

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
KIRRIBILLI SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 83rd MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023 AT 5.30PM
IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: The Mayor in the Chair. Councillor Beregi.

Estelle Blair, Resident
Fran Hernon, Resident
Debra Blair, Resident
Michel Reymond, Resident
Penny Ross, Resident
Vilma Bowers, Resident
Hilary Hatfield, Resident
Michael Bracka, Resident (remote)
Jillian Christie, Resident (remote)

Council staff:

Jon Higlett, Acting Director Engineering and Property Services
Paul Yang, Engineering Project Manager
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30 pm, with The Mayor in the chair.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Santer, Anna Dickinson – Loretto and Tom Kelly – Resident.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 82nd meeting held on 18 October 2022

Moved by Estelle Blair and seconded by Fran Hernon.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

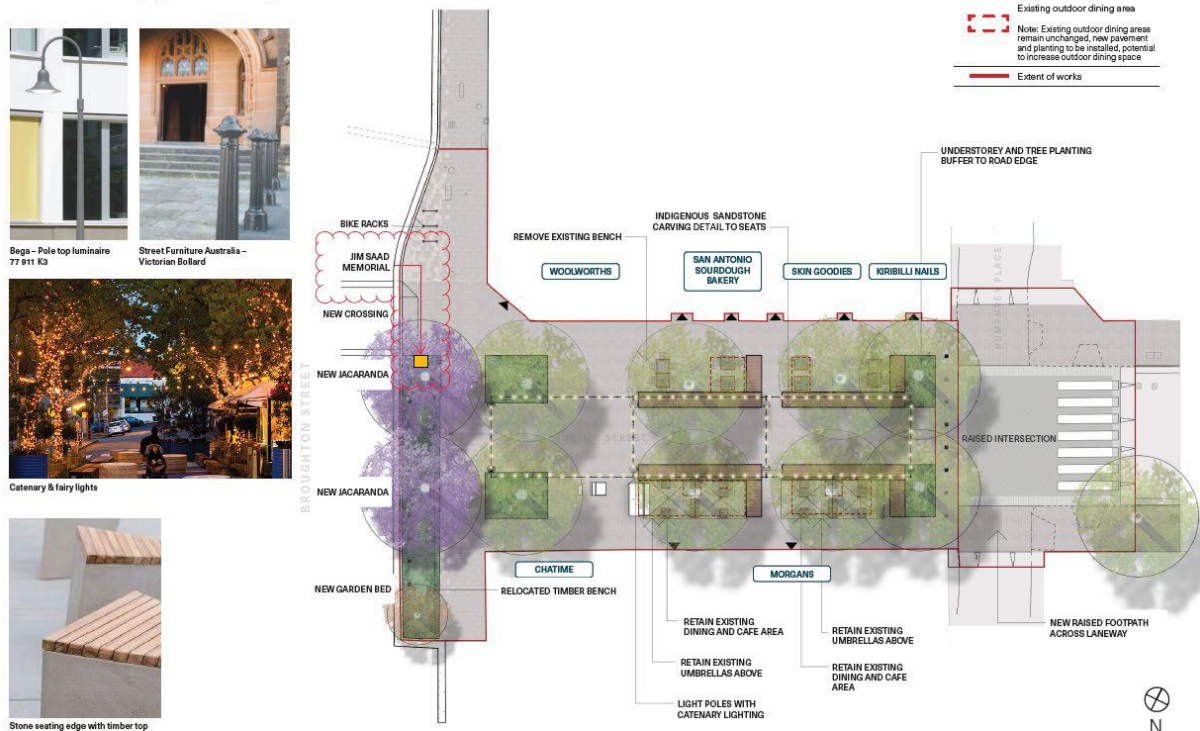
5. Kirribilli Village Centre Public Domain Master Plan – Projects Update

Council's Project Manager advised that Council had an approved concept which was done by a company by the name of Turf Design Studio and they have since declined to take on the next step due to commitments with other projects. Council has had to change course and we now have a local consultant, which are based in Kirribilli and they are called UmbaCo Landscape Architects, they are also the designers for Cremorne Plaza.

There are three areas that Council will be looking at for the updates, the first being:

5a Burton Street Plaza –Detailed Design Update

1.1 Burton Street | Option 1 / Existing levels & no kerbs



Concept Plan

This was the concept that was approved through consultation and the redesign commonly known as option 3.

A report went to Council on the location for the Jim Saad memorial, and a place has been chosen which is on the corner of Burton and Broughton Street outside Woolworths.

This is a general arrangement plan of Burton Street you can see there has been some examination of levels and our consultant has been working through the concept and adding some detail such as service locations, utility investigation, looking at paving plans and how that would look like, and resolving things like level changes and universal access to doorway entries where possible, so no steps. There will also be a dog fountain and it will be plugged into mains water which will be a refreshable dog bowl that doesn't need to be cleaned and can be refilled while filling your own bottle. There has been no material changes we are still proceeding with what we agreed with in terms of materials and colours etc.

It was asked if the established trees were coming out, and what location are the trees in the planter boxes going to be?

Council Project Manager advised that they would be staying. There would be a new garden bed in Broughton Street, and where the existing crossing is we will be creating greenery on the road.

It was asked if the two Jacarandas are going to be planted?

Council's Project Manager advised that it is open for discussion and that there was talk about the detailed design phase that we would be open to discussion about the street trees. It would be good to hear feedback on what thoughts are about Jacaranda's. Some people had reservations about slippery flowers there.

It was suggested that there should be native trees.

The Mayor stated they should be climate change adaptable trees in terms of urban canopy.

Council's Project Manager stated that they had consulted with Council's Arborist, and they suggested the Illawarra Flame tree which is the red flowering *Brachychiton acerifolius*. Some feedback from the landscape architects is that it is not performing very well in Broughton Street at the moment, so they are exploring other options and looking at native flowering trees.

