

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Brightmore Precinct 2022

This document is North Sydney Council’s response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response.

To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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December	10	Realignment of Brightmore Precinct Boundaries - This has been discussed at CPC meetings as part of the Precinct System Review and will be determined in conjunction with Harrison Precinct in the new year.	Council’s Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement noted the review of Harrison/Brightmore Precinct are boundaries to be undertaken in conjunction with the potential merger of Harrison/Bennett Precincts.	Closed for Council
	D.2	Military Road Traffic & Young Street Closure - MTJ met with Neutral Precinct to discuss their support of the road closure due to the safety issue at the pedestrian crossing on Military Road opposite the Post Office. Brightmore and Willoughby Bay Precincts are opposed to the closure due to the loss of access to north Cremorne. Some proposals include a “high-line” style green pedestrian overpass, and re-opening one lane access either from or into Military Road with the remainder of Young Street being a plaza.	Response pending.	Awaiting Response

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	D.3	Council Policy on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations - Action for Council Could Council clarify its plan for EV Charging Stations, especially in new developments?	Response pending.	Awaiting Response
	D.4	Cyclists Using Footpaths - There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of cyclists using footpaths in high-pedestrian areas such as Neutral Bay and Cremorne Villages. This is especially dangerous with electric bikes which make no noise. Action for Council Can Council Rangers patrol these areas more please?	Council's Manager Parking & Ranger Services had advised that adults riding bikes on footpaths is a moving violation and can only be managed by the Police. Council Rangers do not have the authority at law to demand a rider dismount, nor do they have the authority to issue fines for this offence.	Closed for Council
	D.5	Thank You to Council Staff - Brightmore Precinct would like to thank all the staff at North Sydney Council for their help over the past year, particularly those dedicated to liaising with Precincts, and best wishes for Christmas and 2023.	Complement noted.	Closed for Council
November	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
October	2	Western Harbour Tunnel: Local Traffic Impacts, Military Rd & Ernest St - The overall consensus of the Precinct attendees was that the WFU and WHT provided little or even no benefit to our community, and in fact was detrimental, given that access to the SHB will no longer be possible from Ernest Street. This will force ALL users, whether local or transiting from further away, to attempt access to Military Road or rat-run through the back streets of Neutral Bay, Cremorne, Cammeray and North Sydney. MOTION: That Council's Traffic & Transport Operations staff liaise with TfNSW and our local community members to discuss our concerns.	Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that the WFU project will maintain links to southbound traffic from Ernest Street to the SHB for traffic travelling east and west on Ernest Street. Access will also be maintained for Northbound traffic on the Freeway to Ernest Street in both east and westerly directions. It is noted that Council's professional officers are in regular consultation with TfNSW regarding local community interests. Council continues to strongly advocate for the elimination of adverse impacts on local traffic and the local road network. However, Council has no oversight role in the design of State Roads.	Closed for Council

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	3	<p>Prohibition Of Residential Flat Buildings in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone PP 4/22 - MOTION was passed UNANIMOUSLY. That Brightmore Precinct lodges a submission to North Sydney Council supporting Planning Proposal 4/22, including the points below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brightmore Precinct strongly supports reversing the amendment that was made to the North Sydney Local Environment Plan on 30 June 2021, that added Residential Flat Buildings as a permissible development in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone. 2. The June 2021 amendment (permitting Residential Flat Buildings in the R3 Zone) is not required for meeting North Sydney LGA's housing supply targets. 3. The June 2021 amendment, if not reversed, will lead to development that will erode the character of our suburbs. 4. Reversing the June 2021 change is in the interests of our community because it will help to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. protect the character and amenity of our suburbs. b. preserve our built form heritage that makes our suburbs special. 5. Preserving the character of our suburbs is in the interests of current and future generations. 	<p>Comments noted by Council's Executive Strategic Planner. The Precinct Committee's submission has been received via Council's Application Tracking site.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	6	<p>Da 273/22 - 233-237 Military Rd, Cremorne - Number of concerns were raised over the Development Application.</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Executive Strategic Planner. The Precinct Committee's submission has been received via Council's Application Tracking site and will</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p>MOTION was passed UNANIMOUSLY. That Brightmore Precinct requests Council officers to take into account the following issues in assessing the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed development is on land zoned R4 High Density Residential. Office premises are a prohibited land use within this zone. The change of use proposed will rely upon the existence of existing use rights. • It proposes to accommodate up to 150 workers (co-working offices for WOTSO), with no increase car parking spaces from the current 5 spaces. • Increased parking on residential streets. Despite the submitter's "Green Travel Plan" stating workers will use public transport, bikes, car share and walk, the reality is many workers will drive and park in local streets. On enquiring about parking for WOTSO offices in Yeo Street at Neutral Bay, LS was told there was "2 hour parking under Woolworths, and plenty of parking on local streets, from 1 to 2 hours, or if you get here early enough, unlimited time". There was no mention of public transport, walking etc. • There will be increased competition for existing on-street parking in the surrounding vicinity with the development of 131-139 Holt Avenue - a 5 storey mixed use development with 240 sqm business premises use and 24 apartments. • Inadequate notification area, which included only 2 rate-paying apartment blocks. All other addresses were either not residential, unoccupied or other 	<p>be addressed in the post exhibition report to be reported to Council.</p>	

