

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 2 September 2021 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

Attendance	26 participants attended via Zoom including 3 Mosman residents from Holt Avenue. Apologies: PK
Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2021 were accepted and confirmed. Proposed: JA Seconded: GP
Summary of Actions	<p>The Summary of Actions received from Council was noted regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● damage to the nature strip in Holt Avenue – item allocated to Environmental & Business Compliance Dept for investigation,● Community Noticeboard – Problem with lock to be rectified by staff subject to COVID restrictions;● Update on Cycleway – allocated to Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator and awaiting response.
Spofforth Street/Holt Avenue traffic issues and Intersection Improvements	<p>Attendees were advised that the 'silent cop' at the intersection of Holt Avenue had been removed by North Sydney Council (NSC) because of complaints from drivers who did not see it when turning into Holt Avenue and damaged their cars. In a response from NSC it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Silent cops are no longer approved by TfNSW● NSC is still committed to pursuing intersection upgrades● NSC will contact Mosman Council again for an update on the intersection improvements.● NSC is investigating the option of installing a pedestrian refuge in Holt Avenue together with other potential traffic and pedestrian safety improvements.● A report is to go to the October 2021 NSC Traffic Committee on this proposal. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A meeting attendee has raised the matter with NSC councillors and this is expected to be discussed at NSC's Traffic Committee of 3 September 2021 – the concern being that it appears there is little, if any, consultation, going on between the two councils which may result in residents ending up with two different pedestrian safety improvements for either side of Holt Avenue i.e a different one on NSC and Mosman side of Spofforth Street.● There has been no response from Mosman Council to the correspondence sent by the Precinct and Mosman residents have not contacted their Councillors.● Mosman residents are keen to progress this matter with Mosman Council: a major issue being the use of Holt Avenue as a 'rat run' and the failure of the installed speed deterrents to reduce vehicle speeds. Suggestions were made that there should be a left hand turn only out of Holt Avenue into Spofforth Street (from the

	<p>Mosman direction) at particular times [eg. 6.30 to 9.30 (am) and 2.30 to 6.30 (pm)] which would reduce the amount of 'rat running' as well as reducing the risk for pedestrians crossing Holt Avenue on the NSC side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reference was made to the Guide to Traffic Management part 8 – Local Street Management which can be found at: https://austroads.com.au/publications/traffic-management/agtm08/media/AGTM08-20-Part-8-Local-Street-Management.pdf. ● As discussed at the August meeting, a sub-committee is to be formed with Mosman residents with the intention of approaching Mosman Council collectively about this matter.
<p>Development Applications</p> <p>243/21: 115, 117 and 119 Holt Avenue</p> <p>239/21: 131, 133, 135, 137 and 139 Holt Avenue</p>	<p>Two development notifications were received by the Precinct for Holt Avenue, Cremorne - DAs 243/21 and 239/21.</p> <p>Meeting attendees were advised that a Precinct can lodge a submission but this submission only counts as one submission and does not take precedence over submissions made by individuals</p> <p>DA 243/21: 115, 117 and 119 Holt Avenue: General observation: close proximity to the Mosman Holt Estate Conservation Area.</p> <p>Specific concerns raised by meeting attendees included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● environmental impacts ● loss of privacy and green views ● loss of trees resulting in more exposure to light at night and consequent further loss of privacy ● traffic and parking issues, ● lack of context with the three remaining dwellings adjacent to the proposed development. <p>The Precinct submission would include the general impact of the proposed building on the streetscape, the loss of character and insufficient notification to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>DA 239/21 – 131, 133, 135, 137 and 139 Holt Avenue It was noted that representatives from the developer for this DA had requested to make a presentation to Precinct members.</p> <p>This request was discussed and voted upon. The majority agreed to this request and a time of 7 pm Thursday (10 September) was set.</p> <p>Specific concerns raised by meeting attendees about this DA were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visual domination of the setting ● Misleading information and images within the Urban Design Study of the setting and context of Holt Avenue's existing character and residential qualities ● Height breach of zoning ● Lack of context with surrounding buildings.