It was asked What is happening with the umberellas on the Morgan site?

Council's Project Manager advised that is outside the scope of works and that they are privately owned umberellas, and because there is no actual mainstreet levy in Kirribilli there is no opportunities for funding.

It was suggested it should be addressed another way.

It was asked how are Council going to manage the stormwater that comes down from Broughton Street on the western side?

It was advised the water that is discharging from the top outside the Chatime shop currently flows overland and down the gutter and it does create and nuisance downstream.

Jillian Christie suggested that the crossing outside the Woolworths corner and what was initially discussed when this was first proposed a few years ago, was to actually widen the whole crossing and to be planning in terms that there will be another push button on the Chatime shop corner at the pedestrian crossing and to have a new line for the traffic to actually push back behind that building line, where the old Flight Centre was so that people can cross over directly to the steps going up the bridge and Burton Street on the other side of the tunnel so that people don't have to crowd onto the Woolworths corner.

Michael Bracka raised the issue of the location of the bike racks which are on a reasonably narrow part of the footpath near Woolworths corner and also where the traffic tends to merge into the pedestrian crossing and just looking at it, it seems having bike racks will mean that's not going to be a pedestrian area and it can present a safety risk potentially to cyclists but also to pedestrians as it is very close to that crossing.

Mr Bracka suggested the proposed area for the bike rack be relocated to an area that does not impact on pedestrians.

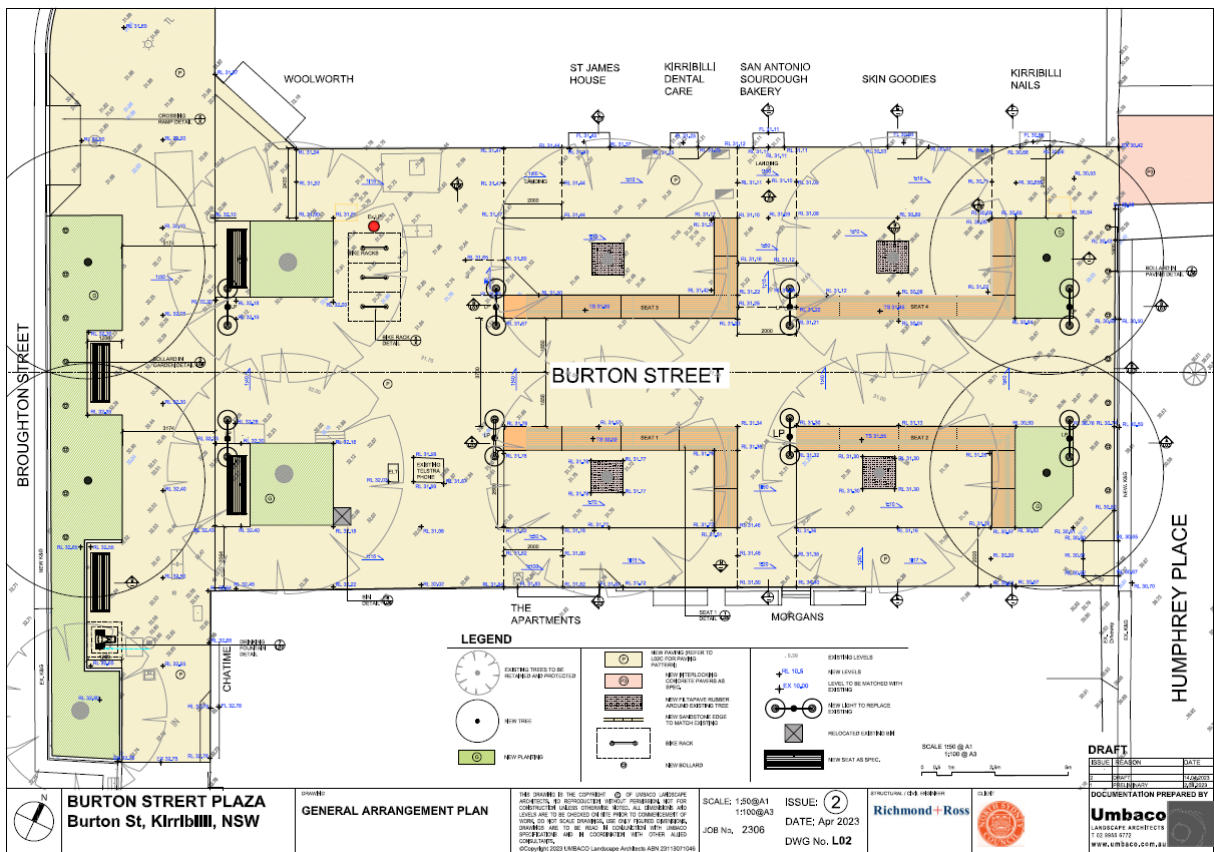
Council's Project Manager stated that one of the designers is a cyclist and she suggested an alternative location which is adjacent to the trees in Burton Street.

Estelle Blair asked how many bike racks are there? She said that she goes there quite early of a morning and there are a lot of cyclists and that it was a hot spot. The more bike racks there the better.