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		<p>use: Coles Express petrol station, a building owned by NSW Health, a NSW Department of Housing dwelling, Weaver Park, 2 x Redlands school cottages (unoccupied & uniform shop), a private boarding house, McDonalds, and commercial shops such as Sushi Train. Harrison Precinct has requested Council to increase the zone notified to include the rate-paying areas of Cranbrook Ave, Holt Ave, Allister St, Murdoch St, Winnie Street, as the DA has environmental impacts on the local residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appearance of the building should blend in with the current streetscape. The proposal seeks to paint the existing red brickwork white, which is not in sympathy with, and in stark contrast to, the adjoining buildings, the Art Deco flats "Woodstock" at 239 Military Road, and the ex-Cremorne Ambulance Station building (circa 1930) currently housing the Cremorne Community Health building at 229-231, which are both currently unpainted brick. <p>Art-deco is Cremorne's streetscape theme, as identified in Council's Public Domain branding, and given the site is in a prominent position at the "Gateway to Cremorne" it is imperative that both the buildings situated at 233-237 & 239 continue to convey and respect their Art Deco heritage origins.</p>		

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	9.iv.	<p>Boat Trailers In Residential Streets - Council declared the LGA is subject to the impounding legislation, if it hasn't been moved after 28 days and through an intersection. There is a Trailer Policy on Council's website which notes the policy for declaring areas "No Parking - Motor Vehicles Only" which prohibits all trailers (e.g. caravans, box trailers, horse trailers as well as boat trailers). Action for Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the legislation interpreted by Council officers? Can they drive around the block and park again in the same place? 	<p>Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has advised that newly introduced legislation titled <u>Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021</u> now requires the removal of unattended vehicles as identified by Council. This new Act became law on 1 November 2022. It is interpreted as meaning that a vehicle cannot simply drive around the block and park again in the same place.</p>	Closed for Council
September	10.vi	<p>Councillors Attendance at Council Meeting - MOTION That Council be asked to advise whether a person non-resident in the state of NSW is eligible to remain a Councillor and whether there is a limit to the number of meetings a Councillor can attend by Zoom?</p>	<p>Council's Executive Manager Governance has advised that Section 275(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> provides that a person is not disqualified from holding civic office if they cease to be a resident in the area, to own property in the area or to be an occupier or ratepaying lessee of rateable land in the area. Under the <i>Code of Meeting Practice</i> a Councillor is entitled to seek Council permission, with reasons provided, to attend Council meetings remotely. It is a matter for Council whether this permission is granted. There is no limit to the number of meetings a Councillor can attend audio visually - it is a matter for Council to determine at each meeting who is permitted to attend remotely.</p>	Closed for Council
August	4	<p>12-14 Waters Rd, Neutral Bay Conditions of Consent & Construction Management Plans - Brightmore Precinct is concerned about compliance with the Conditions of</p>	<p>Council's Team Leader Building Compliance has advised that the Precinct Committee's enquiry will be investigated to ensure that the site complies with all</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>Consent relating to noise, traffic and work zones, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Waters Rd open at all times. Recently one lane was closed with a large crane on the road. • No construction vehicles on the street except in Works Zone. Recently vehicles were parked in Grosvenor Street and there are no Work Zone signs. • Hoarding built over Waters Lane, impacting on vehicle movements towards Grosvenor Lane Car Park • Potential problems of future construction noise and requests a copy of the Construction Noise Management Plan. 	<p>conditions of development consent, in particular traffic, noise and that Waters Road being accessible at all times.</p> <p>Council considers this a serious matter and will give priority to the investigation due to public safety concerns. However, the investigation itself is an ongoing investigation throughout the various stages of construction at the site and therefore may take some time to resolve. Despite the lengthy investigation, the Should the Precinct's Deputy Secretary development wish to discuss the development at 12-14 Waters Road in greater detail, in particular the concerns raised within Precincts meeting Minutes, contact Council's Team Leader Building Compliance on 9936 8100 during office hours.</p> <p>The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, was sent to the Precinct Committee via email on 2 September 2022.</p>	
		<p>DA323/21, 124, Benelong Road, Cremorne - Following Brightmore Precinct's meeting on 10 August, could you please give an update on the status of the above Development Application, given the Design Excellence Panel's recommendation as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cumulative impacts of the proposed results in an unsatisfactory development as detailed, above and • should not be approved in its current form. 	<p>As advised by reply email on 31 August 2022, Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that DA 323/21, 124 Benelong Road, Cremorne is to be determined at the North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) Meeting on 7 September 2022. A report on this DA will be available on Council's website prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p>We note that the DA notice has been removed from the property, and look forward to receiving an update.</p> <p><i>Request received via email 18 August 2022</i></p>		
July	8.A	<p>SCECGS Redlands School proposal to Council to purchase the whole of Monford Place, Cremorne -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking in local streets is still a problem; b. Have the new driveway through from Military Rd to Waters Rd, which possibly could be used for teacher parking; c. With the demolition of the 3 houses in Winnie St, there will be more students and more traffic; and d. Suggestion of investigating 4-hour parking limit in surrounding streets. 	<p>UPDATE (28 September 2022)</p> <p>Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (and d) as part of the <i>North Sydney Integrated Traffic and Parking Strategy</i>, Council has adopted <i>Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans</i> (formerly known as TAPAS). The LATM implementation procedure adopts a methodology that takes into consideration an area wide traffic management scheme and allows the community's high priority traffic projects to be ranked according to a number of criteria, including safety, traffic volume, speeds, pedestrian and cycling volumes, surrounding land uses, and alignment with the Community Strategic Plan. Following the adoption of the Local Area Traffic Management Schemes, Council will be undertaking regular periodic reviews of the parking restrictions in each area which includes community consultation, starting with the areas experiencing the greatest parking pressures. The parking surveys are conducted to obtain residents and business' opinion regarding the installation of parking restrictions. There's lot of work involved in these reviews to ensure the 	Open/Ongoing

