

North Sydney Combined Precincts Committee (CPC)
Tuesday 19 October 2021
6.00pm start via Zoom

Participants¹: JB (Bay); CH (Brightmore); GM (Edward); MdS (Harrison); BS (Lavender Bay/CPC Co-convenor); JC (Milson); GC (Neutral); GD (Parks); KH (Union); IG (Waverton/CPC Co-Convenor); PM (Willoughby Bay).

Also present: JG, Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement (North Sydney Council); GN, Community Engagement Coordinator (North Sydney Council, Minutes)

Apologies: JP (Stanton), MdS (Registry)

Guests: PW (Bay/Atlas Urban) and RS (Simpson Wilson Architects)

Co-convenor presiding: IG (Waverton/CPC Co-convenor)

The meeting started at 6.05pm

1. Co-convenors Report (Item Brought Forward)

IG (Waverton/CPC Co-convenor), welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised of a late change to the agenda order, to receive a presentation by Paul Walter (PW), Chairperson of Bay Precinct Committee and Roderick Simpson of Voices of North Sydney in relation to the CPC's submission to the Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) Upper House Parliamentary Inquiry (item 3a).

a. [Western Harbour Tunnel Parliamentary Inquiry](#)

PW (Bay) provided a presentation based on the CPC's verbal submission to the WHT Inquiry. The presentation highlighted and expanded on the four key themes/areas, consist with Council's community campaign conducted in 2020:

- 1) More traffic
- 2) Disconnected CBD - lack of connectivity
- 3) Loss of parkland/open space
- 4) Filtration/poor air quality

PW noted the latter section of the presentation has been supplemented with new material and focuses on the Cammeray Park area, highlighting its importance as a green/open space asset and the lack of long-term planning and consultation with stakeholders. It was noted that the WHT project is expected to be delayed by up to 12 months and the Beaches Link component may be at risk, which may give the community more time to continue its campaign.

JC (Milson) joined the meeting at 6.18pm

The following questions were asked of the guest presenters:

Q. Who is going to design the new Golf Course and who is going to build it?

A. A condition of consent between the Cammeray Golf Club and TfNSW is to build a new 9 hole golf course on the remaining land. It is understood this will effectively remove the remaining trees and it is questioned whether continued use as a golf course is considered 'best use' of the land. It is understood that TfNSW is

¹ Limited to one representative per active Precinct Committee.

liaising only with the Golf Club, not including Council (who has care and control of the Crown Land) nor the community. A few designs have been prepared for the new course, one included mini putt putt but the lease terms state that it must be used for golf and so was redesigned. It is understood that Council hasn't seen the new golf course design, however the contract has been awarded (to Downer) without community consultation. It has been indicated that the new golf course will be built in 2022, although the Golf Club's current lease doesn't end until 2026. As residents we need to be asking Rob Stokes, NSW Minister for Planning & Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport & Roads, if he's aware that decisions have been made without engaging with the affected community, especially as this is an important public asset.

Q. The Golf Course is the tenant not the landowner. Council is the one with care and control of this land, surely TfNSW should be negotiating with Council?

A. From, what we gather, Council have been excluded from the negotiation with TfNSW. As community members who raised questions with the developer during the EIS process, we have been referred back to the Golf Club e.g. in 2020, with the support of Council, we made a request to visually mark out the land which was proposed to be permanently lost and the Golf Club would not allow us access to do so.

Q. Buildings with the same function are being put underground at Rozelle with public open space on top, however, there hasn't been a hint of this happening here despite public requests. There are two aspects to this Cammeray Park site that are worrisome - 1) the lack of long-term planning and consultation regarding the Golf Club and 2) having the sheds above ground for perpetuity.

A. As part of the West Connex, in urban areas like Rozelle the sheds are being built underground or in industrial areas, where these facilities are above ground.

Q. Can the presentation be provided to all Precinct Committees to send onto our members?

A. Yes. A PDF version will be supplied for distribution to all Precinct Committees.

The meeting concurred that there is still significant community concern/angst about this project, and concern that Council does not have a seat at the table regarding TfNSW discussions with Cammeray Golf Club regarding the long term development of the site post construction of the WHT.

MOTION 1: That the CPC requests that Council advise if the legal process has taken place to remove the Cammeray Park Crown Land (currently under care and control of North Sydney Council) from being classified as dedicated for Public Recreation.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), SECONDED BY: GC (Neutral)

CARRIED Unanimous

MOTION 2: That the CPC requests that Council, as the responsible manager of the Cammeray Park Crown Land, negotiate with TfNSW regarding the future of land on which Cammeray Golf Course sits and advises the community as to its level of involvement.

MOVED BY: GC (Neutral), SECONDED BY: JC (Milson)

CARRIED Unanimous

MOTION 3: That the CPC requests that Council produces a masterplan of the Cammeray Park site and long-term vision for its use for public recreation, including community consultation.

MOVED BY: CH (Brightmore), SECONDED BY: GM (Edward)

CARRIED Unanimous

ACTION: That the CPC/Community Representatives seek to meet Rob Stokes, NSW Minister for Planning & Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport & Roads.