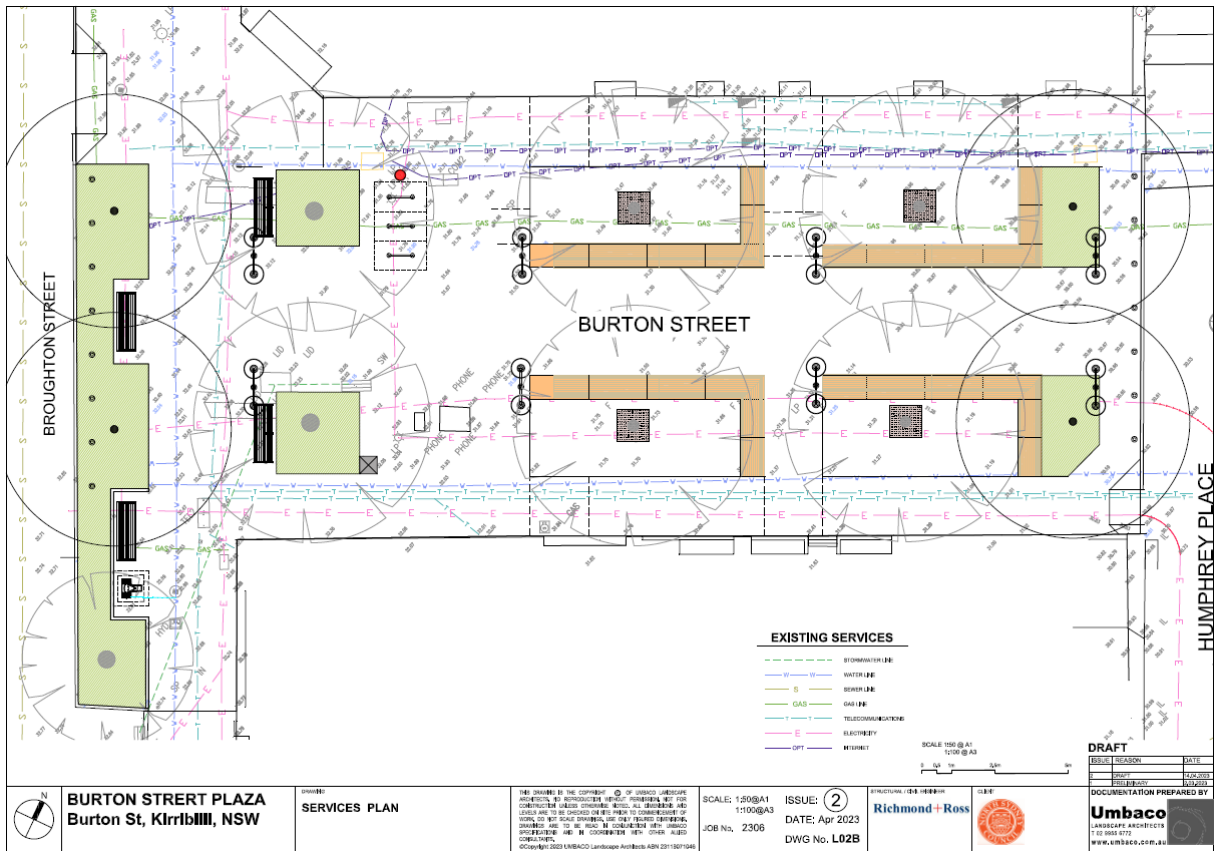
Council's Project Manager advised that he take that on notice. Addendum: 3 new bike racks proposed in Burton Street and 3 new bike racks proposed in Bligh Street.

The mayor suggested in the interim that Council's Project Manager be invited closer to the final design to the precinct meeting as a guest speaker.

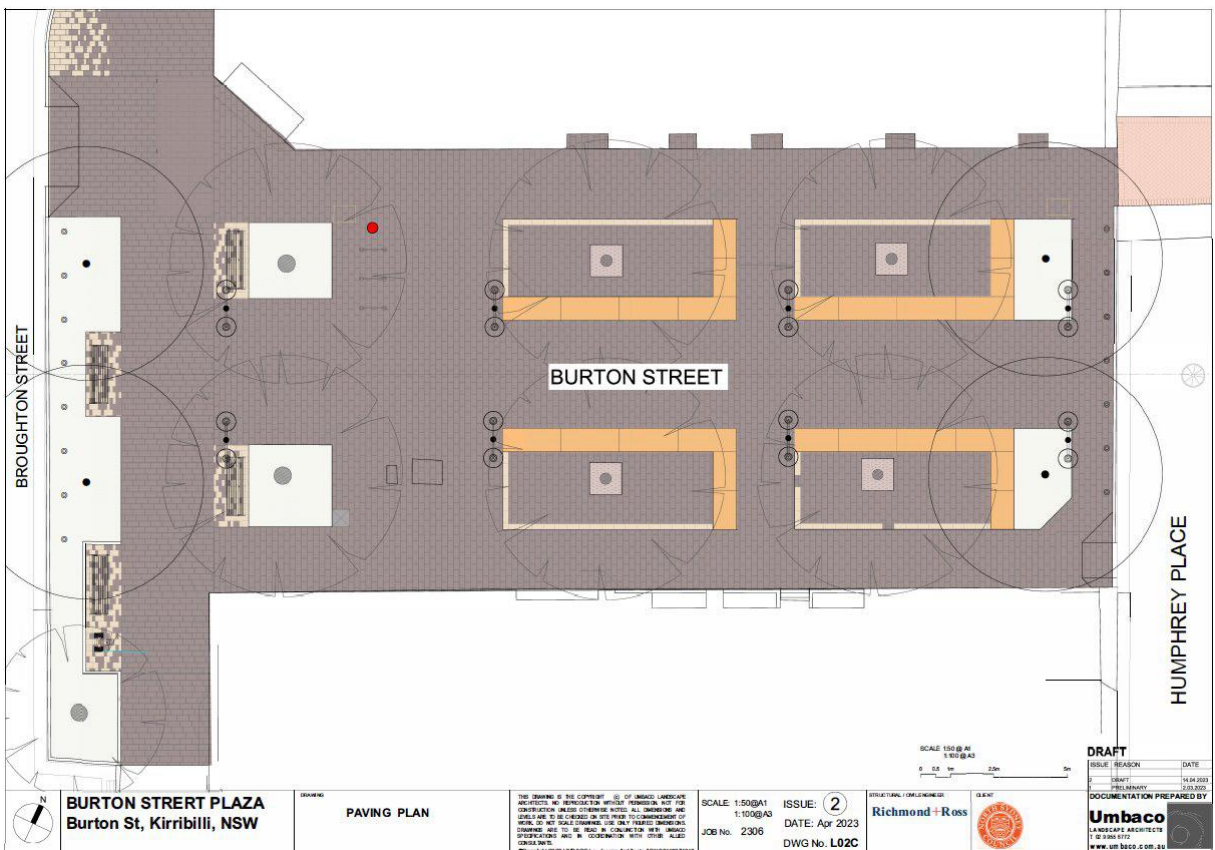
Council's Project Manager advised the final design should be finished in May 2023.



