

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting
held on Thursday, 3 March 2022 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

Attendance	No. of attendees: 15 including Cr Spenceley and Cr Welch Apologies: Cr Santer, HL, CC, GW, BD, JA, GA, SE, AP, LP, AL, GW, GS, PV
Confirm Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes from 3 February 2021 meeting were confirmed by SK and seconded by FG. Specific Feedback from minutes: SK noted that the proposed change to remove Residential Flat Buildings (RFB) in the R3 zone involves a change to the LEP not an Act of Parliament. SK provided clarification on the Minute item regarding IT/process issues with DA submission files – The key issue is that currently submissions are made available as embedded attachments contained within Microsoft Outlook email files (“MSG” files). MSG files can only be accessed by Windows/PC users who have Microsoft Outlook. These files cannot be accessed by Windows/PC users who do not have Microsoft Outlook, nor can they be accessed by users of Apple Mac devices. The other issue is that currently each file is given the same or substantially the same file name, creating administrative inefficiencies for users seeking to view the files or keep track of changes. In the interests of public transparency and to ensure universal accessibility to information, the Council should amend its current practice and make available all submissions in PDF form. The Council should also give each file a unique file name to reduce administrative inefficiencies. This is the standard approach adopted by other Councils and government bodies. Update on actions from 2 February 2022 meeting were noted: DA375/21 13-15 Allister St 1. Given its close proximity to the DA site the Precinct is to write to Redlands School to check it was aware of the DA, and if it has concerns about the impacts of increased traffic and construction work. Response received from Redlands Parents and Friends Association on 7.2.22: "are aware of the proposed development and I have forwarded your email to the appropriate people within the school". No other action indicated by Redlands. 2. Precinct to write to NSC re the applicant’s Traffic and Parking report to ask that the report be required to incorporate reference to traffic movements during school drop off and pick up hours. No response from NSC - add item to March Minutes

<p>Meet the new Councillors:</p>	<p>Cr Spenceley joined the meeting as our invited guest. Cr Spenceley is a new Councillor from the St Leonards Ward. This is his first time as a Councillor but brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from his business background and experience. Cr Spenceley stated he is seeking to take NSC to the “next level” including being a Sustainability leader (currently NSC is 32nd) and aims to take a proactive, common-sense approach to his Councillor role.</p>
<p>Traffic and Pedestrian Safety</p>	<p>A general review and discussion of traffic and pedestrian safety issues was undertaken.</p> <p>Spofforth St – Holt Ave – Rangers Rd</p> <p>It was noted that issues on Spofforth St and feeder streets, in particular, Holt Ave have been discussed at previous meetings and most recently July 2021 when residents from the Mosman side of Holt Ave joined our meeting. However, traffic and pedestrian safety issues along Spofforth St remain unresolved, largely due to a breakdown in communication with NSC and Mosman Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that it was opportune to review the Spofforth St-Holt Avenue-Ranger Rd traffic issues with the new Councillors and Council staff. Cr Welch stated that NSC has a new Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.</p> <p>The Spofforth St original concept plans, which were on public exhibition in April 2021, are still able to be viewed at the following link: https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/spofforth-street</p> <p>Precinct member, AC, who was involved with the initial public consultation suggested that a site meeting with residents and both the Mayors of North Sydney and Mosman was essential.</p> <p>It was suggested that it was opportune for the Spofforth St/Holt Ave issues to be brought to the attention of the next Traffic Committee schedules for Fri 25 March 2022.</p> <p>Action: Convenor to organise.</p> <p>Other issues noted:</p> <p>Redlands: Severe congestion caused by Redlands parents, in particular during mornings 8-9am and 3-4pm in Spofforth St, Rangers Road, Cranbrook Ave, Murdoch St which overflows into Winnie St.</p> <p>Allister St: parents often make illegal u-turns at the intersection of Allister/Cranbrook Ave.</p> <p>NSC feedback regarding the lack of pedestrian ramp at the kerb at the junction of Cranbrook Ave was noted. However, residents remained perplexed by the arrangement.</p> <p>DA 375/2021: 13-15 Allister Street, Cremorne As per 3 February 2022 Harrison Precinct Minutes, the Traffic Management Plan submitted by the applicant features a survey undertaken during lockdown; doesn't acknowledge the existing</p>

