

North Sydney Combined Precincts Committee (CPC)
Adhoc Meeting
Tuesday 19 May 2020
6.00pm start via Skype Telecall

FORMAT AND RULES

1. *Adhoc Meeting purpose - informational 'touch base'/keeping up to date/informal discussion. Participation is not mandatory per Precinct Committee, as this is not a General CPC Meeting.*
2. *The meeting will be a teleconference only supported by Skype for Business (as opposed to a virtual/online video conference). This is to ensure equity for participants, as it is acknowledged that not everyone has camera/video capabilities etc.*
3. *Participants - Only one (1) representative per Precinct Committee. Precinct Committees to decide amongst themselves who will represent them - the representative must RSVP in advance to receive the log in details.*
4. *Pre-reading - refer to hyperlink per agenda item for background.*
5. *Resolutions - no motions are to be put. Meeting may agree actions by those present, by consensus.*
6. *Minutes - notes not formal minutes will be kept, recording participants and actions arising, which will be tabled at the next General CPC Meeting for information.*
7. *Meeting length - 1 hour maximum.*

NOTES

Co-convenor presiding: Bernard Smith (Lavender Bay)

Participants¹: BE (Bay); CH (Brightmore); JC (Edward); GS (Hayberry); CC (Harrison); LT (Holtermann); BS (Lavender Bay/CPC Co-convenor); JC (Milson); EC (Neutral); KH (Union); IG (Waverton/CPC Co-Convenor) and JH (Wollstonecraft)

1. Welcome and audio check

ACTION: Hutley Hall to be investigated as venue for next CPC if COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

2. Recent Events (for information and, as necessary, brief discussion):

- **30 April 2020: Victoria Cross integrated station development plans - response to submissions/comments raised during the public exhibition stage in November 2019**

Noted that this documentation is 75 pages long and approximately 45 minutes reading.

- **18 May 2020: [Council meeting](#)**

Minutes were unavailable at time of this meeting. Key reports discussed North Sydney Olympic Pool reopening (limitations on numbers, bookings, structural report). Smoking bans in North Sydney CBD (trial area too large and difficulty of enforcing), NYE celebrations. WHT was not on agenda of this meeting.

3. Upcoming Events or Deadlines (for brief discussion):

- 20 May 2020: Submissions deadline - [NSOP amended DA plans](#)

¹ As this meeting was held via telecall a limit of 1 representative per Precinct Committees was applied.

JC (Milson) mentioned that she had had problems accessing plans on Council's website. As a result, plans were sent via link which was distributed to all Precinct Committees. Submissions will be received until 9am Monday 25 May 2020 (no formal extension time).

JC (Milson) indicated that heritage being compromised, pool won't function as a pool space well, so much focus on commercial operations spin, gym, retail area on entry, commercial café space. Issues with change rooms haven't been adjusted following initial exhibition period.

All were encouraged to make a submission, as these are amended plans. Need to use the word 'I object'.

There was discussion of a submission made by 3 x Councillors.

ACTION: JH (Wollstonecraft) to distribute a copy of this to all Precinct Committees

- 8 June 2020: Submissions deadline - [Military Road Corridor Planning Study Neutral Precinct Position Paper \(Attachment 1\)](#)

Many Precinct Committees had drafted their own position papers. EC (Neutral) explained their position paper was still draft and has been through with 5 iterations. This was sent to their mailing list. Return comments indicate that people don't want 12 stories on Military Road. Concern with building behind the post office building which is supposed to be 8 stories, ~~there will be an~~ impact on some cottages on Bydown Street. Any other comments welcomed from other Precinct Committees and has encouraged individuals to make submissions.

CH (Brightmore) indicated that Brightmore, Harrison, Neutral and Parks Precinct Committees have had dialogue and these Precinct Committees had looked at plans prior to COVID-19. All the Precincts in general had voted for 5-6 storey some exceptions with Neutral with 8 storey. Was surprised that 8-12 storeys were included with no mandate of Precinct Committees. Precinct Committees agree that a strategy for planning in that Corridor is essential but there needs to be better discussion on what that should look like.

Is there anything that the CPC can do to refocus on the fact there has been no mandate from Precinct Committees for 8-12 storeys. It was noted that CPC is not an authorising body, but has the opportunity to advocate for views of community - individual Precinct Committees can make submissions and encourage residents to make submissions also.

GN (NSC) notified that the submission deadline has been extended to 22 June 2020.

LT (Holtermann) highlighted that the State Government sets job and dwelling targets and if all the other Precinct Committees push for 5-6 storeys then it is likely that Holtermann may get much larger buildings as the State Government own land within their Precinct area.

