

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2022 Neutral 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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December	4.iii	Young Street Plaza - MOTION: The Precinct supports the Council's efforts to find a compromise to retain a Plaza in Young Street but to also allow vehicular access through the area. The Precinct asks that the proposals being developed include childproof fencing and address the pedestrian safety issues in Grosvenor Lane.	Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that Council staff and specialist traffic consultants are modelling different options on scenarios for a full re-opening, partial re-opening and full closure. These traffic modelling options need to be presented to Council in the New Year to see if the current resolution of Council to fully open Young Street will be changed. It is to be noted that Council also needs approval from TfNSW on any changes to the current configuration of Young Street - closed at the military road intersection as TfNSW have already approved the full closure at the intersection and also have signed off on fulling funding the permanent closure.	Closed for Council

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	5	<p>Hayes Street Beach areas of use -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident CP informed the meeting that the owner of 5-7 Lower Wycombe Road (understood to be a developer) erected a sign, on 17 November, indicting the raised rocky area at the eastern end of Hayes Street beach is private property. A photo is attached to the minutes. The area in question is accessed by beach users. More than half the area, (including the sign) is fully underwater at high tide raising a question as to ownership of land below the highwater mark. <p>MOTION: Can the Council clarify the use of the area in question? Is the land part of the public beach or private property</p>	<p>Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that the land in question is reclaimed foreshore owned by 5-7 Lower Wycombe Rd, it is private property.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
November	6	<p>Anderson Park maintenance issues - Residents at the meeting spoke to fences around the park falling down and masses of weeds along the stairs from the park to Kurraba Road/Ben Boyd Road corner. It was agreed Council needed to pay more attention to the maintenance of this well used park.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that staff are aware of the issue on the bank of Anderson Park. Contractors will be engaged to look after the area and Council staff will attend to controlling the weeds.</p> <p>UPDATE (11 January 2023) Weeds on the bank have been sprayed and staff will be doing a follow-up in next few weeks. Ongoing maintenance will occur from there.</p> <p>The Precinct Committee has been asked to provide specific information about the fences which are reported to be in a poor state, for investigation.</p>	<p>Open/Ongoing</p>

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	8.v.	<p>DA 293/2022, 1A, 1B & 1 Spruson Street Neutral Bay - 6 residents impacted by the proposed development attended the meeting and advised that the developer has met with local residents but has not amended the development application in any way to respond to their expressed concerns. MOTION: The Precinct to make a submission, in support of residents' concerns, asking the Council to refuse the DA.</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
<p>October</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Planning Proposal 6/22: 1-7 Rangers Rd & 50 Yeo St - MOTION: Neutral Precinct requests the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide advice on at what point does the number of small delivery trucks exiting the Woolworths Rangers Road site indicate that the site is a distribution hub rather than a suburban supermarket? 2. Provide clarification that if this site is to become a distribution hub for grocery deliveries that Council will continue to reject any further planning proposal and advise the developer to relocate the distribution hub to a light industrial site in the LGA such as Artarmon. 	<p>Council's Senior Strategic Planner has advised that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land Use: <p>When determining whether a development is permissible or not under a Local Environmental Plan (LEP), you first need to determine what land use definition it falls into.</p> <p>In determining what land use applies to a development, the following matters need to be considered:</p> <p><i>Is the development for a particular purpose?</i></p> <p>Development is considered to be for a particular purpose if that purpose is the dominant purpose of the development. To determine whether development is (or will be) for a particular purpose, an enquiry into how that purpose will be achieved by the development is necessary. The assessment will vary depending on the facts of each case.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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			<p>A supermarket is defined as a “shop”, which is a type of “retail premises” under North Sydney LEP 2013. Both these uses are permissible with consent in the B4 Mixed Use zone. A shop is defined as follows: shop means premises that sell merchandise such as groceries, personal care products, clothing, music, homewares, stationery, electrical goods or the like or that hire any such merchandise, and includes a neighbourhood shop and neighbourhood supermarket, but does not include food and drink premises or restricted premises.</p> <p>A “local distribution premises” is a specific land use type and is defined as: local distribution premises means a building or place used for the storage or handling of items (whether goods or materials) pending their delivery to people and businesses in the local area, but from which no retail sales are made.</p> <p>Local distribution premises as a standalone use are currently prohibited in the B4 Mixed Use zone.</p> <p>However, there are some instances where additional activities may be permitted on a site.</p> <p><i>Is a component of the use an additional use or is it an ancillary component?</i></p> <p>An ancillary use is a use that is subordinate or subservient to the dominant purpose. The concept is important when a development involves multiple components on the same land. To put it simply:</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if a component serves the dominant purpose, it is ancillary to that dominant purpose; and • if a component serves its own purpose, it is not a component of the dominant purpose but an independent use on the same land. It is a dominant use in its own right. In such circumstances, the development could be described as a mixed-use development (e.g. a shop and a restaurant). <p>Where a supermarket also offers a click-and-collect or home delivery services, these components must remain subordinate or subservient to the dominant activity relating to the retail sale of groceries to the public on site.</p> <p>A merit assessment would need to be undertaken to ensure that this can be achieved. Some ways to ensure that these activities remain subservient is by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring that any future development approval restricts the size of any ancillary storage facilities within the overall supermarket development to less than that dedicated for the grocery display within the supermarket. • considering restrictions on the number of deliveries, based on an analysis of the development's traffic generation (including deliveries) to avoid any adverse impacts on the surrounding road system. <p>2. Refusal of a Supermarket Distribution Hub</p>	