ACTION: CPC to draft proforma/templates that can be used by interested individual Precinct Committees and members of the community when contacting Minister Stokes.

ACTION: Council to reinstate information from the community campaign on its website, including map which showed which intersections which will fail (as shown on slide 2).

PW (Bay Precinct Committee/Atlas Urban) and RS (Voices of North Sydney) left the meeting.

2. Minutes of 17 August 2021 - ATTACHMENT A

MOTION: That the minutes of the general meeting held on 17 August 2021 were confirmed as read and correct.

MOVED BY: GC (Edward), SECONDED BY: GC (Neutral)

CARRIED Unanimous

3. Council's Reply to Previous Minutes (Summary of Actions) - ATTACHMENT B

Noted. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the some of the Council staff responses. The following responses to actions arising from the previous meeting were discussed:

- Item 5a re request for 6-monthly updates on Council's financial position and progress of major projects - IG (Waverton/CPC Co-convenor) noted disappointment that the response referred to the monthly progress report to the Council regarding the North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) Redevelopment, and that the public report does not include financial information given this is such an important capital project. JG (NSC) advised that per the Council resolution of 26 July 2021² a high-level update on the NSOP redevelopment progress is provided to the Council quarterly as a confidential report inclusive of a financial overview, this is in addition to the monthly update that is a public report.
- Item 6 re use/purchase of a Zoom licence or equivalent product - CH (Brightmore) questioned the reply's reference to such being a recommendation in the Precinct System Review, as the action was intended to be a being a short-term fix during the COVID lock down period.

4. Co-convenors Report

a. Western Harbour Tunnel Parliamentary Inquiry

Item brought forward (see Item 1)

b. Harbour cycleway ramp - community issues paper/submission

BS (CPC Co-convenor/Lavender Bay) detailed that TfNSW conducted consultation in June 2021 which favoured a linear ramp. The Milsons Point community is not happy with the conclusions drawn and has written a response to the auditor general addressing issues such as; the planned ramp does not meet the project objectives, cycle usage data has been misrepresented and there's a significant cost. This is a local and LGA wide issue and was suggested that the issue is discussed in the new year. JC (Milson) noted that the designs from the three architects should be available soon and while this isn't the right outcome, use this opportunity to have a say.

² Council resolution of 26 July 2021:

1. THAT the General Manager provide a high level update/report on the progress of the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool to each Council meeting until the redevelopment is completed.
2. THAT Council notes that this report does not alter the governance structure of the project.

5. Council Update

a. Current/upcoming consultations

- [Princes Street, McMahons Point Parking Restrictions](#) - closes 2 November 2021
- [Events in the North Sydney LGA Review](#) - closes 16 November 2021 (deadline extended)
- Plans of Management Crown Lands - all close 21 November 2021:
 - [Bushland](#)
 - [Cremorne Reserve](#)
 - [Neighbourhood Parks](#)
- [Community Strategic Plan Review, Stage 1](#) - closes 12 December 2021³
- [Parraween Street Free 15-minute parking trial](#) - 19 December 2021 (extended)
- [Burton Street Temporary Road Closure & Plaza](#) - closes 31 March 2022
- [Miller Street Pop Up - 31 March 2022](#) - closes 31 March 2022
- Upcoming engagements included - Draft North Sydney Walking Strategy, Draft Financial Statements and Concept Plans for the Holtermann Street Carpark Redevelopment

Regarding the Events Strategy Review - JC (Milson) noted that as section of Burton Street, Kirribilli has been pedestrianised and noted that the Kirribilli Village Centre Masterplan includes relocating the Burton Street tunnel parking to Ennis Road and make the tunnel an interactive space. Milson Precinct supports this and has been suggesting and asking how the space can be utilised 7 days a week. They have been requesting that Council's Events team can activate and have received the response that this will not be looked when the parking has been relocated however Milson feel the trials should happen at the same time to see whether it works or not.

Regarding the draft Bushland Plan of Management - JB (Bay) noted that the plan deals with Wildlife Protection Areas and are zoned E2 - Environmental Conservation, however, the plan does not address artificial light/human made noise and the impact on the native wildlife that inhabit bushland areas designated as Wildlife Protection areas - Balls Head, Badangi Reserve, Smoothery Park, Tunks Park and Primrose Park. There is one sentence in the plan which states 'management objectives - to reduce the effect of pollution on bushland reserves', however this does not sufficiently address the issue.

MOTION: That JB (Bay) make a submission on behalf of the CPC suggesting that the draft Bushland Plan of Management address the effect of artificial light/human made noise and the impact on the native wildlife that inhabit that bushland are designated Wildlife Protection areas.