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			<p>parking restrictions consider the needs of the community. Council has prioritised each parking area in the LGA based on parking demands, available resources and current priorities.</p> <p>b. The Precinct Committee is asked to provide further information and clarification on their request, and if they can provide supporting documentation e.g. plan/sketch or map.</p> <p>c. Comments noted.</p>	
	8.D	<p>Planning Proposal 6/22 - 1-7 Rangers Road, Neutral Bay - The following MOTION was proposed, and passed Unanimously. THAT Brightmore Precinct objects to Planning Proposal 6/22, 1-7 Rangers Road, Neutral Bay for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Its principal argument is the Military Road Corridor Planning Study which has been rescinded by Council. 2. The proposed height is grossly excessive - 40 metres will accommodate 12 storeys. The development will be overbearing and a visual eyesore and will cause significant overshadowing of residential properties. 3. The scale of the development will result in unacceptable traffic impacts on local roads, especially at intersections with Military Road, and will also result in competition for parking spaces on local streets. 4. The proposal provides minimal public benefits - both the 65 public car parking spaces and the 	<p>Council's Team Leader - Policy has advised that the Planning Proposal is currently under assessment and will likely be presented to the North Sydney Local Planning Panel (who provide advice to Council) in late August/early September 2022 prior to consideration by Council. Any submitters will be notified of the meeting and have opportunity to address the panel should they wish.</p> <p>UPDATE (13 September 2022) As advised via email on 8 September 2022, this matter will be considered by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) on 14 September 2022. The officer's report is available on Council's website.</p> <p>UPDATE (4 October 2022) At its meeting of 14 September 2022, NSLPP recommended:</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>publicly accessible square are primarily benefits for the developer.</p> <p>5. Approval of the Planning Proposal will set an undesirable precedent and result in poor outcomes for the Neutral Bay community.</p>	<p><i>The Panel urges the Council to finalise its strategy and plans [in relation to the Neutral Bay Centre Military Road Planning Study] as a matter of priority for all stakeholders, including the community. The Panel recognises the importance of strategic planning to guide change and future development having regard to providing certainty on a comprehensive basis, to deliver improved built form outcomes, function, and accessibility for the centre as whole. The Panel considers the planning proposal does not demonstrate either site specific or strategic merit to justify a spot rezoning for this site in isolation, given its location within the Neutral Bay Town Centre.</i></p> <p>The NSLPP minutes are available on Council's website.</p>	
June	3	<p>Councillor Briefings - Wants webcast of Councillor briefings to be made available to the public, and all financials (except for commercial-in-confidence, legal or professional reasons).</p>	<p>Council's Manager Council & Committee Services has advised that following 42 days public exhibition, Council at its meeting of 27 June 2022 resolved to adopt the amended <i>Code of Meeting Practice</i> in accordance with section 360 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>Participation in the Public Forums is now possible by remote attendance. Community members wishing to attend remotely are required to advise Council by 10am on the day of the Council Meeting. The deadline for registering for Public Forum remains at 4pm at this time. Further information will be available from Council's website ahead of the July 2022 Council meeting.</p> <p>Council did not resolve to change the current arrangements for Councillor Briefings, these will remain</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>open to Councillors and staff only, and the webcast will not be available to the public.</p> <p>UPDATE (2 September 2022) On 22 August 2022, Council resolved to endorse the public exhibition of further changes to its Code of Meeting Practice. Changes proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Public Forum will be held as part of the Council Meeting; • the requirement for speakers to identify if they are speaking for or against an item is no longer required; and • that the registration time for speakers will be brought forward to 10am as the agenda is now published well in advance of the meeting. <p>Council also resolved to operate under the amended code during the exhibition period as a trial to inform the report to Council following the public exhibition period. The Amended Code will be on public exhibition for 42 days from 30 August to 10 October 2022.</p> <p>A Councillor Briefing session is held on Mondays, a week before most Council meetings and these will be webcast live.</p>	
		<p>Developer Contributions - The State Government is proposing to transfer up to half of Council's development infrastructure contributions into Consolidated Revenue,</p>	<p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the NSW Government had been hosting a continued</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p>where they can be spent anywhere in the state. At the moment, these contributions can only be used by Council for certain social and community projects. Action: Council to prepare a Pro Forma letter of objection to be made available on its website.</p>	<p>dialogue and proposals to reform various aspects of the development contributions framework over the last two years or so. That process closed in early December 2021. There was a lot of lobbying activity by both Council and the Northern Sydney Region Organisation of Councils (NSROC) in response. Council endorsed a detailed submission on 21 February 2022 - Council Reports.</p> <p>It is unclear what steps, if any, the NSW Government will be taking from now in this regard but Council's position on contributions reform is very clear from the report noted above.</p>	
	9.A	<p>No right turn at Winnie Street onto Military Road, Cremorne - General Discussion and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All attendees were concerned about the proposal, which they knew nothing about • This intersection is the only access point onto Military Rd west-bound between Cowles Rd at Spit Junction and Ben Boyd Rd at Neutral Bay, where even now it is virtually impossible to get onto Military Rd • It will have a huge impact on other local roads such as Gerard and Belgrave Sts in the north, and Murdoch St, Hampden Ave and Rangers Rd in the south, as alternative routes have to be used • There has been a total lack of any community consultation on the proposal. 	<p>This is a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) project. Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has met with TfNSW to convey the community's concerns.</p> <p>UPDATE (12 July 2022) Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that TfNSW has confirmed works have temporarily stopped due to feedback from the community.</p>	Closed for Council