	<p>Common issues of concern regarding both DAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase in traffic ● Loss of character, built and cultural heritage ● Loss of interface with the street (insufficient setbacks) ● Loss of environment: removal of established gardens and vegetation will result in loss of habitat for small birds and animals. ● Loss of sunlight to the public areas (Holt Ave is much more pleasant than Spencer Road for pedestrians) <p>Meeting attendees voted unanimously in favour of the following MOTION:</p> <p>That Council conduct its own Heritage Impact Study to determine the heritage significance of the <u>GROUP OF HOUSES</u> at 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 131 and 133 Holt Avenue, and that the assessment include the three remaining original dwellings in Holt Avenue (121, 123 and 125).</p> <p>Meeting attendees agreed unanimously for the Precinct to make a DA submission in response to 243/21 and 239/21.</p> <p>It was noted that Council's Manager Development Services has advised that the end date for submissions has been informally extended to 10 September 2021.</p>
<p>125 Holt Avenue Cremorne</p>	<p>In previous meetings it was noted that 125 Holt Avenue was listed as a local heritage item until 2007 when it was removed from the LEP listing for reasons unknown. (North Sydney Heritage Inventory listing no: SHI No 2181116).</p> <p>The 1992, 1998 and 2007 inventory listings and photographs of this dwelling were examined and reviewed. It was noted that all three inventory listings were very similar.</p> <p>Meeting attendees voted unanimously in favour of the following MOTION:</p> <p>That Council review the 2007 removal of the Local Heritage Listing from 125 Holt Avenue with a view to reinstating the listing, in light of the very similar Heritage Inventory descriptions of 1992, 1998 and 2007.</p>

<p>Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link - Impacts on trees</p>	<p>It was noted that works relating to the Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link Tunnel Project has resulted in: “a mass removal of trees in Anzac Park and Arthur Street, North Sydney” which has been reported by other Precincts and the media.</p> <p>Precinct members were advised that there is an online petition calling for a halt to the removal of trees by TfNSW. Information about how to access this petition will be circulated by email to Precinct members.</p> <p>The community was also asked to be vigilant about any similar issues. Incidents should be reported in the first instance to the WHTBL team on 1800 931 189 or whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au and then to North Sydney Council.</p>
<p>Military Road Corridor Study – update</p> <p>Whole section updated</p>	<p>Precinct members were advised that the report on the Military Road Corridor – Stage 1 Planning Proposal was presented at the 23 August 2021 Council meeting. The following passages are extracts from the Minutes of this meeting:</p> <p><i>RECOMMENDATION:</i></p> <p><i>1. THAT Council endorses the preparation and progression of a planning proposal and development control plan amendment to give effect to the aspects of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study – Stage 1 Future Directions outlined in this report.</i></p> <p><i>The Recommendation was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Drummond.</i></p> <p>This motion was put and lost: For/Against 3 / 6</p> <p><u>For:</u> Councillor Gibson, Councillor Brodie and Councillor Drummond <u>Against:</u> Councillor Beregi, Councillor Keen, Councillor Carr, Councillor Barbour, Councillor Mutton and Councillor Baker <u>Absent:</u> Councillor Gunning</p> <p>A Motion was then moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Baker as follows:</p> <p><i>1. THAT Council does not endorse the preparation and progression of a planning proposal and development control plan amendment to give effect to the aspects of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study – Stage 1 Future Directions outlined in this report.</i></p> <p><i>The Mayor ruled the motion out of order as it negated a previous resolution of Council and a notice of rescission had not been submitted.</i></p> <p><i>Councillor Gunning returned to the meeting at 9.52pm.</i></p> <p><i>A Motion was moved by Councillor Drummond and seconded by Councillor Gibson.</i></p>

	<p>1. <i>THAT</i> item 8.9 be recommitted for a further vote with all Councillors present.</p> <p><i>The motion was withdrawn.</i></p> <p>In response to these proceedings, Precinct meeting attendees agreed unanimously to express support for the position adopted by the majority of Councillors at the 23 August Council meeting regarding the Military Road Corridor Planning Study – Stage 1 Future Directions and to write to all Councillors stating that:</p> <p>The Harrison/Bennett Precinct thoroughly supports the position adopted by the majority of Councillors at the 23 August Council meeting to not endorse the preparation and progression of a planning proposal and DCP amendment to give effect to aspects of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study – Stage 1 Future Directions. Further it also supports the proposition that North Sydney Council not endorse the preparation and progression of a planning proposal and development control plan amendment to give effect to the aspects of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study – Stage 1 Future Directions outlined in the report provided to Council.</p> <p>Convenor to action</p>
General Business	<p>Participants were advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The DA 111/2021 for the 2nds World site on Military Road had been refused but the reason is unknown. Action: Precinct requests for an update. ● The next Cremorne Streetscape meeting will be held on 28 September* - all members are welcome to attend. There is an opportunity to comment on street furniture, vegetation etc. *Subsequent to this meeting it was advised that the Streetscape meeting has been postponed, visit Council's website for further information. https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business_Projects/Business_Economic_Development/Business_Support/Streetscape_Committees/Cremorne_Shopping_Area_Streetscape_Committee ● Parraween Street Free 15 min Parking Trial - feedback extended to December 19th. ● The local elections are to be held on 4 December 2021 ● Next Full Council meeting dates: 27 September 2021 25 October 2021 8 November 2021
Meeting concluded	Meeting concluded at 9.00pm
Next Meeting	Thursday, 1 October 2021 via Zoom – time to be advised