

Proposed alternative business parking at Baulkham Hills for new clearways

Old Northern Road between Showground Road, Castle Hill and Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills

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The NSW Government is funding this clearways project as part of its program which aims to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney's roads.

Roads and Maritime Services is working to preserve capacity and improve safety on this important road corridor by installing new weekend and extended weekday clearways on Old Northern Road between Showground Road, Castle Hill and Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills.

The southbound bus lane on Old Northern Road from Raemot Lane to Windsor Road will be changed from 6am-10am to operate 24 hours.

Clearways have an immediate **positive impact on traffic flow** as existing road space is used for the movement of vehicles. Facilitating the removal of parked cars maximises road space for traffic movement and **improves the efficiency of intersections** along the corridor as all lanes are used. In this location, extended clearway and bus

lane hours will also support on-time running of bus services as they approach and pass through the busy intersection at Old Northern Road and Windsor Road.

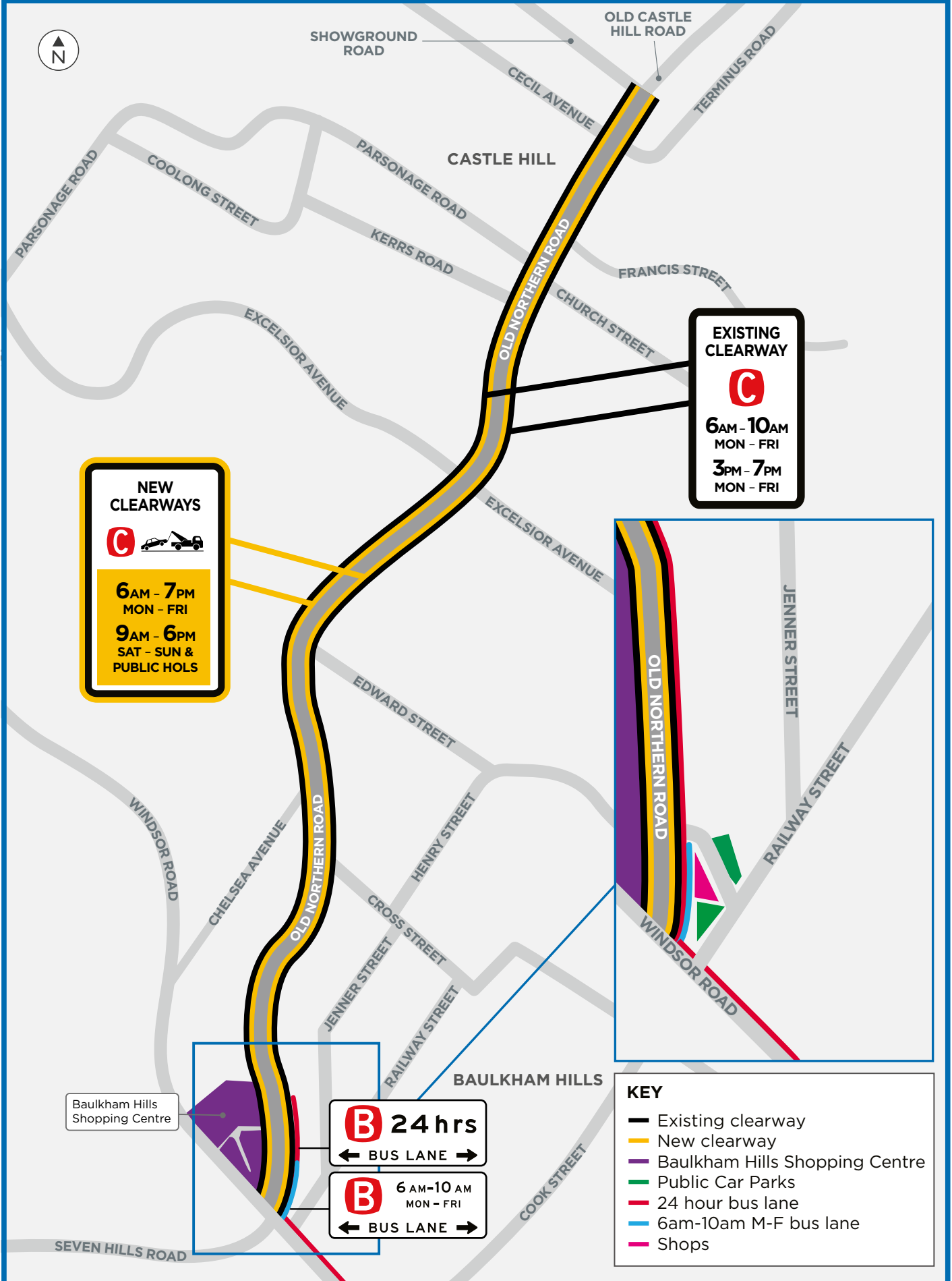
The new weekend and extended weekday clearways will improve the journey time reliability for the 32,000 motorists travelling on this corridor each day which means less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy.