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	9.B	Boat and trailer parking in residential streets - A resident noted there are 4 boats on trailers currently parked in Reynolds St, with the only legal requirement that they are moved every 27 days, by 100m or a block section, which they mostly comply with. He has previously enquired about timed parking, but Council will only consider this at 100% occupancy. That target would probably be met now with Redlands' students parking the street out. It was suggested that signage as at Fifth Ave "No Parking - Motor Vehicles Excepted" could be implemented.	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that the matter is under investigation.	Open/Ongoing
	9.E	Traffic Management and Accessibility - Council currently has no TMAP but there is a real need for it given the number of large infrastructure projects.	Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that creating a TMAP for the large Infrastructure Projects currently being constructed in the North Sydney LGA is a good idea and something that Council can raise with TfNSW. It's not something that Council could resource and manage.	Closed for Council
May	4	Development Levies - Given the amount of development that has occurred in North Sydney over the last few years, the question is "where have these development levies been spent?" Brightmore Precinct requests from Council an account of where the development levies have been spent, for the last 2 years (if possible).	Council's Manager Financial Services has provided a detailed response via a Memorandum emailed to Precinct Committee on 8 June 2022, outlining the projects funded by Developer Contributions in 2020/21 and forecast to be funded in financial year ended 30 June 2022. Projects funded by the Developer Contributions are identified in Council's Local Infrastructure Plan (2020) and its previous North Sydney Section 94 Contributions Plan .	Closed for Council

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	5	<p>Cammeray Park: Golf Course, WHT/BL - Motion: THAT Brightmore Precinct requests that Council contact TfNSW and the State Government requesting a guarantee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Golf Course shall remain. • there will be minimal tree removal at Cammeray Golf Club/Cammeray Park • all green space lost be replaced within the immediate local community. 	<p>Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the Golf Course shall remain</i> - The land is subject to a State Significant Infrastructure planning approval which, according to the conditions of approval presumes that the use of the land for a golf course will remain. North Sydney Council has not made any resolution that is contrary to the continuation of the use. • <i>There will be minimal tree removal at Cammeray Golf Club/Cammeray Park</i> - North Sydney Council has strongly advocated to Transport for NSW and the contractor (CPB Downer) to preserve all trees possible and has also formally requested that any tree removal works are halted until concerns raised by Council have been resolved. Such efforts have not been successful. • <i>All green space lost be replaced within the immediate local community</i> - Condition E 157 of the planning approval states "The CSSI must result in a net increase in useable open space. Replacement space must be in the general vicinity of the loss, unless agreed to by the Planning Secretary". The planning secretary is the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning. Council has formally requested clarification from Transport for NSW about the replacement open space in accordance with this condition of approval. 	Closed for Council

