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The General Manager  
Hornsby Shire Council

Dear Sir

### **Beecroft shopping Precinct – Existing Taxi rank and Kiss and Ride facility**

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust recently met with Cr Verity Greenwood in the Beecroft Shopping Precinct discussing the efficient use of the existing on-street parking, specifically about the merit of having a 3 bay taxi rank and the lack of a well located kiss and ride parking bay.

The Trust has fielded numerous complaints about the underutilised 3 bay taxi rank in Hannah St over many years. Taxis rarely use the 3 bays so there appears to be little public benefit in retaining 3 parking spaces when perhaps only one space is required.

The lack of a formal kiss and ride drop-off bay near the station in Wongala Crescent has been a regular complaint for many years. The Trust believes there is such a need for one and a convenient and logical location could be outside the dry cleaners in Wongala Crescent, next to the pedestrian crossing to the train station. Currently there is a 3 bay 15 minute time zone outside the former Porters store which appears to serve no public benefit. The rest of Wongala Crescent is mainly one hour timed that does not encourage kiss and ride drop-offs.

Council is requested to review the current parking arrangements in both Hannah Street and Wongala Crescent, in particular on the future need for such a large taxi rank and the public's desire for a kiss and ride.

A timely reply would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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