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			<p>As indicated above, home deliveries operating in conjunction with a supermarket is permissible with consent in the B4 Mixed Use zone. However, if the site/tenancy is solely to be used as a "local distribution centre" (i.e. with no retail sales), this would be prohibited in the B4 Mixed Use zone.</p> <p>The current planning proposal is silent on the extent to which the click-and-collect and home delivery service would be undertaken. This would normally be addressed at the development application point of the process. However, if the proponent were to lodge a planning proposal to amend Council's LEP to allow a local distribution premises on the site, Council would need to consider the likely impacts of such a development on the wider locality on a merit basis before it could determine to support or refuse the progression of a planning proposal.</p>	
	5	<p>Planning Proposal 4/22: Prohibition of residential flat buildings in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone The meeting expressed support for the proposal which effectively seeks to reverse the permitting of residential flat buildings in R3 Medium Density Residential zone, which came into force after the commencement of Amendment 30 to the North Sydney LEP on 30 June 2021. The Precinct Committee will make a submission to Council in support of the proposal.</p>	<p>Council's Executive Strategic Planner has noted the Precinct Committee's support. If a formal submission is not made by the Precinct, Council staff will note the Precinct's support (per the minutes) in the post-exhibition report.</p>	Closed for Council

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	6.i	<p>DA 230/22, 112-114 Wycombe Rd, Neutral Bay - The Precinct Committee will make a submission to Council to represent residents' concerns. MOTION: The Precinct requests that the Council reject the proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The overdevelopment of the site impacting on the amenity of neighbouring properties. 2. The use of Barry Lane as the access for demolition and construction and instead requires the developer to use Wycombe Road as the access. 	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the concerns raised by the Precinct Committee will be taken into consideration in assessment of the application.	Closed for Council
September		<p>1 Hayes St inconsistency with the aims of North Sydney LEP 2013 - Precinct Committee request:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. any amended plans be renotified to the public; 2. compliance action be taken for the unauthorised works already undertaken; 3. site inspections be undertaken of all affected property prior to finalising the development assessments; 4. that the LPP be made aware of the Precinct Committee's significant concerns; 5. the Precinct Committee be made aware of the LPP determination date well in advance 	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that on 12 October 2022, Council was notified an appeal was lodged regarding the application for redevelopment at this address, DA 182/22. Matters raised by the Precinct Committee regarding the application will be considered as part of the appeal. There is a preliminary hearing on 8 November 2022, which will set a date(s) for a site inspection by the court, for which members of the public may register to attend, and an in-camera conciliation conference for the applicant and Council afterwards. Typically, Council's solicitors would write to those who made written submissions regarding the application, inviting them to register to speak or attend.	Closed for Council
August	5	<p>Warringah Freeway Upgrade, Falcon Street Bus Ramp consultation - MOTION: The Precinct requests the Council to make a further submission to TfNSW to consider the following:</p>	Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that the Precinct Committee's motion was forwarded to TfNSW and asked to respond directly to the Precinct Committee, via email.	Closed for Council

