Street was held at Wales Street Primary School on Thursday 26 February 2015. This letter collates the concerns of residents raised in the meeting and responds with findings as agreed to in the meeting. A copy of the minutes from the community meeting is attached for your information.

Wales Street Primary has advised that the 'Kiss and Go' signs (these signs reinforce the existing 'No Parking' restriction) have improved the morning drop-off. The school will continue to work with Council to improve parking behaviour for the afternoon pick up.

On-street parking on the eastern side of Wales Street can be formally marked into parking bays without reducing the number of spaces available. This will be undertaken during construction of a raised school crossing in Clyde Street.

Alternative locations and layouts of a school crossing on Clyde Street have been investigated, sketched up and attached for your information. A summary of parking impacts, estimated construction costs and likely safety impacts are displayed below.

**Outcomes of Alternatives Investigation**

Design	Parking Changes			Estimated Cost
	North Side	South Side	Net	
Council recommended	-2	-3	-5	\$ 40,000
Alternative 1	-2	-4	-6	\$ 50,000
Alternative 2	-3	-4	-7	\$ 40,000
Alternative 3	+1	-4	-3	\$ 65,000
Alternative 4	-1	-4	-5	\$ 45,000

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The current point where the majority of students cross is near to Wales Street, to enter the school through the main gate. Although some parents and students would change their behavior if the school crossing was located further down the street, this is not likely to attract all students. In addition, Grades 1 and 2 student classrooms are located at the Wales Street end of the school site. Therefore, some students will still prefer to cross Clyde Street near the intersection of Wales Street to enter the school through the Wales Street entrance. On this basis, if one of the alternative locations further along Clyde Street were chosen for construction, it would leave those students at risk.

Having weighed up the possible alternatives, and the issues raised by the community, the recommended site provides the safest outcome for the greatest number of Wales Street school students.

The next community meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 19 March 2015 in the Clyde Street building at Wales Street Primary School to discuss the alternatives. Entry will be possible via the Clyde Street gate. The Rucker Ward Councillors have been invited to this meeting.

If you have any further queries please contact me via e-mail on [allan.middlemast@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:allan.middlemast@darebin.vic.gov.au) or on the phone 8470 8286.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Middlemast', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

**Allan Middlemast**  
Transport Engineer

Cc: Mayor and Rucker Ward Councillors