

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2022 - Wollstonecraft Precinct

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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October	6.a	Planning Proposal 7/21 378-390 Pacific Highway Crows Nest (opp. Crows Nest Station site B) - Is currently under assessment by the SNPP. A meeting scheduled for 13 October between the applicant and the Panel was held to review modifications to the design to address issues in relation to neighbouring properties on the Pacific Highway. The meeting was held in secret from Council and the community.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Strategic Planning.	Closed for Council
	6.b	Planning Proposal 3/22 Fiveways "Triangle" Site Crows Nest - Under assessment without any opportunity for Council or community involvement.	Council's Senior Strategic Planner has advised that following Council's refusal of the PP in June 2022, the applicant lodged a rezoning review application with the Department of Planning (DPE) on 28 September 2022, the Sydney North Planning Panel (SNPP) considered the applicant's rezoning review request. Council was notified on 5 October 2022 of the Panel's decision to support the progression of the	Closed for Council

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			Planning Proposal. The matter will now be referred to the DPE to consider the issue of a Gateway Determination. The SNPP will manage the exhibition and other administrative matters associated with progressing the Planning Proposal.	
	9	General Business: PP 4/22 Prohibition of Residential Flat Buildings in the R3 Medium Density Zones	Council's Executive Strategic Planner has advised that the Precinct Committee's submission was received, and comments will be addressed in the post exhibition report.	Closed for Council
	10	286-290 Pacific Highway - PH raised the matter of a proposal he had read about for 286-290 Pacific Highway Crows Nest adjacent to and incorporating the old North Shore Gas Company site. He subsequently sent us the following links which show what is described as a 14-storey mixed use development incorporating a tower of apartment dwellings. The information has been referred to Council for a response: https://www.lfa.com.au/crows-nest-former-north-shore-gas-co-office/ and https://www.urban.com.au/news/nsw/55-million-crows-nest-apartments-to-target-the-owner-occupier	Council's Planning & Development Advisor has advised that two development applications have been received for this site and both have been rejected by Council's Development Review Panel (DRP). These rejections were for technical reasons, that is the supporting documentation and plans were not sufficient/adequate, and no public exhibition, or merit assessment took place.	Closed for Council
August	6	Weighting (Importance) of Precinct submissions - Wollstonecraft Precinct urges North Sydney Council to adopt a formal system of weighting of Precinct submissions on exhibited proposals that recognises numbers of votes in favour of a resolution and the number of votes against that resolution as each being one submission when counting numbers of submission received.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the Precinct Committee's suggestion can be explored via the finalisation of the Implementation Plan from the Precinct System Review, noting that this can be part of Workshop 1) Amended Policy, Code and Guidelines. For more information refer to the memorandum dated 17 August 2022; and the pending review of Council's <i>Community Engagement Protocol</i> .	Closed for Council

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			<p>UPDATE (11 October 2022) Council at its meeting held 10 October 2022 considered a related Notice of Motion and resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT in its consultative process with the community, including consideration of submissions from Precincts, on Council policy proposals, Council ensure, when voting from the community is requested, Council recognises the number of individual votes for and against the proposal, rather than consider that an individual organisation's majority vote be counted as a block of one vote for or against the proposal. 2. THAT at community group meetings where a consultation is requested by Council, it is made explicitly clear, through a prepared standard statement (agreed to by Council) read in the meeting, the individual vote numbers will be recorded in the consultation report to Council. 3. THAT for the purpose of transparency and to ensure the absence of 'branch stacking', the names and addresses of individual voters will be included in the report to Council on the voting outcome of the consultation. 4. THAT when voting is counted at Council, any individual person's vote is only counted once, whether it be as an individual or part of a group. 5. THAT the principle of "one person, one value, one vote" is included in the review of the Community Engagement Protocol. <p>UPDATE (20 October 2022) As was advised at the CPC meeting held 18 October 2022, all Precinct Committees will be informed in due course of the implications of the Council resolution in regard to changes to procedures - this will occur in context of the revised Precinct System Guidelines and period review of Council's</p>	