	<p>excessive traffic during school drop-off and pick-up; and makes reference to out of date information from 2002, residents concerned about safety and environmental impacts during construction</p> <p>Action: NSC to request applicant to provide an updated and more detailed Traffic and Parking report which incorporates reference to traffic movements during Redlands school drop off and pick up hours.</p> <p>Cranbrook Ave: impacted by congestion during school pickup-drop off. A “blind corner” also exists which poses a safety issue.</p> <p>General feedback: all meeting attendees reported that Redlands related congestion was a major issue.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Request for NSC to conduct a review of traffic congestion and safety issues in consultation with residents. In particular in Allister St & Cranbrook Ave. (ii) Request Redlands to consult with residents when drawing up their Traffic Management Plan <p>Murdoch St: congestion at school pick-up often extends across the Military Road intersection to Winnie St.</p> <p>JS suggested that Redlands Junior school should investigate installing a drive-through on-campus facility similar to the one recently installed in the Senior school campus.</p> <p>JS also pointed out that many vehicles are turning right onto Military Road from the Murdoch St intersection as a result of a misleading red arrow indicator on the Traffic light signal. (This problem was noted in Harrison Precinct Feb 2020 Minutes).</p>
<p>Pedestrian Safety – impacts by development</p>	<p>It was noted that pedestrian safety was often impacted upon by the many development sites. Convenor pointed out that developers must comply by conditions set out in the Consent Conditions documentation issued by NSC:</p> <p><i>All public footways and roadways fronting and adjacent to the site must be maintained in a safe condition at all times during the course of the development works, with no obstructions caused to the said footways and roadways.</i></p> <p><i>Construction materials and plant must not be stored in the road reserve without approval of Council. A safe pedestrian circulation route and a pavement/route free of trip hazards must be maintained at all times on or adjacent to any public access ways fronting the construction site. Where public infrastructure is damaged, repair works must be carried out in when and as directed by Council officers (at full Developer cost).</i></p> <p><i>Where pedestrian circulation is diverted on to the roadway or verge areas, clear directional signage and protective barricades must be</i></p>

	<p><i>installed in accordance with AS1742-3 (1996) "Traffic Control Devices for Work on Roads".</i></p> <p><i>If pedestrian circulation is not satisfactorily maintained across the site frontage, and action is not taken promptly to rectify the defects, Council may undertake proceedings to stop work.</i></p>
Heritage Festival	<p>National Trust History Festival 1 Apr-31 May 2022: Theme: Curiosity. Event Registrations close: 25 March 2022. Harrison Precinct to co-plan events with Cremorne Conservation Group Volunteers needed for planning and organisation</p>
Other issues: Information Technology	<p>Harrison Precinct meeting notes from 3 March 2022 requested the following action:</p> <p>That Council makes available all DA submissions in PDF form with a unique file name. This change would allow files to be viewed on any device and is required to ensure transparency and universal accessibility to information.</p> <p>Currently the Council makes available DA submissions in MSG format that can only be accessed by PC/Windows users with Microsoft Outlook. These files cannot be accessed by PC/Windows users who do not have Microsoft Outlook, or by users of Apple/Mac devices. Also, currently the Council gives each file the same or substantially the same file name, creating administrative inefficiencies for users seeking to view the files or keep track of changes.</p> <p>It was noted that Council currently uploads all developer DA documents as PDF files, so publishing submissions as PDF files would seem to be a simple extension of current practice.</p> <p>Follow up agreed upon but still pending: Cr Bourke agreed to follow up this item together with Cr Welch and Cr Lamb.</p> <p>Action: Cr Spenceley to check if this problem with viewing of DA submission documents can be resolved easily by Council and if not will follow up for a resolution as quickly as possible.</p>
Your Say Public Feedback on proposal to increase frequency of council meetings	<p>Council seeks community feedback on a proposal to increase frequency of council meetings.</p> <p>Feedback from Precinct discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pros and cons for each option • Shorter and more frequent are better than lengthy meetings • New councillors are open to new ideas and procedures • Cr Spenceley open to trialling new procedure and if it doesn't work out revert to the old system. • Any changes however require public consultation of a 42 day period

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider how changes will impact on Precinct meetings and precinct ability to engage and interact with Council • Individuals encouraged to make their own submissions about the proposed change
Your Say Community Development Strategy	Community Development Strategy - Feedback closes Friday 18 March 2022 NSC is calling for community feedback. From a community development perspective, this currently includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family & Children’s Services Strategy • Older Person's Strategy • Youth Work Action Plan • Affordable Housing Strategy • Homeless Strategy • Arts & Cultural Strategy Volunteers to review each strategy: Affordable Housing Strategy: JS Homeless Strategy: MDS
Other Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA submission timeframe is too short for effective public feedback. Extension to 4 weeks needed especially for complex DAs that have material externalities (including impacts on adjacent dwellings or the broader area). • Notification areas need to be expanded • Cr Spenceley agreed that complex DAs that have impacts on surrounding residents and the surrounding area require more time to analyse and that the current system of notification could be improved.
Meeting concluded	Meeting concluded at 9 pm
Next Meeting	Thursday, 7 April 2022 at the Neutral Bay Club commencing at 5.30 pm