We have included a map (overleaf) that shows existing parking, clearway and bus lane restrictions along Old Northern Road and the new clearways and new bus lane hours. Existing parking, clearway and bus lane restrictions will continue to apply outside of the clearway and bus lane hours.



Old Northern Road

New and extended clearways on Old Northern Road



The new clearway hours will apply in both directions and are shown below:

	Existing Clearways	New Clearways
Weekdays	6am – 10am 3pm – 7pm	6am – 7pm
Weekends and Public Holidays	Nil	9am – 6pm

Talk to the clearways team

The Clearways Project Team will be available to discuss the new and extended clearway hours and business parking arrangements on **Thursday 13 September** at the **Baulkham Hills Shopping Centre** from **4pm to 7pm**.

The centre is located at **Windsor Rd, Baulkham Hills** (see map for location).

We invite you to come and speak to the team and provide feedback the alternate business parking arrangements.

Southbound Bus Lane

As part of this project Roads and Maritime will change the current southbound bus lane that operates from 6-10am between Raemot Lane and Windsor Road to 24 hour bus lane (see map). This connects the adjoining 24 hour southbound bus lane on Old Northern Road to Windsor Road, which will increase the capacity for buses to get through this intersection on this busy corridor. To complete this 24 hour bus lane, nine timed one hour parking spaces that were previously available after 10am on weekdays will be removed from Old Northern Road.

Business parking arrangements

Roads and Maritime investigated the on street business parking along Old Northern Road, near the intersection of Windsor Road within the Baulkham Hills Town Centre (see map for location).

Our investigations found that there is sufficient parking available in side streets and existing public car parks close to where the parking would be removed from Old Northern Road if the new and extended clearways are installed.

We are seeking your feedback on this alternate business parking.

What happens next?

We invite your feedback on the business parking arrangements by **Friday 28 September 2018**. Please send your comments to clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 706 232.

We will consider your feedback and update you as the project progresses.

As a resident or visitor, what does this mean for me?

The new and extended clearways will change the ability to park or pick up and drop off family, friends and deliveries along Old Northern Road. However, our parking investigations outside Baulkham Hills town centre observed only illegal parking on the state road outside of the existing clearway hours.

If you do not have a driveway, garage or carport on your property, local streets are available for you to park during the clearway hours, subject to any council restrictions. Outside the clearway hours, existing parking restrictions will remain in place.

As clearways continue to be rolled out across Sydney, you, your family and friends will experience more efficient, safer, and more reliable journey times. This means less time in the car, and more time doing the things you enjoy.



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safety



Better and more
reliable trips
for people, business and freight



Providing
clearways

Are there other clearways in my area?

A number of state roads in Sydney's northwest were identified within the Sydney Clearways Strategy released in 2013 for the investigation of new and extended clearways.

We will investigate clearways on main roads in Sydney's northwest through Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill and West Pennant Hills to help ease congestion and improve journey reliability.

New clearways were installed earlier this year along Showground Road between Windsor Road and Old Northern Road, and will be installed soon on Windsor Road, between Old Northern Road and Showground Road.

New and extended clearways will increase the reliability of the state road network in Sydney's northwest. As clearway investigations progress in this area we will continue to engage with the community on any new projects.

What is a clearway?

A clearway is a section of road where stopping and parking is not allowed during the times shown on the clearway sign. Clearways are put on key roads with heavy traffic and congestion.

They help keep vehicles moving by making all lanes available to motorists. The only exception is the stopping of buses and taxis dropping off or picking up passengers as well as emergency vehicles.

If you park in a clearway during the specified hours, you risk being fined and your vehicle can be towed.

To report a vehicle parked in a clearway or if your vehicle has been towed from a clearway, please call Transport Management Centre on 131 700.

Background

The NSW Government announced the Sydney Clearways Strategy as one of its key initiatives to reduce congestion on Sydney's major roads. \$121 million was committed to implementing the strategy and installing new clearways on Sydney's road network.

Installing new and extended clearways on weekdays and weekends can help reduce congestion in many areas of Sydney by allowing motorists to use all traffic lanes.

Since 2013, we have installed over 450 kilometres of new and extended clearways across some of Sydney's busiest road corridors. We are continuing to investigate where new and extended clearways would help ease congestion and establish more reliable travel times for motorists across the network.

Clearways on Old Northern Road will ensure consistent vehicle throughput on the state road and protect a key corridor in Sydney's north.

For further information on the Sydney Clearways Strategy and how you can nominate a state road, please visit our website: www.rms.gov.au/clearways

Contact us

For more information:

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