

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CREMORNE SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF 90TH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023
AT 5.30PM IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION,
NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Present: Councillor Baker in the chair. Councillor Santer

Ulrik Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce
Fiona Gracie, Cremorne Conservation Group
Chris Holding, Cremorne Conservation Group
M. de Solom, Harrison Precinct
Graham Short, Resident
Mary-Ann Thomson, (Remote)

Council: Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure
Diana Mejia, Engineering Project Manager
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm, with Councillor Baker in the Chair.

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 89th Meeting held on 14 March 2023 were adopted.

Moved by Fiona Gracie and seconded by Ulrik Funch.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

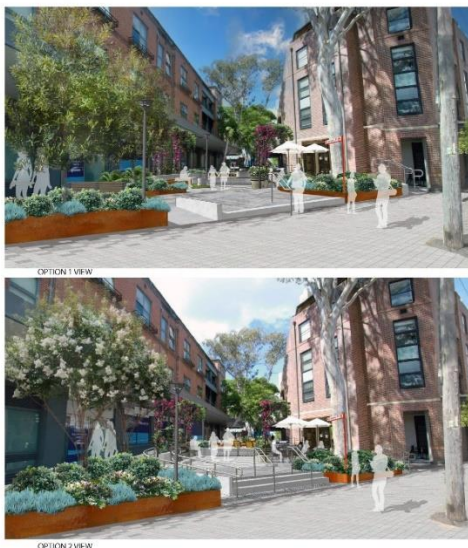
5. Projects Update

5.1 Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place upgrade



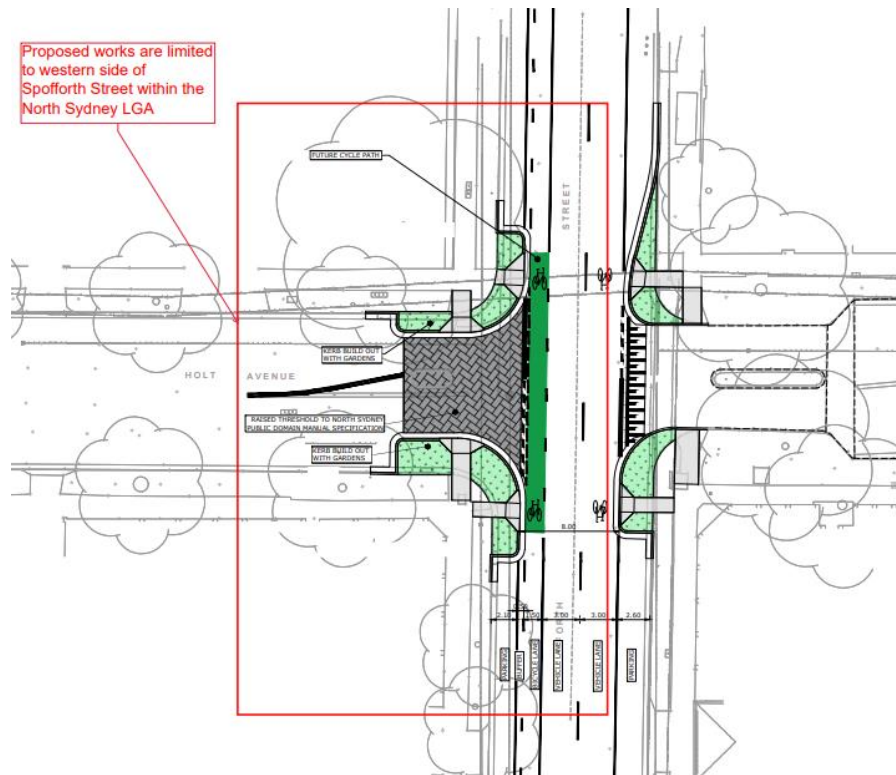
Inviting clean Green
 screen from Military Road Family casual gathering
 Art Deco Green vibrant inclusive
 Water fountain Fun alfresco shady social
 attractive welcoming spacious Weatherproof canopy
 noticeboard safe Play area
 sophisticated
 Meeting Place more trees accessible social
 small tables for laptops Warm relaxed community space
 no plastic canopies
 modern family friendly sleek modern trendy
 lively & peaceful better seating Options
 Communal green no rats Plane trees
 entertaining drinking fountain
 Orpheum safe Welcoming enjoyable
 Trendy variety green Habitable enjoyable
 kids friendly better lighting no play area
 no deciduous trees
 Fairy lights more cafe Seating