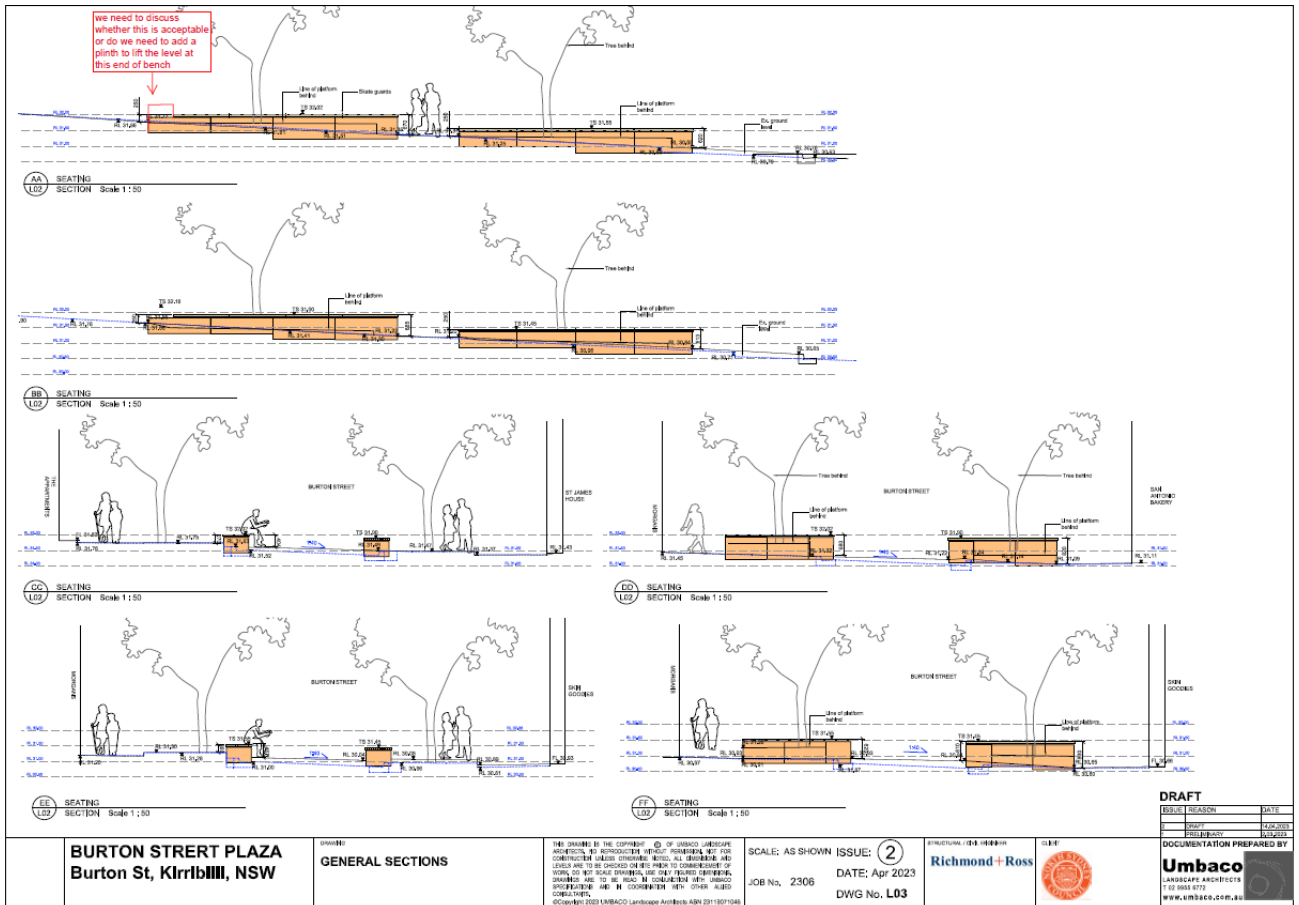
General Arrangement Plan



Services Plan



Paving Plan

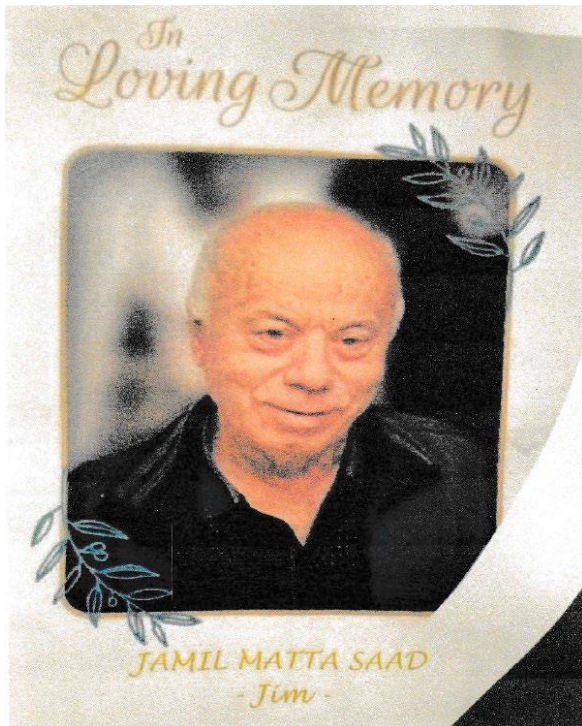


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5b Memorial for Jim Saad –Burton Street, Kirribilli