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To re-engineer the site of the bus ramp to be closer to 4-14 Merlin Street and 1 McIntosh Lane by removing part of the sandstone shelf and thus lowering the height of the ramp. 2. If this is not possible, to install a headlight glare screen and plant mature deciduous trees between the bus ramp and the properties in Merlin Street. 3. To consider a legacy project that will provide vehicle parking for the residents of Alfred Street North, similar to the vehicle parking area currently provided for residents of the "Island" between Falcon Street and Military Road. 4. To establish where city buses will wait/park in North Sydney once the current parking area adjacent to Cammeray Park is removed and the informal parking area on the freeway beneath 4-14 Merlin Street. 		
	8.ii	<p>Recycling of take away coffee cups Discussion - Mosman and other Councils have engaged Simply Cups Australia https://www.simplycups.com.au to install recycling Stations for used coffee cups. Since May 2017 the Company has collected 20 million cups to be combined with other recycled items into items of higher value including bench seats, roadside kerbing and car park wheel stops. MOTION: The Precinct recommends North Sydney Council engage Simply Cups Australia to recycle used coffee cups in the commercial areas of the LGA.</p>	<p>Council's Waste Operations & Education Officer has advised that Council is working with the business community to shift away from single use takeaway cups and promoting reusables and swap cup systems, including recently launching Green Caffein.</p> <p>Mosman Council recently engaged Simply Cups to recycle takeaway coffee cups and installed eight large coffee cup shaped bins to collect lids, cups and liquids. The locations were in high traffic areas such as Balmoral Beach, Military Road and Mosman Plaza. The result of the collection saw an extremely high amount of</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>contamination such as food containers and food waste and the collection had to be ended in all locations. The contamination was much too high for the Simply Cups tolerance, which is minimal. The contamination cost Mosman Council extra charges on pickups and the collection became economically unfeasible. In addition, Simply Cups required a bulky storage area to sort the cups out and manage the liquid waste - which was found to be a significant issue due to the rancid milk. Mosman Council recommended that a Simply Cups collection would work only in a supervised area such as a shop and would not recommend Simply Cups collection in a public space due to the high contamination. Taking into consideration the Mosman Council experience with public place coffee cup collection it is recommended that North Sydney Council continue to focus on promoting reusable cups and swap cup systems.</p>	
	8.iii	<p>Parking difficulties created at the time of building developments - Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking difficulties are being experienced by residents where multiple trades take up all available parking spaces adjacent to building sites leaving no spaces for residents and their visitors. Anger was expressed that rate payers are being denied the same consideration as builders. • A resident cited a recent DA approval in Ben Boyd Road which required trades to be bussed to the site but was then overturned in an amended DA without known consultation. 	<p>Council's Manager Development Services has requested that the Precinct Committee provides further information regarding a particular DA (or DAs) in order to investigate further.</p> <p>For information, most work sites have sheds in which tools are stored, but trades move around sites constantly and take their tools with them. The number of trades on site at one time is limited, as they literally get in each other's way, or the work is sequenced. The matter is difficult but there are issues in addressing the matter in the way suggested by the Precinct Committee.</p>	Open/Ongoing

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting acknowledged the challenges to both developers and residents and suggests guidelines be established for DA approvals particularly for when multiple DA approvals are given in a single street or adjacent streets. A suggestion was made to require larger developments to provide secure storage area for Trades tools to minimise the need each trade to drive to the site daily. 	The Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information on the specific location of the site on Ben Boyd Road, Council not aware of any approvals for Ben Boyd Road that had a bussing condition.	
July	4	<p>Traffic issues and pedestrian safety at Young St and Military Rd -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Requests Council to not only consider the pedestrian safety and vehicular accident reports at Young Street, but to make their decision informed by pedestrians' observations of regular near miss incidents on this pedestrian crossing; Reaffirms its previous recommendation to Council to consider a pedestrian overpass at May Gibbs' Place/Young Street Plaza. 	Suggestion noted by Council's Director Engineering & Property Services.	Closed for Council
	5.v.	<p>Arts and Cultural Strategic Plan - Motion regarding 'HMAS Platypus' as a possible site for creative spaces. MOTION: Neutral Precinct requests the Council approach the Harbour Trust to work in partnership with the Trust to improve the vision for the HMAS Platypus site to include community and cultural activities for the benefit of North Sydney residents and the broader community. A partnership would align with the key focus area of</p>	<p>Council's Team Leader - Arts and Culture notes the Precinct Committee's suggestion and has advised that it is intending to invite a representative from the Harbour Trust to participate in the upcoming targeted engagement to inform the revised <i>Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan</i>.</p> <p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that this suggestion can also be pursued via</p>	Closed for Council