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	8	Neutral Bay Woolworths - Precinct Committee asks: Has Council had meetings with Coles over the future of Woolworths site when the lease expires in 2 years' time?	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that Council staff have had high level discussions with the major landowners including representatives of Coles, since the rescission motion of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study was adopted by Council in January 2022. A Councillor Briefing session has been arranged for June 2022 to discuss these matters further.	Closed for Council
April		<p>Red-Light Speed Camera at Military Rd & Spofforth St Intersection - General Discussion & Comments: Many attendees said they had witnessed near-misses for pedestrians at the pedestrian crossings at the intersection as vehicles ran red-lights, especially on Military Rd. Between the two Red Light speed cameras at Cowles Rd and Watson St, it is open slather for motorists, past schools, retirement villages, a major cinema, pubs and two major shopping centres, all heavily pedestrianised.</p> <p>Pedestrians have long wait times to cross Military Rd at both Spofforth St and opposite Minsky's Hotel, with short "green walk" phases. The right-turn lanes from Military Rd into Spofforth St and Belmont Rd create bottlenecks, sometimes blocking the through lanes. Motion: THAT Brightmore Precinct supports the installation of Red-Light Speed Cameras in both directions on Military Road at Spofforth Street.</p> <p>UPDATE (6 October 2022) via September 2022 Minutes:</p>	<p>Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that red-light speed cameras are installed at intersections that are identified as having a high crash risk, either through a known crash history or the potential for serious crashes. Crash data and other road safety information are assessed to help to prioritise future locations for speed cameras in NSW. Details of the criteria used to select sites can be found at the NSW Speed Camera Strategy.</p> <p>The community can nominate a location for a speed camera via the Safer Roads NSW Website.</p> <p>As TfNSW have jurisdiction over traffic lights, therefore Council's Traffic Engineer will investigate and/or speak to TfNSW to look at the "green times" at that location.</p> <p>The concerns and comments will also be passed onto Council's Road Safety Co-Ordinator.</p> <p>UPDATE (11 October 2022)</p>	Closed for Council

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		Correspondence received about the above matter, with further video and photo evidence forwarded to Tim James, MP for Willoughby ⁱ	Council's Road Safety Co-ordinator has noted the concerns of the resident and the driver/pedestrian behaviours that are occurring. As part of the Road Safety Action Plan, road rule reminders on driver behaviour will be a project that will be run, consideration will be given to how to try and address this.	
	5	Proposed Changes to Brightmore Precinct Area Boundary to Include Southern Side of Parraween St - To address the anomaly of the southern side of Parraween St (northern side of Military Rd between Macpherson St & Winnie St) being in Harrison Precinct. Motion: THAT the southern side of Parraween St (northern side of Military Rd between Macpherson St & Winnie St) be included in Brightmore Precinct.	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that review of Precinct area boundaries will occur via the next stage of the Precinct System Review. The Review is anticipated to resumed soon. A report is being prepared for the May 2022 Council meeting. For more information refer to the email to all Precinct Committees, dated 5 May 2022 providing a progress update on the Precinct System Review.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) At its meeting of 25 July 2022 Council considered Item 8.02 Precinct System Review recommendations and resolved (in part) the following related to Precinct area mergers:</p> <p><i>3. THAT Council recognises the following:</i></p> <p><i>(a) The principle that the question of mergers or amalgamations between Precincts or their dissolution are matters for the Precincts themselves to determine</i></p> <p><i>(b) That Council will provide administrative support for any such mergers, amalgamations, or dissolutions.</i></p>	Closed for Council

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			Council will contact Brightmore and Harrison Precinct Committees soon to discuss the boundary anomalies.	
	7	<p>PP 2/22, 12-14 Waters Rd, Neutral Bay -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Precinct requests that Council forwards a copy of Planning Proposal 2/22 to Brightmore Precinct. 2. The Precinct requests that Council advises Brightmore Precinct and forwards a copy of any Planning Proposal submitted within Brightmore or adjacent Precincts. 3. The Precinct requests that Council DA Tracking website be upgraded to link to the Council Planning Proposals website. 4. The Precinct reiterates its support for the rescission of the adoption of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Stage 1, and, as a consequence, strongly opposes approval of Planning Proposal 2/22. 	<p>Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Proposal 2/12 is available on Council's website. Further, it has been reported to the Council meeting of 26 April 2022 - Item 8.09 (and prior to that to the Local Planning Panel), with a full Council report available online. 2. no further PPs have been received within Brightmore Precinct area. 3. Planning Proposals are available on the Application Tracking site via Council website. Direct link - Planning Proposals. 4. Comments noted. 	Closed for Council
		<p>Young Street and Grasmere Road, Intersection Priority Change - General Discussion & Comments: There needs to be continued consultation on the Young St/Grasmere Rd intersection where the roundabout was removed for the construction of the cycleway. Note: At the Council Meeting of 26 October 2020, the following was endorsed, and notified to residents on 12 May 2021.</p> <p>Council is proposing to implement a change of priority at the intersection between Young Street and Grasmere Road. The existing stop signs will be moved from Young</p>	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has noted the information. This matter will be assigned to Council's Traffic Engineer and the Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator for review of the speed cushions.	Open/Ongoing

