



**Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 8 July 2020
7.00pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION**

Present: AC, BH, CT, DH, GM, JC, MC (Chair), SL

Apologies: JC

1 Guest Speaker

Councillor Ian Mutton, Wollstonecraft Ward discussed ongoing development issues in North Sydney.

Neutral Bay development

Neutral Bay residents are concerned in relation to current development plans, which may change the village atmosphere of the suburb.
Plans are for 8-12 and up to 24 story buildings
While high-rise is not necessarily bad, it can be damaging.
Emerging “hot spots” are an issue.

Olympic Pool

IM considered that the pool design - Option 2 from the original list of options, was optimal. Cost would be less than that of the most expensive option which was costed at \$100 million. The modified Option 2 was approved by the planning panel on 2 July.

Discussion of this development centered on the lack of community support for the development plan, which moved the pool from a swimming-centered facility to a more general amenity and lost heritage value. Precinct members considered that its use for swimming competitions would be severely curtailed. There was concern that NSC failed to take sufficient or indeed any account of the objections of pool users. It was noted that two thirds of submissions objected to the development or aspects of it.

Old Railway Line

The old line runs from just west of Woolcott St to close to the Blues Point hotel. It occupies 3 ha and is currently used for parking trains to be used during peak hours. The premier has agreed that this land should stay in public hands, but IM considers this decision to be at considerable risk, since developers are keen to acquire some areas. IM recommends that usage should be for some historical trains and a walkway. As is well known, North Sydney has the lowest area of public land per resident of all NSW council areas.

The meeting thanked IM for his presentation – and valuable discussion.

2 Minutes of Precinct Meeting 11 March 2020

Meeting minutes were circulated to email members on 13 March. Copies are available online on the North Sydney Council Website under Precincts.

Minutes were approved.

3 Development Applications

- DA 134/20 54 Miller St. Installation of rooftop plant (on 14 level building)
- DA 130/20 46 Edward St. Demolish rear of existing dwelling. Closes 17 July
Extension of the building is beyond the building line of neighbouring properties and overshadows a neighbour in Priory Rd. It appears not to comply with landscaping limits. Precinct will object, through DH.
- DA 378/17/3 160 Pacific Hwy (near Doozat Ave) Modification of existing approval (staged construction) - 10 level mixed use building – approved 2018 – not yet on DA map so unsure of closing date
Renumbering is the main concern, due to the proposal to change the street address from Pacific Highway to Doozat Ave, with negative effect on neighbours. There is also an issue in relation to a proposed new power pole which needs to be discussed with Ausgrid.
Chair will look at issues.
- DA 88/20 313 Pacific Hwy Demolition then construction of 4-storey x 10 apartments Closes 17 July
- DA 252/18/2 2 Priory Road, Waverton To modify Consent No 252/18 with regard to driveway crossing; carport and fence Closes 24 July
- DA 47/20 2 Blue Street
The NSC website states:

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Demolition of all structures, bulk excavation, tree removal and construction of a 10 storey commercial building with basement parking.

DA 47/20 11/03/2020

Precinct considers that the proposed building is too large.

It will result in the overshadowing of the historic St Peters church and the loss of heritage buildings.

The proposal is for commercial use which should not be permitted by NSC given its requirement that residential capacity should not be reduced due to the city's increasing population needs. Sydney North Planning Panel will meet via Zoom on 22 July at 0930. JC is registered to attend and will raise the precinct's points. NSC's policy on usage change will need to be determined.

- DA 117/20 Unit 1706 225 Pacific Highway, North Sydney Alterations to building facade including replacement of balustrading. Withdrawn

4 General Business

4.1 Precinct Review phase 1 - submissions close 19 August

A draft had been prepared prior to the meeting and was discussed. Following amendment, the revised draft was circulated to Edward's email membership seeking further input. No feedback was received. However, following updates from this meeting, the draft will be recirculated.

4.2 Civic Precinct and Surrounds Study - submissions close 20 July

From Maclaren to Falcon St (ie, north of CBD)

Full details on the draft study, including how to make a submission, can be accessed online via

Council's homepage or at <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/civicprecinct>

The meeting had no comment on the study. The proposed development will not have significant impact on Edward precinct. However, given the fact that Stanton precinct is inactive, ways need to be found to gather community feedback on the study.