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		Council's Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan to "provide creative spaces and opportunities.	implementation of Council's <i>Visitor Economy Strategy</i> (2019).	
	6.iii	DA 182/2022 1 Hayes St, Neutral Bay - MOTION: Neutral Precinct requests the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Require an amendment to the DA to remove the privacy impact of new windows on 9 Hayes St; and ii. Review the basement car parking and car lift arrangements to remove any detrimental impact on the traffic flow and bus stop in Hayes St. 	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that that these matters will be considered in assessing the DA. Council is liaising with Sydney Buses as part of the process.	Closed for Council
	8	North Sydney events - Residents indicated that events generally were not well known and proactive marketing was needed.	Council's Team Leader - Events has noted the Precinct Committee's comments and advised that this feedback will be treated as a preliminary submission to inform review of Council's <i>Events Strategy</i> as well as <i>External Communications Strategy</i> .	Closed to Council
		Council's website could be improved with more colourful presentation of events on the home page.	Council's Team Leader - Communications has advised that a new Council website is in development and due to be launched in late 2022.	Closed for Council
June	7	PP6/22 Woolworths Rangers Rd, Neutral Bay - The Council Planners include the Precinct's concerns on this planning proposal (building height and setback, impact on traffic, and reduced size of supermarket), in their report to the Northern Sydney Planning Panel.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the Precinct Committee's comments will be included in the report to the Local Planning Panel and Council.	Closed for Council
	8.v.	DA125/2022 134 Kurraba Rd, Kurraba Point - That the Council reject the current proposal and require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reassessment of the solar impact on adjoining dwellings 	Comments noted by Council's Assessment Officer.	Closed for Council

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Translucent glass to be installed to 1.8 m on window area overlooking 138-140 Kurraba Rd 3. Ideally remove the terrace or reduce the size and require a bladed screen to be constructed along the eastern side. 4. Reduce the size of the window/door opening onto the terrace. 		
	9.i	<p>Noise from early hours commercial refuse/recycling pickups and leaf blowers vicinity Ben Boyd Rd/Cheal Ln - MOTION: That the Council advise the Precinct:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The regulations applying to commercial refuse/recycling collections; and if the current collections are operating outside these regulations would Council please notify the Contractor. 2. If the Council has the power that it take action on an environmental basis to ban petrol leaf blowers. 	<p>UPDATE (13 July 2022)</p> <p>1. Council's Waste Management Officer has advised that as part of the response to COVID, Council contractors have been starting earlier than usual, commencing services at 4.30am. Waste collection contractor(s) at present spread their staff out over different shifts to ensure adequate separation of staff in the event of a staff member contracting Covid. If such were to occur, all staff would therefore not be impacted thus ensuring the continuity of service as best as practicable. This is a temporary measure to ensure that social distancing can be practised in the depot and staged departures can take place. Council's domestic waste collection contractor starts collection at 4.30am in certain areas but not any time before that.</p> <p>To ensure residents are not coping with early morning collection every week, Council has request contractors to keep noise to a minimum during regular collection and stagger the collection so certain properties are not faced with early collection each week.</p>	Closed for Council