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		<p>Street to Grasmere Road. The proposal is in response to community feedback raising concerns regarding speeds and driver confusion at the intersection and the changes were endorsed by Council at its meeting on 26 October 2020. Following the change, drivers travelling on Young Street will have right of way through the intersection, and drivers on Grasmere Road will be required to stop at the intersection. This arrangement will be the opposite of the existing situation. Two existing speed cushions on Grasmere Road will also be removed as part of the works. The priority change makes the speed cushions redundant as drivers will have to slow on approach to the intersection with Young Street to comply with the new stop signs. A plan showing the proposed layout is overleaf (the proposed line marking layout is shown in blue and the speed cushions to be removed are shown in red). The installation of a roundabout at the intersection was investigated as part of the design process for the intersection changes. However, it was found through these investigations that due to the intersection geometry and space constraints north of the intersection, is it not possible to construct a roundabout which meets current design and safety standards and provides sufficient turning space for public buses.</p>		
	c	<p>Vehicles Going the Wrong Way in the 1-Way Section of Grasmere Rd, Neutral Bay - Action for Council To investigate and/or monitor the occurrence of vehicles travelling the wrong way in the one-way section of Grasmere Rd, and possible solutions. How long has this</p>	<p>Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Council Officers will inform the Police/Highway Patrol of this issue and ask them to monitor in regard to the illegal motorist behaviour.</p>	Open/Ongoing

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		section of Grasmere Rd been one-way? Why was it made one-way? Was it at the request of residents to prevent "rat-running"?	<p>The matter will also be conveyed to Council's Traffic Engineer to respond with regards to the history of when and why.</p> <p>UPDATE (20 September 2022) The Precinct Committee is requested to provide more information in relation to which street do the vehicles exit the street - Ben Boyd St or Young St? And any specific times? This information will be passed to North Sydney Police to start the investigation.</p>	
	d	"Stop" Sign in Gerard Lane at Junction of Benelong Rd, Cremorne - A local resident recently contacted Council asking to mark a "STOP" line on the road surface, in addition to the "STOP" sign installed a number of years ago. Vehicles drive, often at speed, beyond the sign out to the road junction with Benelong Rd before stopping, endangering pedestrians.	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that due to road resurfacing and the weather, the line marking was delayed. After an inspection on 28 April 2022, the line has been painted and appropriately located.	Closed for Council
March	3	<p>Planning Proposal 2/22: General Discussion & Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it should be mandatory for nearby properties to be informed if a PP is lodged • what has already been approved is above the current LEP height limit. • approving the Planning Proposal would set a precedent for future developments along the Military Road corridor. <p>MOTION: THAT Brightmore Precinct strongly opposes Planning Proposal 2/22 and requests Council change its</p>	<p>Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that Council publishes Planning Proposals received on its website under the DA Tracking site.</p> <p>Council considered the notion of notification of Planning Proposals at its meeting of 30 November 2020 and resolved to install site signage when proposals were lodged, which is the current practice.</p>	Closed for Council

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		policy to make it mandatory for nearby properties to be notified if a Planning Proposal is lodged.		
February	4	<p>Current/future role of Council at Cammeray Park/Golf Club - both resolutions were passed unanimously by Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the focus is to preserve for the public as much land and as many trees as possible. • current work is ostensibly for the WFU, and it is unclear how many trees have been removed. • KF advised he understands only a small number of trees will be removed for the re-design of Cammeray Golf Course (CGC) • there were 2 conditions imposed for the construction of WHT/WFU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. TfNSW relocate the water storage dam ii. produce a new 9-hole golf course • CGC sought and received some compensation from TfNSW for loss of business for at least 12 months • if Beaches Link tunnel doesn't go ahead, 1 of the motorway sheds would be unnecessary and the land should be returned to Cammeray Park. • it is understood a briefing meeting will be held in the near future between the Mayor and CGC. <p>MOTION: Brightmore Precinct supports Council in its actions to minimise the loss of open space and trees at Cammeray Park.</p>	Refer to the response to related Item 3B (1), January 2022.	Closed for Council