Community Consultation and public exhibition closed on 3 April 2023. The consultation outcomes report will be presented to the Council meeting to be held on 27 November 2023, with a Councillor briefing being held before the meeting. The report will be available to the public ten (10) days prior to the Council meeting to be held on 27 November 2023. A preferred option will be for both sites, and the preferred option will be amended design and will be included in the report based on Community Consultation feedback.



screen from Military Road festoon lighting
 replace trees with palms Activate area
 Attract more retail business
 Lively Laneway Buzzy
 more seating Hole in the Wall bars
 lively & peaceful Fairy lights on trees
 Focus on Parraveen side remove steps
 tropical inviting Lush temperate
 slip resistant pavers Umbrellas
 better lighting bin colourful shrubs
 remove brick towers clean up existing trees
 extend Outdoor dining Azalea shrubs
 Meeting Place bright Open relaxed light filled
 drinking Fountain lighter accessible modern keep rubbish bin
 Hawker style mini lane Activate Blank facades
 tall green wall outdoor seating separate to cafe
 keep existing trees remove exhaust air vents
 Family Fun Safe inviting

5.2 Pedestrian Refuge Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street



The works will increase visibility of approaching drivers, slow down traffic with raised threshold with associated kerb extensions on eastern and western sides of Holt Avenue at Spofforth Street.

North Sydney Council is negotiating with Mosman Council for a contribution so North Sydney Council can undertake works within their boundary to minimise impact in the community. The works are to commence in November 2023.

M. De Solom advised that the markings will be destroyed by the heavy trucks excavating and that they are also blocking the intersection. She suggested they be closely monitored.

Council's Director Open Space and Infrastructure advised that Council would look into how their works will progress.

The Mayor advised that there is no Development Application approved yet and that it's with the court. It has been deferred for them to go ahead and demolish the cottages.

Chris Holding asked what was happening with the funding for early works which was the trellise wall (green wall) and when was that commencing?

Council's Project Manager advised that the consultation was still to be reported to Council for the preferred option to be approved and endorsed by Council. The concept designs are currently being worked on and once the concept design has been endorsed by Council, we then move into the detail design. The concept design is anticipated to be ready around February/March 2024 and once that is ready council can put the project out for tender at the beginning of the next financial year. The consultants who are UmbaCo are still engaged to finalise the preferred concept option and then move to detailed design.

Fiona Gracie asked how long the construction would take and suggested that it would be better during the winter months.

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised that they haven't decided on the dates yet as Council is yet to liaise with businesses to minimise impact on trading. Council will aim to do it in the winter months, it just depends on the adoption of the concept and the preferred option for the design changes.

Council's Director Open Space and Infrastructure advised that they would take on the comments given and that they will look at their programme, and that gives a couple of months to get out to tender and jump straight into the new financial year. We will take that on board so that we can program it that way to minimise the impact on businesses.

M. De Solom advised that in regard to Spofforth Street, Holtermann Precinct had brought up a number of times noting the intersection of Cabramatta Road and Spofforth Street as there is a raised section on the road that says "Look" on both sides, but the "Look" has gone and asked for it to be redone as it is very difficult to see and dangerous for people coming from Mosman to Cremorne trying to get into IGA carpark.

6. Parraween Street free 30-minute Parking Update

Council rolled out the 30-minute parking trial on the 20 September 2022 for a 12-month period. Feedback for this trial closed on the 20 September 2023. The trial consultation outcomes will be reported to a council meeting before the end of 2023.

7. Streetscape Committee Update

Ulrick Funch asked if anything was happening with the Plaques outside the Orpheum Theatre.

The Mayor advised there was no progress to date and that Council will continue to push on with it and organise a meeting with their General Manager. She stated that she had a meeting with Penny Sharp the Minister for Heritage on 9 August to talk about Holt Avenue, Parraween Street and the Cremorne Orpheum but there was more interest in Parraween Street than the Cremorne Orpheum and enthusiasm of the Minister about state significance of the cinema. She stated that they don't give you time frames, but the Mayor made a very strong lobbying case to her to act once the final report comes to her.