4.3 CBD Public Domain Strategy 2020 (Stage 2) - closed 22 June

The committee agreed that the Post Office Square development would be negative to Edward Precinct. A shared zone option was suggested instead of fully closing Mount St. However, several precinct members were in favour of the square, and the precinct consequently suggested that individuals should submit if they wished.

Motion: Precinct recommends that Post Office Square if constructed should be a 10 kph shared zone with pedestrian priority.

The meeting felt that the square could possibly be closed to traffic on weekends although there is little activity in North Sydney at weekends.

Edward Precinct supports the closing of Miller St.

Edward St shared zone signs were reported to have been removed. The reason for this is not known.

Precinct is concerned that the Berry St square will be in shade.

4.4 Report on Combined Precinct Committee meeting on 16 June

Privatisation of Bus Routes – motions are now redundant as operating bids are being sought by the NSW Government

Most discussion was on Military Rd development options with opposition by several precincts to substantial increase in building height limits.

Next Ad Hoc CPC meeting is on 21 July at 1800 and full meeting on 17 August.

4.5 Nomination of Chair

GM nominated as chair, was elected unanimously.

MC agreed to chair any meetings when GM was unavailable.

Precinct boundary changes will have an impact on committee structure and activities. But will probably not happen until 2021.

4.6 Other matters

Carradah Park sculpture location

There was strong opposition by some members to the Carradah park option due to an expected reduction in the use of the park. St Leonards park was suggested as an alternative.

NS Olympic Pool

Received approval for redevelopment from the Sydney North Planning panel on 2 July. Milson Precinct opposes the design.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/north-sydney-olympic-pool>

Precinct is highly concerned that community opinion, which strongly opposes the type of development approved for the pool, has not been sufficiently sought or taken into account.

Ward Numbers

Given the delay in reorganizing wards in North Sydney, the optimal ward structure was discussed. The meeting was strongly of the view that the two ward system was unsatisfactory for two reasons (i) it makes it much more difficult and expensive for independent intending councilors to nominate, (ii) it means that there is less likelihood that councillors will reside in or close to their ward precincts, limiting the interaction between councillors and precincts.

Motion: NSC should review the planned two-ward system, and change to five wards as proposed when boundaries were originally discussed.

This subject will be raised by Edward precinct at the ad hoc and full CPC meetings on 21 July and 18 August.

Precinct Boundaries

These are discussed in detail in Recommendation No. 2: of the Precinct System Review currently under preparation

In any precinct reorganization, consideration should also be given to a merger with Waverton precinct and possibly part of Union rather than the link to the CBD proposed by NSC. Other mergers could also be considered, such as Union and Lavendar Bay.

CT considered that Edward and Waverton did not share the same problems, particularly Edward's proximity to the CBD, which makes us vulnerable to several issues including noise, light, traffic and overshadowing. Further discussion and assessment are recommended.

Council Meetings

Meeting discussed issues relating to livestreaming of council meetings.

Motion: NSC should immediately recommence livestreaming of Council meetings. Meeting records should be permanently retained on Council's website and accessible to the public.

Passed unanimously

Death of Tony Brazdil

Precinct expressed sorrow to hear of Tony's death. He was a strong and active member of the precinct for many years. It was agreed that JC would write to Tony's son Daniel and express the precinct's appreciation for his long involvement.

5 Correspondence, Notifications and other information from Council

5.1 NSC Documents on public exhibition

Submissions are invited during the exhibition period. Submissions close 21 July 2020

1. Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan & Budget
2. Draft 2020/21 Fees & Charges Schedule
3. Draft 2020/21 Community Grants & Subsidies
4. Amended Resourcing Strategy
5. Amended Access to Information Policy
6. Amended Child Protection Policy

7. Amended Procurement Policy

Motion: Individuals' names and contact details should be fully redacted from published documents if requested.

5.2 ePlanning commenced 1 July 2020

All metropolitan councils will be required to accept applications lodged through the Planning Portal, with all applications made in metropolitan Sydney moving across to portal lodgement by 31 December 2020 (i.e. no counter service from this date).

The Precinct bi-monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, contact the Edward precinct committee at edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au

Next Edward Precinct meeting: Wednesday 12 August 2020