CH (Brightmore) indicated that the focus of the Study is mixed used developments shops at base level and want higher level buildings not for residential but for office spaces. Brightmore Precinct felt in effect the LEP could be altered to say if there is a 5-6 storey building then 2 storeys need to be office rather than one.

There was discussion on development pressure is on Military Road, that an overground bridge had been suggested, that Precinct Committees support the Grosvenor Plaza and car park being put underground.

ACTION: Add Military Road Coordinator Planning Study to agenda for CPC meeting to be held 16 June 2020

ACTION: Brightmore, Harrison, Neutral and Parks Precinct Committees to circulate their position papers/draft submissions to all Precinct Committees

- 9 June 2020: Submissions deadline - [Council 2020 Communications Survey](#)

CC (Harrison) highlighted that they are concerned with how information reaches the community. Harrison has recently circulated a flyer highlighting key projects however the cessation of Mosman Daily has a big impact. GN (NSC) indicated that Council is working on new communications options.

BS (Lavender Bay/CPC Co-convenor) reminded members that Council has a dedicated 'Your Say' website and it's a good reminder to check the site from time-to-time. Link is <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au>

Note: all Council-led consultation opportunities are promoted via the weekly Precinct eNews.

Suggestions that individual Precinct Committees could distribute PDF of Precincts E-news to their member email list and distribute a flyer, like Harrison Precinct example (discuss flyer direct with GN, NSC).

- 16 June 2020: Next General CPC meeting (agenda items close 25 May 2020)

ACTION: GN (NSC) to circulate reminder for agenda items

- 22 June 2020: Submissions deadline - [North Sydney CBD Public Domain Strategy - Stage 2](#)

JC (Edward) - Edward Precinct Committee is concerned about closure of Mount Street near William Street. JC (Edward) to circulate their position paper to all Precinct Committees.

The effect of the WHT plans for Berry Street and the negative impact it has on Council's proposed closure of Miller Street was discussed.² Submissions can be massaged to support positive outcomes e.g. pedestrian friendly and not car focused, more open space to give weight that the community support this more than the WHT plans.

ACTION: Edward Precinct to circulate position paper to all Precinct Committees

ACTION: Add to agenda for CPC meeting to be held 16 June 2020

- 9 July 2020: Submissions deadline - [Precinct System Review - Stage 1](#)

The meeting felt the closing date should be deferred until after Precinct Committees can meet face-to-face. There was a delay in the review being released and it was felt further delay in finalising stage 1 would have little impact. It was agreed to form a CPC working party in the meantime. IG (Waverton), EC (Neutral) and CH (Brightmore) agreed to be part of a working party.

- Western Harbour Tunnel project: [Updates on community campaign](#), Mayoral meeting with Premier (attachment 2 and 3) and Committee for North Sydney paper (attachment 4).

² This is identified as a threat in the report endorsed by Council report on 6 April 2020 - [Item 08 North Sydney Centre Review - Public Domain Strategy 2020 - Stage 2 \(55MB\)](#)

GN (NSC) advised that Council's 4-page campaign flyer will be distributed from 22 May 2020 and outlined other initiatives including banners and corflute signs in key locations, advertising and social media.

The meeting felt the location of banners was critical and discussed problems encountered with erecting near Cammeray Golf Course.

The response from the Premier to the Mayor's request for a meeting indicates that it's unlikely to occur.

There was suggestion that individual residents should also alert the Minister for Transport, Shadow Minister for Transport and provide copies in opposition on any community contributions. Contacting the Greens was also suggested.

The need to investigate public transport options was discussed.

It was asked if Council's campaign flyer could be amended but GN (NSC) indicated that it has already been printed and is due to be delivered.

Action: GN (NSC) to escalate request to add additional information with contacts to the webpage, and provide list of contacts to all Precinct Committees can pass onto to their mailing lists, at their discretion.

4. General Discussion:

- [Fast Tracked Development Applications](#) - PP6/16 - 100 Christie, St Leonards, PP1/18 - 23-35 Atchison, St Leonards and PP7/15 - 575-583 Pacific Highway, St Leonards

LT (Holtermann) outlined that all three sites have been supported by Council and Holtermann Precinct Committee, and provided further detail on the sites and public benefits that have been negotiated from developer contributions.

- There was a discussion on a DA for Wycombe Road and that it was to lose 30 trees. This is now going through the courts.
- Privatisation of bus routes was raised.

ACTION: JC (Edward) to provide link to further information privatisation of bus routes

ACTION: Add privatisation of bus routes to agenda for CPC meeting to be held 16 June 2020

5. Meeting Close 7.15pm