Memorial Proposal for from Klarfeld Bronzes

Council's Historian has reported to Council on a preferred way forward and he short listed artists. He has found an artist that is based in Frenchs Forest and has 30 years' experience on Sydney's North Shore. Her name is Linda Klarfeld, she did the Wenona grant memorial, the Shore School Bronze Memorial, the Mary MacKillop memorial at the Australian Catholic University. She is going to create a permanent memorial to honour Jim's legacy, there isn't a concept yet, but she is thinking an assortment of tools and a bronze plaque to display in a sandstone plinth.

Relevant Experience of Team

Linda Klarfeld has been sculpting for over 30 years and created over 40 public memorials around Australia including many sculptures on the North Shore ie:

- 'Wenona Girl', Granite, Wenona Girls School, North Sydney
- 'Cr Dom Lopez', Bronze, Mosman
- 'Vitae Lampada Tradunt', Bronze, Shore School, North Sydney
- 'St Mary MacKillop', Bronze, Australian Catholic University, North Sydney



Selected works -KLARFELD BRONZES <https://www.klarfeld.com>



Proposed Memorial Location –Burton Street

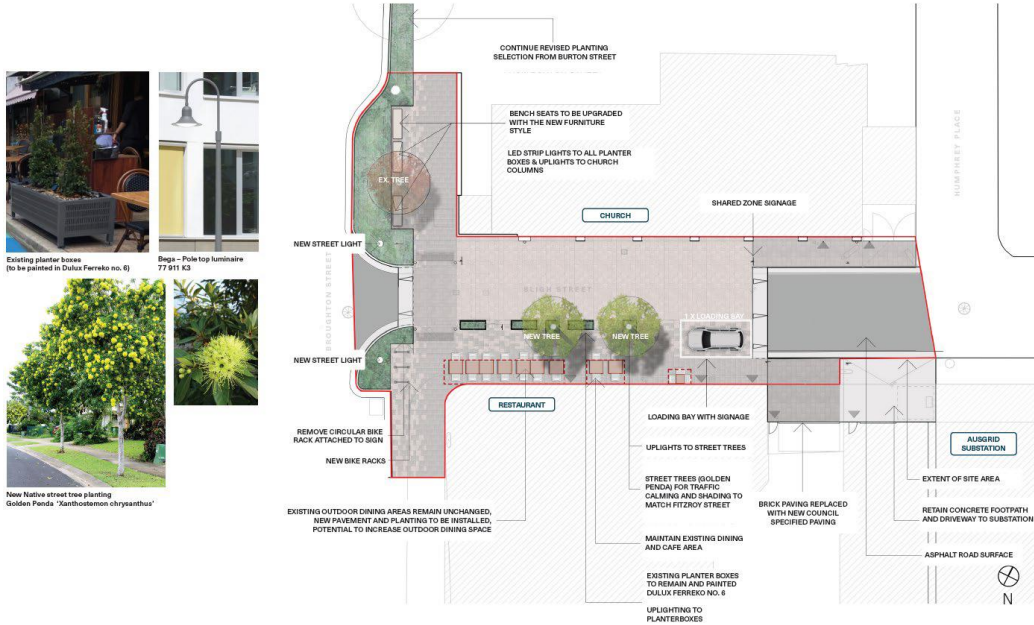
It was asked if there was any discussion about the Telstra telephone box and whether it could be possibly removed?



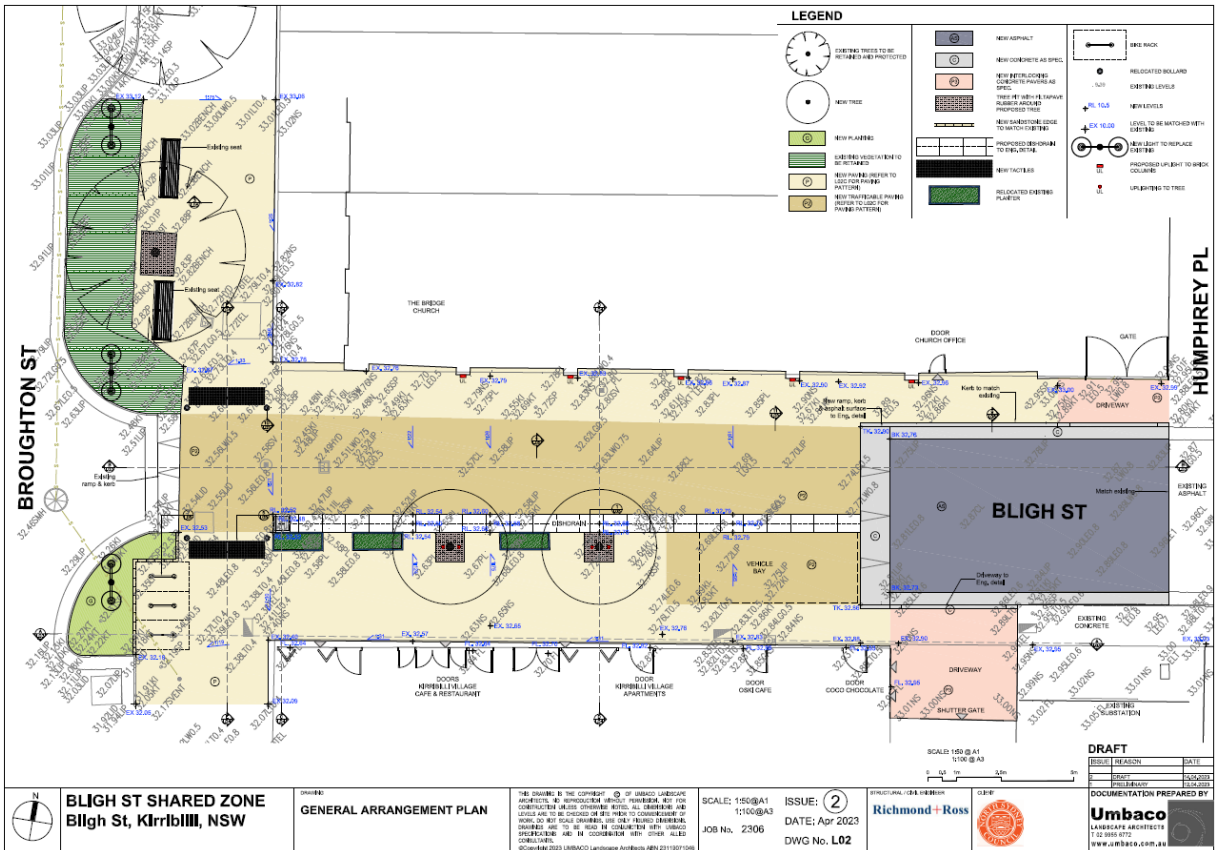
Council's Project Manager advised that it was investigated, and it is a statutory requirement to provide the public telephone service and something Council doesn't have much control over.