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	5	<p>NSOP: Comments re increased costs and ramifications -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where has the money gone? • look at other sources to pay for the cost increase, rather than rates • Lane Cove pool only cost \$15M to redevelop • now is the time to press the Federal and State Governments for extra funding with elections due within the next year <p>MOTION: Brightmore Precinct supports North Sydney Councillors' investigation into the cost increases of NSOP and requests that they explore further funding arrangements and report to the community.</p>	<p>Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that progress on the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment is reported to Council as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monthly high level progress reports which are publicly available via Council's website. 2. Confidential quarterly reporting to Council via the Governance & Finance Committee with full details on budget, timeframes and other issues. 	Closed for Council
	6	<p>Military Road Corridor Planning Study - requests that Council partner with the local community, including residents, business owners and property owners, to undertake a Neutral Bay Town Centre Revitalisation Project, using a process similar to that used by Lane Cove Council for the Lane Cove Village (which included the establishment of "Lane Cove Alive" to encourage and enable genuine local participation), and commencing with the preparation of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. a Traffic and Parking Masterplan, and ii. a Masterplan (or Structure Plan) to provide the urban design vision for Neutral Bay Town Centre, providing recommendations on, and an implementation framework for, the pedestrian domain, the mix of uses, active street edges, boosting employment and business, improving design quality, improving access (walking, cycling, 	<p>Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the Precinct Committee's comments are noted. The preparation, objectives and resourcing of a renewed Study is to be discussed internally, including with Councillors.</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>public transport, car), to be followed by public participation in the preparation of objectives for placemaking and briefs for design competitions for specific pedestrian public domain projects (similar to the process used for The Canopy project in Lane Cove).</p>		
	7/8	<p>Redaction of previous April 2021 Minutes & changes to Precinct rules over Councillor invitations - MOTION: That Brightmore Precinct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. supports Cr Santer's idea for a more formal "Bill of Rights" for Precincts. Examine, review and remove current restrictions which allow redaction of approved Precinct minutes - a record of what was said - within the law. ii. requests that Council publish on its website Brightmore Precinct's unredacted Minutes of April 2021. 	<p>Refer to the response to related Item 3A(8) from January 2022.</p> <p>UPDATE (24 February 2022) Council at its meeting of 21 February 2022 considered a Notice of Motion 18/22 - Safeguarding the independence of Precincts (Item 9.8) concerning the Precinct System. Council resolved: <i>THAT this matter be deferred for consideration in conjunction with the Precinct System Review.</i></p>	Closed for Council
	9.i	<p>Safety Issue - Traffic on Sutherland St between Park Ave & Young St, Neutral Bay - Concerns were raised over near accidents occurring on the above road, due to its narrowing to accommodate the cycle path. This also occurs in Young St between Sutherland St and Grasmere Rd, and Park Ave between Ernest St and Sutherland St. Two large vehicles are unable to pass each other, sometimes having to reverse into driveways. Various solutions suggested including making Sutherland St one-way west to east, or removing parking on 1 side of the road. ACTION FOR COUNCIL: Has a safety audit been done</p>	<p>Council's Acting Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that staff will investigate the crash history at this location to see if improvements can be made. With regards to lane widths in the streets, these lanes have been designed with reference to relevant road design guidelines and regulations. The lane widths provided are approximately 3.0m wide, which exceeds the minimum width requirements set out in the standards and which compare to several similar settings in North Sydney and other parts of Sydney. The designs have also been considered and endorsed by the Network and Safety</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>since the installation of the cycle paths in the above streets?</p>	<p>Division of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and Local Police (via the North Sydney Traffic Committee) as well as reviewed by an independent Road Safety Auditor.</p> <p>The current cycleway in Sutherland Street was designed and constructed in accordance with Australian Standards and relevant design guidelines. The project was intended to improve cycling amenity and overall traffic safety as the provision of separated cycleway and kerb extensions at intersections results in narrower traffic lanes which will reduce vehicle speeds and hence reduce the severity of a crash. Traffic counts undertaken in December 2017 after the completion of the cycleway works in Sutherland Street revealed a reduction of traffic speeds along Sutherland Street. Converting the street to one-way will encourage vehicles to travel at a higher speed and cause other traffic issues.</p>	
January	3A(8)	<p>Previously Discussed and Voted on Items - Non-censorship of Minutes of Precinct meetings and non-redaction of comments made by Councillor guest speakers. The Precinct supports the right of Councillors to express their opinions and wants the review and amendment of Council policies to achieve this. Note: post submission of the January 2022 minutes to Council, the Co-Convenor (CH) requested Council treat this comment as an action, requesting Council's Executive Manager Governance review the matter.</p>	<p>UPDATE (18 February 2022) Council's Executive Manager Governance has reviewed the matter and has not been provided with any basis to reverse the decision of the Director City Strategy.</p> <p>As advised by the Director City Strategy at the time of the determination, the decision to redact a portion of the minutes (for the version placed on Council's website, not the original minutes) was discussed with the Co-Convenor (CH). The redacted section refers to comments by an individual Councillor that were not in line with the resolved position of the Council (at that time). It is noted</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>that the position of the new Council has now changed, however the redacted version will be retained on Council's website and the original minutes can be accessed via Brightmore Precinct Committee.</p>	
	3B(1)	<p>WHT on Cammeray Park/Golf Club - Council to take charge (as landlord of Crown Land) regarding NSW negotiations on Cammeray Park/Golf Club (WHT/contaminated spill/tree canopy loss/green space etc). There was considerable discussion in the meeting on this issue. Attendees noted there has been a great deal of concern expressed about the loss of green space, tree canopy and the impacts of the WHT on traffic and stated they would like advice from Council about what is happening.</p>	<p>Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's role as lessor of the golf course to the club has been recognised by TfNSW and the club. Council's role under the Crown Lands Management Act does not allow council to assume further control of the land; • TfNSW has received planning consent for the project which includes works to the crown land which hosts the golf club. They have indicated that they intend to proceed with the project as approved; • on numerous occasions over the past two years Council has expressed opposition to the removal of trees and loss of open space to the extent permitted under the NSW legal framework. Council's efforts to mitigate the losses continue; and • Council has expressed an intent to advocate for an improved outcome with respect of the loss of open space and trees. <p>UPDATE (9 February 2022) At its meeting of 24 January 2022 Council considered Item 9.6. Notice of Motion 6/22 - Western Harbour</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>Tunnel/Northern Beaches Link Projects and resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT Council reinstate its strong opposition to the WHT/NBL projects due to the devastating impacts of the proposed projects on the North Sydney Local Government Area and the absence of any public benefit to be gained from the projects and for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the lack of a business case for the project b. the lack of meaningful community consultation c. the lack of alternative transport options including public transport d. the lack of filtering in the proposed exhaust stacks e. significant and devastating loss of public open space and future open space, loss of sporting facilities, loss of trees and canopy, loss of stormwater harvesting and water treatment infrastructure f. significant adverse impacts on public health and wellbeing, particularly on schools, school children and residents g. devastating environmental impacts on waterways, reserves, flora and fauna h. inappropriate and untested mitigation measures i. significant adverse impacts on aboriginal heritage and maritime environment j. the substantial increase in traffic flows through arterial and surface roads in the North Sydney CBD, including Berry Street and Miller Place, and LGA more generally. 2. THAT Council continue and escalate the current campaign informed by the position set out in Part 1 above. 	
	3.3	Examination of Council policy/reliance on VPA and planning agreements with Developers - that the following	Comments noted by Council's Manager Strategic Planning.	Closed for Council