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			2. Council's Manager Environment & Building Compliance has advised that the use of leaf blowers on residential properties in NSW is currently permitted under the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017</i> . The NSW EPA is responsible for reviewing and updating this legislation.	
	9.ii	No Stopping area on corner of Yeo St and Barry Ln - A resident advised that the no-stopping zone on the corner of Yeo St and Barry Ln is regularly ignored, and illegally parked cars block the sight lines for drivers exiting Barry Ln and making it difficult for drivers turning right from Yeo St into Barry Ln. The installation of bollards or a small garden area were suggested but it was decided this could cause difficulties for larger vehicles parking within the defined parking area. Instead, clear road markings were favoured. MOTION: That the Council undertake to install white patchwork lines on the road surface in the No-stopping area on the corner of Yeo St and Barry Ln.	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that the requested road surface in the No-stopping area on the corner of Yeo Street and Barry Lane is under investigation. The matter of non-compliance with the no-stopping zone on the corner of Yeo Street and Barry Lane has been referred to Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services. UPDATE (27 July 2022) Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has noted Precinct comments and has advised that area (Yeo St and Barry Ln) are regularly patrolled. Any vehicles in No Stopping zones are a priority for Rangers and Parking Officers. The Precinct Committee is advised to contact Council on 9936 8100 and report individual occurrences.	Open/Ongoing
	9.iii.	Ben Boyd Rd Traffic issues - A resident raised a safety issue for vehicles turning right from Auburn Street into Ben Boyd Rd, particularly at morning peak times, indicating vehicles travelling south on Ben Boyd Rd see a green traffic light ahead at Kurraba Rd and go at speed through the Aubin St intersection. The installation of a roundabout was proposed. MOTION: The Precinct	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that the matter is under investigation in context of the adopted Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) plan.	Open/Ongoing

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		requests Council to consider the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Ben Boyd Rd and Aubin St to improve vehicle access in and out of Aubin St.		
		Ben Boyd Rd into Military Rd - A resident raised the issue of vehicles turning right from Ben Boyd Rd into Military Rd which causes vehicles to bank up as far back as the Neutral Bay Public School zone, and suggested a green arrow be installed. GC advised that this very difficult intersection is already classified and an "E" by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and is likely to become classified as an "F" (failed intersection) once changes are made to the vehicle access from Military Rd onto the Warringah Freeway as part of the upgrade works currently underway. Priority is being given to vehicles on Military Rd and crossroads are stuck with limited time to cross or turn into Military Rd. This issue was raised by multiple residents in submissions to the Warringah Freeway Upgrade with no response.	UPDATE (9 August 2022) This is a matter for TfNSW. Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that the Precinct Committee's concerns have been forwarded to TfNSW, and the community can also raise concern with TfNSW via https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/feedback-form.html	Closed for Council
May	8.ii	Traffic and parking issues in Neutral Bay - A resident advised that parking is becoming very difficult in Spruson St due to increased number of commuters parking in the street to avoid restricted parking between Spruson St and Military Rd. MOTION: That the Council consider installing restricted parking between 1 and 9 Spruson St, on one side of the road only.	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that 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 criteria, including safety, traffic volume, speeds, pedestrian and cycling volumes, surrounding	Closed for Council

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			<p>land uses, and alignment with the <i>Community Strategic Plan</i>. Following the adoption of the LATM 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 with regard to the installation of parking restrictions.</p> <p>The parking review process has been placed on hold during pandemic, but it will commence soon.</p> <p>Based on the relative parking demands and available resources Council has prioritised each parking area in the LGA. Due to current priorities, Council is unable to provide a timeframe as for when the review and survey for area 30, including Spruson St will take place.</p>	
April	4.i	<p>Parking Meters - North Sydney LGA already pays a higher parking meter rate that comparable LGAs in Sydney e.g. Eastern suburbs. If Council is not prepared to allow 15 minutes free parking then it was suggested Council reduce the minimum time on meters to 15 minutes to allow for short visits to local businesses at a smaller cost versus having to pay for a minimum of an hour as is the case in Willoughby Road for example.</p> <p>The Precinct Committee recalls the election promise made by the then Mayor two elections ago, in relation to</p>	<p>Council's Traffic & Parking Support Officer has advised that the minimum payment time at Council parking meters is not 1 hour. Parking for periods of less than 1 hour is already available at a pro rata rate at all meters.</p> <p>UPDATE (11 May 2022) Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that the impacts of COVID on utilisation of Council's parking meter network, are being assessed. Many workers still have not returned to full time work in our Village Centres and the North Sydney CBD and are</p>	Closed for Council

