



Precinct Information December 2020

1 Development Applications

No new DAs have been listed by NSC which affect the precinct.

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- DA 276/20 Alterations facade of a residential flat building 225 Pacific Highway Closed 4 December
- DA378/17/6 To modify Consent with regard to the roof to accommodate ventilation duct work with associated screening. 160 Pacific Highway. Closed 4 December

Public Consultation – Morton St at Hazelbank Rd – Refuge Islands and Kerb Build Outs. Questionnaires have been circulated to local residents, some of whom are in Edward precinct. Can be completed online at <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/traffic-surveys>

2 General Matters

2.1 Precinct System Review - Stage 2 meetings review

The Review involves two stages of consultation. Stage 1 obtained feedback on the recommendations within the Discussion Paper, which was exhibited from 12 March to 19 August 2020. Stage 2 is ready to commence and will involve workshops and interviews with active Precinct Committees, as well as a short survey targeting members of the public not currently involved with the Precinct System.

2.2 Social Impact Assessment

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has released a draft Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Guideline. Once approved all state significant projects will be required to undertake an SIA, a major change to the present where SIAs only need to be undertaken on a limited range of project types – for example mining or petroleum projects.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Under-review-and-new-Policy-and-Legislation/Social-Impact-Assessment>

JC made a submission before comments closed on 27 November concluding that the concept and approach in the guideline are excellent. It is only disappointing that the 2017 guideline for resource projects was not extended to all state significant projects earlier.

One overall aspect that in JC's view could be commented on is the potential for alternative projects. An example is the Beaches Link tunnel planned to connect North Sydney to Balgowlah. In JC's view it was necessary that the proposed road development is compared to public transport options, such as the construction of a metro rail line from Chatswood or North Sydney to Dee Why or another northern coastal suburb. At the least an indicative feasibility study should be undertaken of alternative projects to demonstrate why the planned project is preferable in both social and economic terms. [Extract from submission]

Comments on this section by precinct members will be welcome.

2.3 Combined Precinct Committee meeting 24 November

1. 2019/2020 NSCouncil wrap-up on the budget expenditure, projects and plans for 2020/2021. Income \$121.3m, Expenses \$126.46; Deficit \$5.13m. The GM provided a useful summary of North Sydney's financial performance during the year, which was

turbulent given COVID, shifts in regulations, activities and business operations. Some questions were raised about NSC rate variations.

2. Local Government Elections scheduled for September 2021. [Councillors will be elected at this time, with the number (including the mayor) remaining at 10 in two wards (north and south).]
3. Precinct System Review - Consultation meetings scheduled for Nov 2020 - Feb 2021
4. Luna Park Closure for 6 months in 2021 for redevelopment of 9 rides.
5. North Sydney Pool planned closure in 2021 for redevelopment.
6. Waverton Peninsular Working Group discussion about future planning ideas.
7. Western Harbour Tunnel - ongoing matters of concern about the consultation and development proposals.
8. Concerns were raised about the overdevelopment of some areas on the North Sydney Municipality... e.g. Crows Nest, St Leonards, Cremorne.
9. Refer to the NS E News for more details located on the NS Council Website (https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Council_News/E-news registration required) and have your say. <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/>
10. Concern was raised about open government, referring to a recent article by the Mayor regarding cutting back on GIPA requests (also known as Freedom of Information). See <https://nswcourts.com.au/articles/freedom-of-information-in-nsw-the-gipa-laws>

2.4 Western Harbour Tunnel Beaches Link - current status

See <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/western-harbour-tunnel-beaches-link/index.html>

2.5 Cycle pop-up route from Arthur St to West St along the Highway

Details were provided in the minutes of our 11 November meeting. No further progress.

2.6 NSC meeting 30 November

Those interested in the operation of NSC and with a bit of time to spare could watch the recording of this meeting. <https://livestream.com/northsydneycouncil>

3 Waverton Hub

Many of you are familiar with **Waverton Hub**, Australia's first suburban hub which provides valuable social and other benefits to residents of North Sydney. The Hub



will welcome new members from our precinct, and suggests that you look at <http://wavertonhub.com.au/> to find out more about what the Hub does and how to join.



Next Edward Precinct meeting: Wednesday 10 February 2021