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			<i>Community Engagement Protocol and Access to Information Policy.</i>	
June	4a	Draft Community Strategic Plan - A draft submission was reviewed at this meeting to consider Precinct's submission.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the Precinct Committee's submission was received. All submissions were collated, analysed and reported to the Council meeting of 27 June 2022 (Item 8.02). The Precinct Committee's submission and Council's response is listed as no. 31 in the summary of submissions - refer to pages 91 to 94 of the Council report.	Closed for Council
	4b	Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and financial estimates - Precinct has sent three questions for clarification and answer at the session. TG, seconded by TW that the meeting authorises JH to prepare and lodge a submission on behalf of the Precinct based upon answers to the questions as provided at the community feedback session on 16 June.	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that a response to the Precinct Committee's questions were sent via email to the Chair on 21 June 2022. The questions were updated by the Chair and emailed as a submission by the Precinct Committee on 21 June 2022. All submissions were collated, analysed and reported to the Council meeting of 27 June 2022 (Item 8.05). The Precinct Committee's submission and Council's response is listed as no. 5 in the summary of submissions - refer to pages 185 to 187 of the Council report.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 October 2022) The Precinct Committee's submission queried funding allocation and timing regarding implementation of public domain improvements within the Crows Nest village area. Council is currently consulting on design concept options for Willoughby Road Streetscape upgrade - feedback closes 11:59pm, Sunday 20 November 2022. The Precinct Committee has been notified by memorandum.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>For more information or to ask questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visit the drop-in information stall at the Crows Nest Festival on Sunday 16 October 2022, 10am-1pm • join the online information session on Tuesday 1 November 2022, from 6.30pm-7pm (pre-registration required) • visit the web page with FAQs and online feedback form at https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/willoughby-road-upgrade 	
	4c	<p>Cycle paths for Wollstonecraft - The meeting was advised of interest by some residents to increase the opportunity for cycling in Wollstonecraft but noted also that North Sydney Council relied on NSW Government grants to fund its programs. The Chair sent copy of the initiative for Safe Streets to Schools to the CPC for consideration at its meeting on 21 June.</p>	<p>This item has been added to the Combined Precincts Committee (CPC) agenda, 21 June 2022.</p> <p>UPDATE (4 August 2022) Extract from CPC Summary of Actions: Council's Road Safety Coordinator has advised that Council will not be participating in the "Getup Safe Streets to School campaign". This is a 'petition' type campaign where the community petitions to promote change driven by community opinions or requests. Council already has a similar, dedicated program in place. Each year Council prepares, adopts and implements a Road Safety Action Plan which includes the "Safety Around Schools" priority program. The focus of this program is adapted annually to suit specific needs of local schools and the current local road safety issues they may be facing due to changes in population, increases in traffic and parking congestion due to development and/or major construction projects. Further, Council's Engineers must follow a certain protocol</p>	Closed for Council

