

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 4 March 2021 at 5.30pm

at the Cammeray Golf Club

Attendance	18 Attendees - as per Attendance Sheet which included 2 members from Bennett Precinct and one guest from Neutral Precinct Apologies: CC, PK, DA, PM, MB, SP, AB
Previous Meeting	Minutes of meeting held on 4 February 2021 were accepted and confirmed. Proposed: BD Seconded: ARC
Military Road Corridor Planning Study	Military Road Corridor Planning Study (Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study) Co-chair of Neutral Precinct attended our meeting and provided an update: 438 submissions were received during the public feedback period. 4 sites identified allowing for 12 storey development Barry Street carpark redevelopment was deleted by the review Planner but as a result of the voting at the 22 February 2021 Council meeting, it has been "returned" to the scope of the Planning Study. Current outdoor carpark was "given" to NSC with the intent that would help shop owners by providing shopper carparking. A new underground carpark would replace it and the open area would be turned into open space. Precinct members pointed that high rise would result in shadowing of this proposed open space and the Young Street plaza. It was agreed by Motion that the following action would be undertaken. (Move by BD, Seconded JA: For 13/Against 2) Motion: That Harrison/Bennett Precinct write to the Mayor to express disappointment about the exhibition outcomes and the Amended Future Direction Report - Military Road Corridor Planning Study (Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study) - and to state that the final report does not reflect community feedback including the following issues discussed at our recent meeting and our Precinct submission of 21 February 2020. Retention of local character and heritage is still not considered adequately (see Harrison's original submission of 21 June 2020 attached). Proposed building designs are not innovative and will not contribute to enhancing the desired "village" character which local residents want retained and enhanced. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rationale that height increases to 12 stories are required to support the creation of local jobs is flawed and does not take into account Covid-19 related changes in corporate working patterns.• Increases in population will result in more traffic in an already congested area with limited and narrow feeder streets - has access to the "Village" been considered or studied adequately?• Local schools are currently at capacity - where will the new resident children go to school?• Public transport - buses are at capacity during peak hour

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian movements across Military Road within the "Village" are not addressed - multiple alternative crossing points should be included in the plan including over/underpasses • Covid-19 has affected retail shopping patterns – traditional retail opportunities may no longer be viable within the proposed multi-storey building sites. • Solar amenity and other environmental impacts have not been adequately considered. <p>Additionally, Harrison & Bennett Precinct wish to convey the following feedback and request actions:</p> <p>i. That North Sydney Council rescind its decision to adopt the current Future Directions Report in its current form.</p> <p>ii. We express our collective disappointment that Site 4 is being reconsidered and request the findings of the proposed site inspection be shared with our community in an open and transparent manner.</p> <p>iii. We express our collective disappointment that the Mayor used her casting vote to vote for the motion at the Council Meeting on 22 February 2021 which determined that the Future Directions Report be used to guide Future Planning Proposals for Neutral Bay despite significant community opposition.</p>
<p>Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection EIS</p>	<p>Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection EIS</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously to support the following Motion (Moved by BD, Seconded PV: Unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: That Harrison Precinct write to:</p> <p>Cr Baker, Beregi and Carr expressing gratitude for writing to Minister Stokes objecting to the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection in its current form and for highlighting the issues of community concern with the Minister, as well as fellow Councillors and management of North Sydney Council.</p> <p>a) The lack of alternative transport options including public transport</p> <p>b) The lack of filtering in the proposed exhaust stacks;</p> <p>c) The unnecessary loss of public open space and future open space, loss of sporting facilities, loss of trees and canopy, loss of water treatment infrastructure.</p> <p>d) The adverse impacts on our schools and school children;</p> <p>e) The Environmental impact on waterways, reserves, flora and fauna</p> <p>f) Lack of meaningful community consultation</p> <p>g) Concern for the health and wellbeing of our residents.</p> <p>h) Concerns for impacts on aboriginal heritage and maritime environment.</p> <p>Precinct members wish to support the request that the period for the submissions be extended by one month to 31 March 2021.</p>
	<p>Harrison's Convenor attended and reported on the recent Combined Precinct Meeting (CPC) held on 23 February 2021. At this meeting</p>

<p>Precinct System Review Stage 2</p>	<p>precinct representatives were asked to provide feedback on a draft document, prepared by senior council staff, which outlined suggested changes to the CPC structure, format and method of operation. In response, meeting attendees agreed to convey by Motion the following:</p> <p>Motion: That Harrison Precinct express disappointment with the draft “proposed model” of engagement for the CPC in response to the Precinct Review summary provided by the external consultant which was presented at the CPC meeting of 23 February 2021.</p> <p>The CPC provides a valuable function for all precincts to independently share and discuss issues of community concern.</p> <p>Harrison Precinct members strongly object to the proposal that CPC agenda items be set by Council and we do not support the proposal that the CPC meeting to be chaired by the General Manager.</p> <p>Moved by HL, Seconded by AK (For: 10, Against: 0, Abstain: 1)</p> <p>Attendees of the CPC meeting were also advised that Council staff are currently reviewing all stakeholder feedback received via Stages 1 and 2 and are seeking internal advice/guidance regarding the finalisation of the revised boundary options. As previously advised, subject to Council endorsement, a further opportunity for feedback will be provided to all Precinct Committees and is expected to be provided in due course. Timing to be advised.</p>
<p>Local Character</p>	<p>Continued discussion about the NSW Government’s “Local Character and Place Guideline” https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Local-character/Local-character-and-place-guideline</p> <p>and desired “local character” for Harrison/Bennett Precinct neighbourhood with reference to the Area Character Statements (Section 5.5 of North Sydney DCP 2013, North Cremorne Planning Area).</p> <p>A precinct member provided photos from Harrison Street which provided an example of loss of character (two Federation era houses replaced by a new apartment building).</p> <p>Postscript: A request was made to NSC following Harrison’s February meeting for Council to provide a guest speaker to explain the DCP’s Local Character Statements. This request is pending.</p>
<p>Bennett/Harrison Heritage Sub-Committee Heritage Project</p>	<p>Bennett/Harrison Heritage Sub-Committee continues to conduct research and collect streetscape photography. Due to time constraints a detailed discussion was deferred to next meeting.</p>
<p>Meeting concluded</p>	<p>7.30pm</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Due to Easter, it was decided by a show of hands to move the next scheduled meeting of Harrison/Bennett Precinct to Thursday, 8 April 2021 at Cammeray Golf Club 5.30pm.</p>