5c Bligh Street Shared Zone - Detailed Design Update

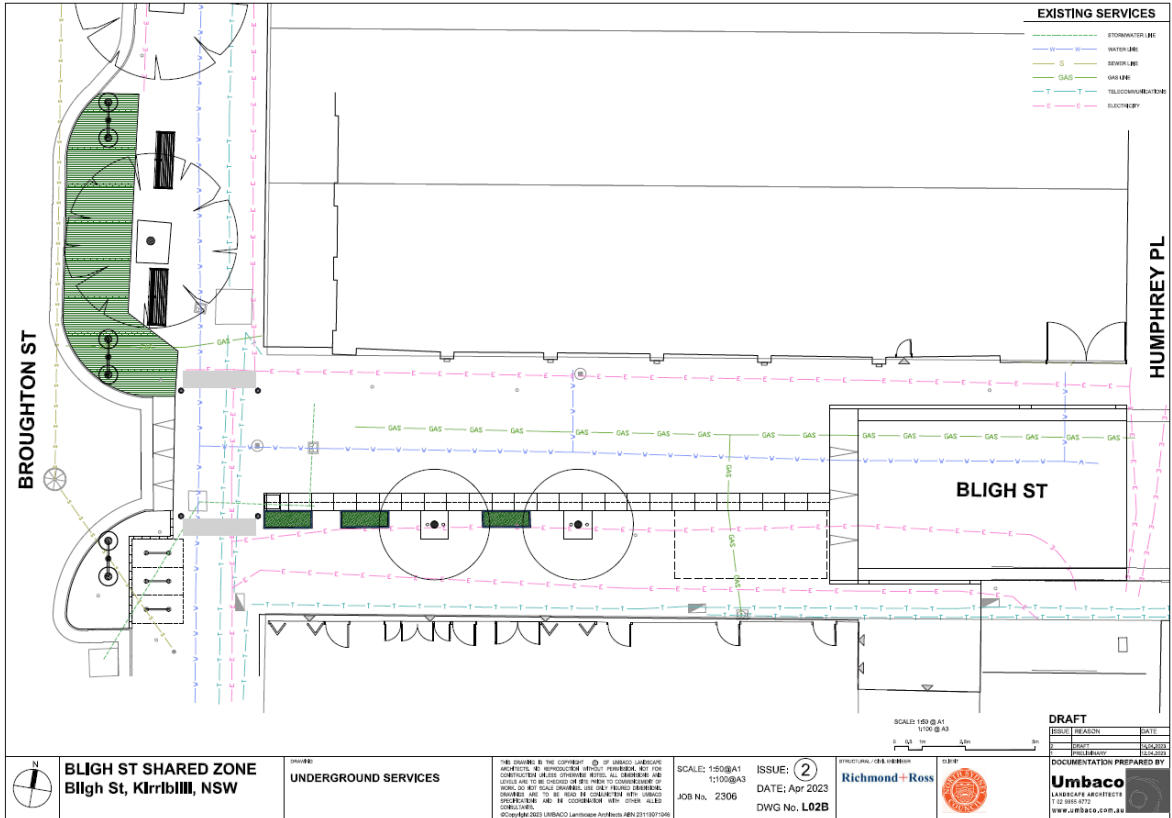
1.4 Bligh Street | Shared Zone



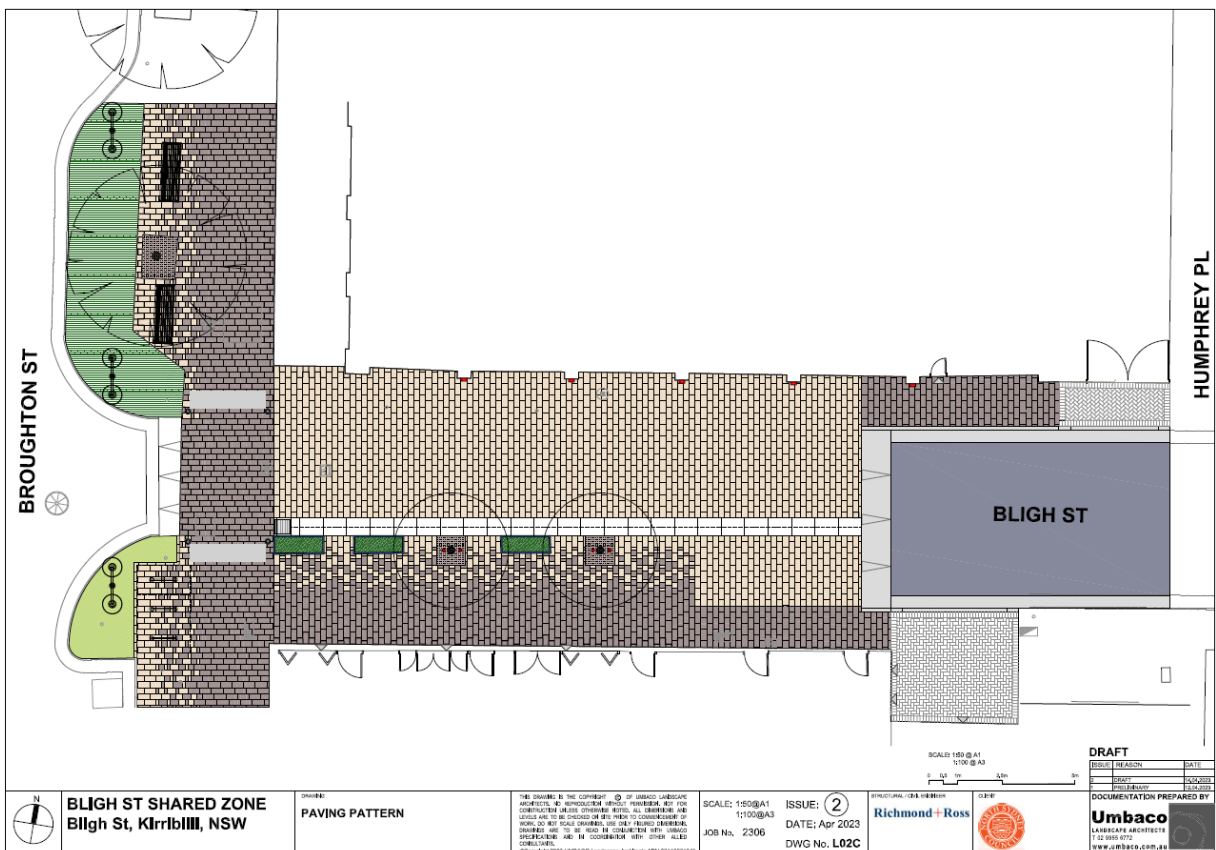
Concept Plan



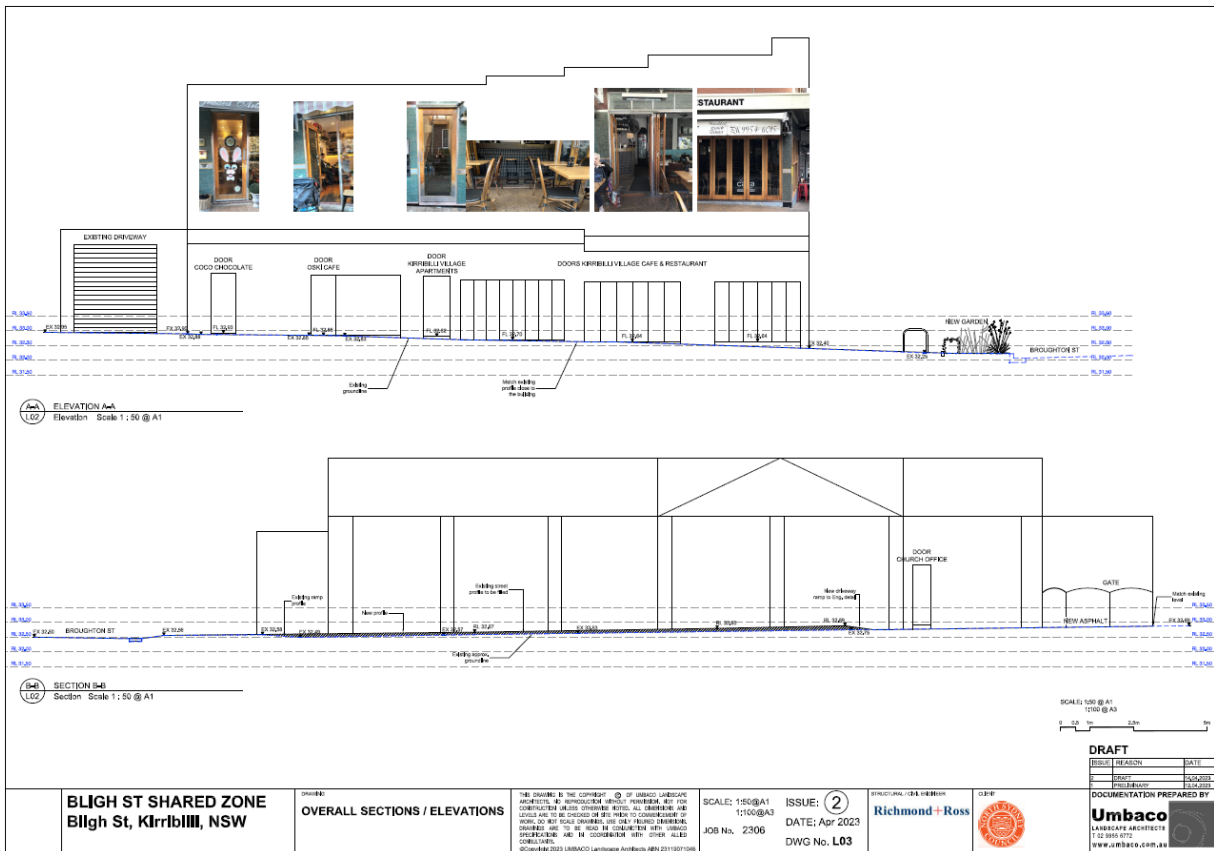
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Looking at the design development for Bligh Street there are levels investigation, there is line paving for that shared zone that was a transport for NSW requirement for road contrast.

