

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 5 August 2021 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

Attendance	16 attendees. Apologies: PK, GD.
Welcome to Mosman Residents	<p>A group of Holt Avenue residents from the Mosman Council side were welcomed to the meeting. The residents attended with the view to collectively discussing solutions to the vehicle and pedestrian safety problems at the intersection of Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue. All were welcomed.</p> <p>As this was the only item of the agenda of interest to the Mosman residents, it was decided to deal with this agenda item first.</p>
Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street Intersection Improvements	<p>The Mosman attendees were advised that Precinct Minutes were routinely sent to North Sydney Council (NSC) post meeting.</p> <p>Discussion commenced with a review of crash data for the Holt Avenue/Spofforth Street intersection which had been collated by Harrison Precinct since 2018. Actions to date in relation to Harrison Precinct, local residents and the Traffic Committees of both Councils were also reviewed. It was noted that a Harrison Precinct member had attended the June 2021 NSC traffic committee meeting due to concern that the Traffic Committee was proposing to defer any action on the intersection improvements for six months.</p> <p>From discussions it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● All residents are concerned about the unsafe nature of the intersection and would like a solution to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.● The two councils (Mosman and North Sydney) had offered a different set of solutions for the intersection.● Mosman Council (MC) had pre-determined that it would not offer or agree to a roundabout as a solution.● Nevertheless a number of Mosman residents had written to MC, in response to MC's "Yoursay" community consultation and offered alternative feedback including supporting the NSC's option A (installation of a roundabout).● Not all Holt Avenue residents of Mosman were in favour of a roundabout.● Holt Avenue has become a "rat run" for motorists seeking an alternative route to enter Military Road.● Spencer Road is also experiencing similar additional traffic issues.● The current speed deterrents (chicanes) on the Mosman side of Holt Avenue were not effective and need to be updated.● Speed is also an issue on the NSC side of Holt Avenue and deterrents need to be installed to slow motorists.

- The collective view of all meeting attendees was that both councils need to work together on this issue to ensure the best outcome.
- The postponement of the Local Government elections to December has resulted in Councils no longer being in caretaker mode and that the community has an opportunity to continue to pursue this issue with existing councillors.
- Other “Low cost” and creative options to the existing Holt Avenue/Spofforth Street intersection problems exist but have not been presented or reviewed with the community.

A number of possible solutions were discussed and included:

- A Left-hand turn only at Holt Avenue from the Mosman side to stop “T-bone” collisions at Spofforth Street
- A No left-hand turn to Holt Avenue from Cowles Avenue to reduce “rat-running”.
- The installation of speed humps in both sections of Holt Avenue.
- Reducing through traffic on Holt Avenue by imposing time of day restrictions to Military Road e.g. no left turn during peak periods (6am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm).
- No left turn onto Military Road from Holt Avenue.
- The installation of a raised pedestrian ramp and a pedestrian refuge at the intersection of Holt Avenue with Spofforth Street on the NSC side - similar to the Mosman side.


All attendees agreed that improvements in pedestrian safety were also needed including:

- Installation of traffic calming devices to reduce excessive speed of vehicles on Spofforth Street and all of Holt Avenue.
- Perilous conditions for pedestrians at the Holt Avenue intersection with Spofforth Street on the NSC side. In contrast the Mosman side of Holt Ave provides a clearly marked and raised area at the intersection to assist with pedestrian safety.
- Pedestrian safety refuges at the median are needed at the Holt Avenue and Spencer Road intersections with Spofforth Street on the NSC side (Mosman residents would also welcome refuges on their side as well).
- Dangerous conditions for pedestrians were also noted at the Spencer Road and Cabramatta Road intersections with Spofforth Street on the NSC side.

Actions agreed:

1. To form a small sub-group of residents to lobby the councils for action
2. To distribute meeting minutes to the Mosman residents who attended this Harrison meeting.

	The Mosman residents then left the meeting.
Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2021 were accepted and confirmed. Proposed: BD Seconded: JA
Review of General Manager Remuneration:	<p>Attendees were advised that a consultation paper has been issued by the Office of Local Government seeking the views of the local government sector, other stakeholders and the broader community and asking them to consider and respond to the following key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do you think more regulation is needed in relation to how much councils pay their general managers? ● Why or why not? ● If yes, what should this regulation look like? ● Who should decide how much councils pay their general managers? <p>The paper can be found at:</p> <p>https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/governance/standard-contracts-of-employment/review-of-general-manager-remuneration-consultation-paper/</p> <p>NSC's General Manager's package is publicly disclosed in Council's Annual Report, \$428,000 in 2019/20 - see page 30 of the 2019/20 at:</p> <p>https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/docs/1_council_meetings/policies_plans/dp_op/annual_report_2020_revised_editon.pdf</p> <p>Payments made to the general managers of other councils including Mosman Council and the City of Sydney were noted and interested precinct members were asked to consider providing feedback to the OLG consultation paper.</p>
Western Harbour Beaches Link Tunnel	<p>A mass removal of trees in Anzac Park, as part of the preparation for the relocation of services in preparation for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade, was conveyed to Harrison Precinct from another precinct. More information is available from the TfNSW:</p> <p>nswroads.work/whtbl or NSC Council website.</p>
DA 229/21	<p>A new DA was noted regarding:</p> <p>4-6 Macpherson Street Cremorne - (Brightmore Precinct). This site is adjacent to the Parraween Street Early Childhood Centre and shares a boundary with Langley Lane.</p>
Holt Avenue - damage to nature strip	<p>It was noted that the nature strip on Holt Avenue near the corner of Spofforth Street has been left in an unsatisfactory state after works undertaken to install a new stormwater pipe to an apartment building that is being built at 126 Holt Avenue by the developer associated with DA 343/17.</p>

	
<p>Update on Action items from previous meetings and general business</p>	<p>General update on previously discussed items:</p> <p>Parraween Street Free 15 min Parking Trial - feedback closes 31 August.</p> <p>Berry Street - Precinct members were urged to refer to the Committee for North Sydney website for updates on the WHBL impacts on Berry St.</p> <p>https://committeefornorthsydney.org.au/</p> <p>Hampden Street Community noticeboard at the 'Hampden Avenue' bus stop on Military Road - it was noted that this is still not operational. Update from Council requested.</p>
<p>General Business</p>	<p>It was noted that Council is calling for community feedback on the Draft Amendment to the North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 North Sydney CBD commercial tower setbacks and separation</p> <p>https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/dcp-commercial-towers</p> <p>A meeting attendee requested an update from NSC on the Harrison Street/Rangers Road cycleway. Update from Council requested.</p> <p>It was noted that Council Elections have been deferred to 4 December 2021</p>
<p>Meeting concluded</p>	<p>Meeting concluded at 8.30pm</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, 2 September 2021 7.30pm by Zoom</p>