Ulrick Funch advised that council's garbage bin outside 271 Military Road where the bus stop is of a morning before 10am, the door that is opened to take the garbage out has never been fixed and when it's windy it blows out and smashes open, which is very dangerous.

Council staff have since attended the site and the bin has been repaired.

M. De Solom advised that the tree outside the morning bus stop after 10am is narrow and people trying to get past with a pram can't get past if passengers are waiting there.

Council's Director Open Space and Infrastructure advised that he would look into it.

Council's Engineer Project Manager advised that the furniture around the bus stop can be moved and they can put the bench and the bin further away from the tree so there is more space for pedestrians.

Ulrik Funch advised that there is a large sign just up from the bus stop at 271 Military Road and it says, 'no buses after 10am'. He stated that he informs around 3 or 4 people a day that there are no buses after 10am at that stop. He asked could the sign be made bigger.

The Mayor advised that it is a Transport for NSW matter and that Council will write and advocate for that.

8. General Business

Graham Short stated that most traditional shopping centres have public parks -Why isn't the Parraween St public Carpark in the open space mix?

The Mayor advised that it is and that Council has a development consent that is currently underfunded but there is a resolution of this Council to prioritise finding funds through the state and federal governments commitment to affordable housing. Council has a development consent that is for 18 affordable housing units, upgraded early childhood centre, undergrounding of the carpark and a park over where the car park currently is.

The Mayor has lobbied both the Ministers for Housing and the chief of staff of the Planning Minister. She made a very strong plea that when they are doing affordable housing that they find ways to deliver on other benefits and not just to the housing they are providing but the general area.

Graham Short asked why isn't Council pushing hard for Red Light Speed cameras (supported by all 3 local precincts) and reduced speed limits?

It was advised by Council's Director Open Space and Infrastructure that Council can make representation from the Cremonne Streetscape to Transport for New South Wales.

Automatic Pedestrian Signals

Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) control all traffic signals throughout New South Wales and Councils have no authority to make changes to this type of infrastructure.

North Sydney Council does advocate for greater pedestrian accessibility and has requested Transport for New South Wales provide greater green time to pedestrians and automated pedestrian crossing phases at traffic signals, particularly in urban centres.

Greater change can happen if the community demonstrates their support for our push to provide better pedestrian connectivity. Community members should be asked to make a submission requesting better outcomes to TfNSW via their contact us page:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/general-feedback>

Similarly community members can request speed cameras directly from TfNSW via the safer roads webpage:

<https://www.saferoadsnsw.com.au/>

A Motion was moved by Graham Short and seconded by M. De Solom,

1. THAT Council continue to lobby and advocate for road and pedestrian safety on Military Road particularly at Cremorne Junction including the necessity and efficacy of the tidal flow system, their modelling and the abandonment of the Northern Beaches link, and the need to restore Cremorne Village and the provision of red-light speed cameras at that location.

M. De Solom wanted to know what was happening with the digital sign outside the Sushi Train and McDonalds area.

Council's Director Open Space advised that he would look into this.

Fiona Gracie advised that the pedestrian barricades on the western side at the lights on Military Road aren't long enough, as when the lights turn orange and people start to walk off onto Military Road they are in the line of traffic. She suggested that the barricade be lengthened so that pedestrians will walk onto where they are meant to walk to where the crossing is.

The Mayor advised the phasing of lights to prioritise pedestrians more generally has been discussed at length at the recent Sustainable Transport Reference Group meeting and it's a continuing advocacy piece at both that group and council.

Fiona Gracie advised that a sign at the intersection of Waters Road/Belgrave and Gerard Street was put up by the state government 5 years ago and is still there. She asked if it could be removed.

Fiona Gracie suggested making Parraween Street green to look at reducing urban heat and that it needs more trees as some form of greening exercise.

M. De Solom asked what the update was on the Cremorne Village sign.

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised that the signage is not going to be a part of this project. Council wants to do a wholistic branding exercise for the whole of the LGA.

Ulrik Funch asked what was happening with the bus shelters that were destroyed.

The Mayor advised that there were five (5) bus shelters, and most were in the Crows Nest area and around the Chambers and that council had to reinstate them.

9. Next meeting: TBA

10. Close meeting:

The meeting closed at 6.02pm