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		parking, and suggests this would be good for residents and excellent for local businesses.	still working at home. The long-term impacts in change in utilisation need to be considered before making any further decisions on how the network operates.	
	5ii	<p>DA 8/2022, 96-98 Ben Boyd Rd, Neutral Bay - The Precinct requests Council require an amended DA to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide for resident and visitor parking entry from Highview Lane and exit to Ben Boyd Road; and 2. Require a building height across the development of no more that 12 metres. 3. Further, the Precinct requests the Council to provide information and advice on regulations that may apply to the use of car lifts in new developments. 	<p>Council's Assessment Planner has advised that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. this DA is under consideration by Council's Traffic & Transport Operations Department regarding site specific concerns; 2. we are awaiting minutes from the Design Excellence Panel which met 10 May 2022; and 3. generally, Council is supportive of car lifts, however they need to demonstrate that queuing within the street or road is not detrimental to sight lines and traffic flows. Some sites are not suitable for car lifts. 	Closed for Council
March	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
February	6	<p>Proposed changes to Council meetings and practices - Motion: The Neutral Precinct supports the proposal for more frequent meetings. We ask the Council monitor the impact on Council staff and the impact on Council's budget of holding more regular Council meetings. The Precinct supports the elimination of Committees and the inclusion of issues dealt with by Committees, in Council meetings. The Precinct Committee welcomes the proposal to hold live streaming of Councillor Briefings which will underpin the transparency of decision making.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Council & Committee Services has advised that the Precinct Committee's feedback will be treated as a submission.</p> <p>UPDATE (2 September 2022) On 27 June 2022, Council resolved to adopt the amended <i>Code of Meeting Practice</i> in accordance with section 360 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>. 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</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>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 open to Councillors and staff only, and the webcast will not be available to the public.</p> <p>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 • 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</p>	

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			before most Council meetings and these will be webcast LIVE .	
	8	Request to re-install cycle ramp on steps between Undercliff & Harriet Sts - Motion: The Precinct requests the Council reinstall the metal ramp assistance for cyclists on the steps between Undercliffe and Harriet Streets.	<p>Council's Assets Engineering Officer has advised that the ramp was removed during the reconstruction of the stairs following consideration of a number of different user groups in this location, the level of use of the ramp, and current cycling infrastructure standards (which the ramp does not meet). Council had also received feedback that these ramps presented a potential hazard for other user of the stairs in terms of trips and slips, including less mobile people walking, and that they provided limited access as some people feel unable to push their bikes up the ramps, in particular those with heavier e-bikes.</p> <p>Council is currently part way through delivering network improvements as set out in its Integrated Cycling Strategy (2014). The key aim set out in the Strategy is to make it possible for people of all ages and abilities to cycle for day-to-day transport needs, with a focus on providing separated paths through busy areas. Kurraba Road is identified for improved facilities and plans for these are currently in development.</p>	Closed for Council
	10.i	Draft North Sydney Walking Strategy - Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it is a good idea to try and find ways for residents and visitors to walk around the LGA. 	Comments noted by Council Senior Strategic Planner, the Precinct Committee's feedback will be treated as a submission.	Closed for Council

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opportunity to identify 'hotspots' where pedestrians are having difficulty accessing areas of the LGA particularly in the CBD • it is noticeable that construction sites are particular points affecting pedestrian safety e.g. construction work and deliveries extending onto footpaths. • it was noted the connectivity between the CBD and Neutral Bay was identified as an issue and the Precinct would be supportive of a proposal to install an additional footbridge across the Warringah Freeway. • noted another idea is to improve access around the High Street intersection with the Warringah Freeway • the Precinct looks forward to consultation on the details of the ideas. 		
	11.ii.2.	Foot issues paths - Motion: Precinct members request Council rectify trip hazards on the footpaths each side of Bydown Street between Yeo Street and Cheal Lane by grinding down the raised surfaces as has been done in nearby streets.	Council's Manager Works Engineering has advised that grinding works have been allocated, to be completed by 27 May 2022, weather permitting.	Closed for Council
	11.ii.3	Traffic issues paths - Motion: Precinct members request Council install a speed limit sign in May Lane, at Yeo Street, and consider making May Lane a Shared Zone similar to sections of Olive and Cheal Lanes.	Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that as all speed limits and associated signs are under the jurisdiction of TfNSW. The NSW Road Rules state that there is a blanket 50km/h zone on all streets unless sign posted, therefore it is unlikely that a speed sign can be installed. Installing a sign can sometimes be	Open/Ongoing

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			<p>contradictory to improving safety, as it will be a 50km/h sign. Council staff can investigate the possibility of a shared zone, this is a lengthy process and needs to meet TfNSW guidelines.</p> <p>UPDATE (26 July 2022) This matter will be investigated in accordance with Council's adopted 10km Shared Zones and 40km HPA Strategy & Action Plan.</p>	