It was asked is there still a parking area outside the chocolate shop?

Council’s Project Manager advised that part of the commitment that Council made at the start of this consultation was that there would be no loss of parking as it was one of the criteria of the master planning. It’s a flexible space as it is all one level and it’s going to be a paved shared zone, so it lends itself to future changes.

It was asked would there be bollards to separate where the cars go.

Council’s Project Manager will take that on notice. Addendum: No bollards are proposed for Bligh Street

It was stated that cars speed down Bligh Street and there is going to be an accident there at some point.

Council’s Project Manager advised that shared zoned are a psychological tool as well as a physical tool, and the idea is to change driver behaviour through different means.

It was advised that there are various sign poles there that need to be relocated to the corner of Huntley Place and Broughton Street. There is a school sign there that is 40km there in a 10km zone.

It was advised by Council's Project Manager that it will all be 10kmh as it is a shared zone. There will be a speed hump like a raised pedestrian crossing which is grey which will physically slow the cars down when they get to it.

It was asked if there was a chance a seat could be put outside the chocolate shop.

Council' Project Manager advised they couldn't as it was a loading zone.

ACTIONS

Service locating complete	21 March 2023
50% Detailed Design In progress	26 April 2023
Selected Artist for Jim Saad Memorial	18 April 2023
Bligh Street planters moved to improve footpath access	14 April 2023

NEXT STEPS

100% Detailed Design	May 2023
Tender and procurement	May –June 2023
Start Construction	July 2023
Finish Construction –Bligh Street (Funding deadline)	2 October 2023
Finish Construction –Burton Street	November 2023

- Hit our 50% design progress milestone and its currently being reviewed and we're expecting to have that finalised by 26 April.
- The Artist has been selected or Jim Saad's memorial.
- Some early works have started in Bligh Street, we have removed the planters which were blocking the footpath in front of the church and service location has been completed.

We are expecting the 100% detail design in May mindful of the want to have some input that could be extended with a review period.

Tender and procurement scheduled for May/June.
Starting construction in July with Bligh Street first.
Looking to finish by 2 October as is the funding deadline for Bligh Street.
Burton Street may push out till November with the change of consultants.

6. General Streetscape

It was asked if Council would consider replacing the footpath in Bligh Street. Start in Humphrey Place on both sides up to the end of the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre and up to the gate on the other side. It would create a level footpath.

The Mayor advised that this could be taken on board and considered as part of Council's priority, and that Council's priorities for the next couple of years is fairly well set and constrained due to the pool.

Council's Acting Director Engineering and Property Services will look at this issue and see if it is a maintenance matter.

Fran Hernon mentioned that Tom Kelly couldn't be in attendance at the meeting as he is out of the country and that he has written a paper about the Kirribilli group and what their role is.

A Motion was moved by Fran Hernon and seconded by Penny Ross.

1. THAT the paper be circulated to the streetscape members with the minutes of this meeting.

Fran Hernon advised that the principal of the Junior School at St Aloysius asked for this to be raised, that the tree outside the Junior School the roots are lifting the pavers. He wrote to Council and got a note saying it would be passed on, he wrote again and never heard back. Someone did turn up and said they couldn't put the pavers over the tree roots as that was a different department and that still hasn't been done.

The Mayor advised that this would be taken on as comment and feedback.

Debra Blair advised that there is a metal plate on the corner of Hipwood and McDougall Street where the little shop is. The plate has a big crack in it and a big gap.

Council's Acting Director of Engineering and Property Services will look at this issue.

Estelle Blair advised that Rats are burrowing and living in Humphries Place Planters at the Burton Street Pop Up Plaza and in McPherson Street. They live under the wooden seats.

Council's Acting Director of Engineering and Property Services will look at this issue.

Michael Bracka advised that he is going to talk about the parking problem on Ennis Road at the next precinct meeting. He said that on his morning walk there has been some deterioration of the barrier that runs along Ennis Road. It is timber with the mesh fencing and some of the timber is looking like it is quiet water effected. He is worried as a safety point of view and suggested that Council do an inspection of the condition of the fence along the top of Ennis Road to make sure that it is safe, and not deteriorating with a lot of rain we have had.

Council's Acting Director of Engineering and Property Services will look at this issue.

It was advised that the nature strip in front of Loretto has huge growth and it is really unsightly.

The Mayor advised that this be passed onto the Landscape Team.

It was also advised that because of the construction work going on there the road has deteriorated quite badly in Elamang Avenue.

Council's Acting Director of Engineering and Property Services will look at this issue.

It was stated that whoever is looking after Milson Park gardens is doing a fantastic job.

It was asked how often the maintenance is taken out on the flower beds on Broughton Street.

The Mayor advised they have a maintenance schedule. If there are any issues with the garden beds let one of the ward Councillors know or email Council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au.

A Motion was moved Estelle Blair and seconded by Fran Heron.

1. **THAT** they would like to say thank you to Paul for doing such a great job.

Fran Heron advised that the tunnels and heritage wall can't be touched for any artistic value or bill posters but wanted to know who was putting the posters up around the area.

The Mayor has made an enquiry about whether that is illegal bill posters or whether Transport for NSW has some arrangement and that she hadn't got a response and that Council's Compliance Team have looked into it.

The Director Engineering and Property Services advised that it is not under Council control.

7. Next meeting - 19 September 2023

8. Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.