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			and guidelines when implementing safety measures such as crossings or pedestrian refuges, which also require Traffic Committee approval.	
April	5g	Shirley Rd - Noted that the promise of line markings on Shirley Rd as raised at the February meeting had not been commenced.	<p>Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that instruction was sent to carry out the edge line marking under maintenance works. Time frame will be provided to Precinct Committee once works have been scheduled.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) Line marking works commenced 8 August 2022 and are partially complete due to wet weather delays. Works should be completed in the coming days/weeks, weather permitting.</p>	Closed for Council
		Intersection of Mckye St, Carr St and Crows Nest Rd - Precinct also requests likely timing of improvements at the roadway intersections at McKye St, Carr St and Crows Nest Rd; and at Belmont/Shirley Rd which are currently rated as medium priority.	<p>Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that the McKye St, Carr St and Crows Nest Rd intersection is included in Council's draft 2022/23 Capital Works Program (as part of the draft Operational Plan & Budget 2022/23).</p> <p>It was also nominated for a Blackspot Funding Program for the 2021/22 funding year which was not supported by TfNSW. It is intended to re-submit this project for the 2022/23 funding round, once open.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that McKye St, Carr St and Crows Nest Rd intersection has been included in Council's 2022/23 Capital Works Program.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that A concept design has been prepared, which will be submitted for 2023/24 Blackspot Program. Also, this is included in 2022/23 Capital Works Program (as part of the draft Operational Plan & Budget 2022/23), subject to community consultation and Traffic Committee's approval.</p>	
			<p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) Belmont/Shirley Rd: Projects are planned on an annual basis subject to the priorities within the LATM Action Plans, availability of funding and community consultation. The intersection of Belmont/Shirley Rd will be considered in the LATM Action Plan and prioritised in accordance with Council's <i>North Sydney Integrated Traffic & Parking Strategy</i> methodology for possible inclusion in Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program. By maintaining the Strategy process, especially with the constant review and updating of the Action Plans, Council is confident that, over time, most traffic related issues can be equitably addressed.</p> <p>UPDATE (28 September 2022) Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that Council's traffic facilities budget has been allocated to other priorities for 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>The intersection of Belmont/Shirley Rd will be considered in the LATM Action Plan and prioritised in accordance with Council's <i>Integrated Traffic & Parking Strategy</i> methodology</p>	Open/Ongoing

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			for possible inclusion in Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program.	
February	6.iv	Hume St Park Stages 1 and 2 - Precinct asked when Stage 1 is expected to be completed and what progress has been made on the Stage 2 works, provision for which of \$1.8 million was included in the last four-year plan and budget commencing 2021/22. Nothing has been reported since. Mayor Baker advised that subject to reasonable weather, Council expects Stage 1 to complete in February and be opened in March. As to Stage 2 which includes the relocation of Kelly's Place, three sites have been proposed and all three rejected. Meanwhile work is progressing on a Development Application (for public consultation) and subsequent approval.	<p>Council's Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator has advised that the prolonged wet weather has affected progress on Stage 1. Should the weather clear, and there are no other delays from unforeseen site issues, it is anticipated that most works should be completed by end of March/early April 2022. A report will be put to the March 2022 meeting of Council with regards a Stage 2 update.</p> <p>UPDATE (7 April 2022) Works on the Hume Street Stage 1 project are progressing. However, the continued wet weather and some sub-contractor availability issues is continuing to affect the program. The report regarding Stage 2 was not reported to Council's March 2022 meeting. It has been deferred to a forthcoming Council meeting, pending further input on relocation options for Kellys Place.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 August 2022) The deferred report is anticipated to be reported to Council in the second quarter 2022/23.</p>	Closed for Council
	c.i	Local Roads - Precinct asked Councillors about closure of local roads and in particular, Hume Street: It is understood that Council levies and receives fees from developers when a local road is closed. a) Council was asked to advise how much is received	<p>Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that:</p> <p>a) Any road closure requires a formal application to Council and approval by the North Sydney Traffic Committee. The applicant is required to pay the application fee for</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>and how it is spent?</p> <p>b) Council was also asked to investigate the way in which the traffic lights at the intersection of Alexander St and Pacific Highway operate, so that the right turn from Alexander into the Highway provides a green light at every sequence and that sufficient time is allowed for all vehicles to make a right turn safely.</p>	<p>processing. The closure fee depends on many factors such as site locality, impacts on the existing parking spaces (either metered or non-metred) duration of closure etc. Precinct committee is referred to the Special Construction Permits on Council's website for the fees and charges. Fees collected compensates the loss of on-street parking space as the result of road closure and covers the loss of income on the metred parking spaces where applicable.</p> <p>b) Signalised intersections are under care and control of TfNSW and as such any changes to the signals need to be referred to TfNSW for consideration. This request will be forwarded to TfNSW for investigation. The Precinct Committee and/or any individual may send request directly to TfNSW for consideration.</p>	