MOVED BY: JB (Bay), **SECONDED BY:** JC (Milson)

CARRIED Unanimous

b. Other Council updates

- Council resolution regarding NoM 26/21 by Councillors Mutton and Keen - Precincts, from 27 September 2021 - JG (NSC) advised this was added to the agenda to ensure all Precinct Committees were aware of this; it is noted that most are aware as it has been noted in numerous Precinct Committee minutes. The regulatory period commences 25 October 2021.
- Liquor licence notifications distribution - information will be provided via Precincts E-news.
- Draft FAQs: return of in-person meetings and flyer delivery under eased COVID restrictions - A copy of the draft FAQs was distributed to confirmed attendees prior to the meeting. JG (NSC) advised that the draft FAQs attempt to answer all questions to date raised by Precinct Committees. The intention is to distribute the final FAQs to all Precinct Committees on Friday

³ For more information refer to memorandum dated 7 October 2021

22 October 2021. Feedback was sought from CPC attendees by 5pm, Thursday 21 October 2021:

- Overall feedback on the FAQs was positive.
- JC (Milson) sought clarification on the previous advice that AGMs will be deferred until 2022; noting noted that it doesn't make sense for office bearers to be elected in November and then have a break for Christmas etc. JG (NSC) responded that reference to AGMs may be removed from the FAQs and instead AGM guidance provided via a dedicated memorandum; and added that a change in timing of AGMs is one of the recommendations of the Precinct System Review under changes to the Guidelines and timing of the annual office bearer induction session.

6. General Business⁴

a. DISCUSSION (pre-submitted items for information/discussion) - ATTACHMENT C

- i. WFU and WHTBL Tree Loss (Waverton)
- ii. Update on recent cycling projects (Waverton)
- iii. Berrys Bay - update regarding recent Council resolution (Waverton)
- iv. Addressing Public Forums - documentation (Harrison)
- v. Outdoor Dining - recent Council resolution (Milson)
- vi. Precincts eNews - availability from Council's website (Edward)
- vii. Council's plan in relation to Climate Change (Union)

Council staff have provided responses/status updates in response to the pre-submitted items, noting that none included proposed motions. Attachment C was received and noted.

Regarding Item iv - MdS (Harrison) noted that the people who address public forums are not noted in the Council Minutes anymore, however under the previous system of addressing the Council during the meeting, they were listed within the Minutes. It was noted that other councils note the individual's name and the item they addressed within their Minutes; are still holding public forums despite COVID restrictions. MdS (Harrison) stated that it is difficult to determine what items attracted public interest as such information is not recorded within the Minutes. The answer provided within Attachment C does not address transparency, there is no transparency if we allow the comment and the feedback not to be recorded. JC (Milson) stated that City of Sydney, Bayside and Willoughby Councils all recorded comments and speaker names within their Minutes; this used to be the case with North Sydney Council. MdS (Harrison) noted that the North Sydney Traffic Committee still records the names of those who address their meetings and felt Council Meetings were more important. JC (Milson) expressed frustration that during the COVID period only written submissions were accepted for the Traffic Committee. The meeting agreed to focus on the Council meetings rather than the Traffic Committee.

MOTION: CPC requests that Council policy be reconsidered and reinstate the names of the community members who addresses Council within the minutes to comply with Council's own policies of public participation and transparency/accountability. It also requests that Council reinstate Public Forums notwithstanding the COVID period.

MOVED BY: MdS (Harrison), SECONDED BY: CH (Brightmore)

CARRIED Unanimous

Regarding Item vii - KH (Union) noted that the main concern is how does Council monitor this plan so that there is progress and how much planning goes in relation to implementation of each measure e.g. 42% of emissions come from households, we need a policy that reduces emissions coming from households and

⁴ At the time of agenda compilation, there were no items for VOTING (pre-submitted items with proposed motions) or RECENT EVENTS (for discussion)

transport areas. How do we get measures showing progress in relation to the targets? The notation of continuous improvement is one which should be fostered. This feedback will be passed onto Council's Environmental Services Department.

b. OTHER ITEMS - to be tabled at the meeting

i. Traffic and Parking matters

- JC (Milson) noted that Miller Street Pop-Up Plaza has taken away the only parking that is accessible to the banks on Miller Street; this was also discussed at the Sustainable Transport Reference Group⁵.
- JC (Milson) noted near Anderson Park/Clark Road, there was a zig zag pedestrian crossing that has been removed and after two weeks there is garden beds and no pedestrian crossing. This was called the Aloysius Crossing from the seven pedestrian crossing which Council received funding for.
- JC (Milson) further noted that the Bannerman Street roundabout also has not been reconstructed in a way that considers bus use. It was felt that money from the State Government is not being spent in reference to the Local Area Traffic Management Plans.

ACTION: CPC notes that numerous pedestrian crossings have been installed in the LGA recently and asks if these have been installed with reference to the Local Area Traffic Management Plans and whether consultation has taken place.

7. Next meeting: 15 February 2022

Agreed agenda items for the next meeting - R3 Zone and Harbour Bridge Cycleway developments

Meeting concluded: 8.15pm

⁵ Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised there was discussion at the Sustainable Transport Reference Group meeting on the provision of a disabled parking space on Miller Street adjacent to the pop-up shared space. Council officers undertook to consider the provision of a disabled parking space, however due to the limited kerbspace available found it would significantly reduce the usable space for the pop-up or impact on the manoeuvring area for buses to pull into the Bus Zone and therefore could not be accommodated into the design. While the Sustainable Transport Reference Group can make recommendations to Council, these recommendations are not binding on Council.