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		paragraph be included under MOTION: Brightmore Precinct confirms topics of concern to the New Council (1) Opposition to the Military Road Corridor Planning Study Stage 1 - with regard to the Military Road Corridor Planning Study, Brightmore Precinct is against Voluntary Planning Agreements with developers who offer crumbs to the community in exchange for millions in windfall profits, and wants to see genuine partnership and debate with the community about what the community desires for the area.		
	5	Invitation to New Councillors to address upcoming Brightmore Precinct Meetings - Brightmore Precinct would like to invite each of the St Leonards Ward Councillors who are new to Council to attend one of our meetings, on separate occasions, as a guest speaker. MOTION was put to the meeting and passed unanimously. New Councillors be invited firstly from St Leonards Ward, and in order of who received the most votes, and accordingly that Councillor Godfrey Santer be invited to attend Brightmore Precinct's 9 February meeting, subject to his availability and Covid restrictions permitting an in-person meeting.	Noted by Council's Community Engagement Coordinator. Direct emails for Councillors has been provided via email and in Precincts E-news, they are also available on Council website .	Closed for Council
	6	Lack of Timely Notification by Council of Development Applications - Meeting raised concerns over the lack of notification by Council of DAs. MDS commented that the notification areas seem arbitrary and limited, not complying with the Notification Zone, and that the online	Council's Manager Development Services has advised: In regard to the notification period, between 20 December and 10 January, notifications do not happen due to state planning regulations; therefore, the period	Closed for Council

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		<p>history of a DA disappears from Council website. MOTION: passed unanimously.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Council be requested to extend all current Development Applications for Brightmore and Harrison Precincts by at least two weeks, given the time lag in notification to the public. 2) That Council be requested to ensure a more timely system of notification. <p>Note: related email sent by Co-Chair, 24 January 2022¹</p>	<p>between 20 December and 10 January do not count towards any notification period.</p> <p>The amended plans for DA 239/21 were received on 23 December 2021 and notified following review from 14 to 28 January 2022. Most of the amendments go towards addressing issues raised by both assessment and in submissions from the community. There is an argument in such circumstances that renotification is not necessary but out of abundant caution and due to the level of public interest the application was renotified.</p> <p>Advertising areas have not changed and remain either compliant with the Council's <i>Community Engagement Protocol</i> or greater. We are aware that the impact of a development might have impact beyond next door and notify accordingly, e.g. proposals are reviewed for potential impact as part of a comprehensive review process when the application is received. There are rare occasions where the notification area is expanded following review or well-founded community concern with notification periods being extended accordingly. This occurred with the initial notification for this site, and it is confirmed that the expanded area was used for this renotification.</p> <p>It's important to note you can make a submission even though you were not notified of a proposal. The yellow</p>	

¹ Response (as appears in SOA) was originally sent to the Precinct Committee on 25 January 2021.

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			<p>notification sign supports this as does notification on Council's web page. Previous submitters should have been notified electronically if they have nominated for the "notify me" service.</p> <p>We recently had significant issues with DA tracking which our IT Department and the external provider have now resolved.</p> <p>As you may know it is common practice to consider all submissions up to the time of determination even if they are received after the close of notification and this is the case with 131-139 Holt Avenue. The determination of this application will rest with the North Sydney Local Planning Panel.</p>	