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Sandycove Avenue West is a 6m wide road with existing double yellow lines on the East side, allowing on-street parking along the West side of the road. There are traffic signals at the junction with Sandycove Road, and currently there is two-way traffic flow as far as Otranto Place, where Sandycove Avenue West becomes one-way in a Northbound direction, the one-way system continues Eastbound along Sandycove Ave. North and Southbound along Sandycove Ave. East. A traffic count and survey of current parking arrangements has been undertaken. This shows a daily flows on Sandycove Ave. West of approx 4000 veh/day and parking for up to 15 vehicles on the West side of the road.

The following options will be examined:

Maintain two-way flow: The existing two-way flow of traffic is being restricted by parking along the West side of the road. Some vehicles have been observed mounting the footpath on the East side of the road to allow oncoming traffic to pass. The addition of double yellow lines on the West side would remove this parking currently impeding the traffic flow, eliminate the incidence of vehicles mounting the footpath and improve pedestrian safety. This would also improve the efficiency of the traffic signals at Sandycove Road as traffic entering Sandycove Ave. West would not be impeded. However, it would result in the loss of the current parking along the West side of the road which has parking for up to 15 cars (excluding one disabled parking bay).

Extend the current one-way system: Implementing a one-way system on Sandycove Ave West allowing traffic to enter from Sandycove Road and travel Northbound towards Otranto Place, would facilitate the retention of current parking arrangements, while improving safety for pedestrians. Directional signage could be provided along Newtownsmith to divert traffic up the Link Road onto the Glasthule.
Road. The Link Road would provide a direct route for traffic towards a signalised junction at Glasthule Road. Traffic proceeding via the current one-way system would exit at Sandycove Ave. East at an unsignalised junction as it does at present.

**Reverse the current one-way system, and extend to Sandycove Ave West:** Local traffic would enter at Sandycove Ave. East travelling Northbound, continuing to Otranto Place. Sandycove Ave. West would be changed to a one-way system in the Southbound direction with the benefit of having traffic exiting at signalised junction at Sandycove Road. This would retain the current parking arrangement on Sandycove Ave West. Northbound traffic could be diverted to the Link Road.

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