

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2019 - Parks Precinct

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response. To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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November	6	Development Applications: DA347/2019 (NSOP) - 4 Alfred Street South, Milsons Point, was raised There were no objections raised; DA 322/2019 - 116 Military Road, Neutral Bay. No objections.	Submissions noted by Council's respective DA assessing officers.	Closed for Council
	7b	WHTBL - Permanent Closure of Ernest St Exit and Entry ramps: Does Council and the RMS have an alternate solution.	UPDATE 5 February 2020: Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that on 29 January 2020, TfNSW released for long awaited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the WHT and Warringah Freeway Upgrade. The EIS documentation is several thousand pages. An extensive internal review of the documentation has begun, and a submission from Council will be prepared. Council is currently not in a position to respond to the Precinct Committee's question. The Precinct Committee is encouraged to contact TfNSW/RMS directly regarding their possible alternate solutions. Email whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au , Ph 1800 931 189 or visit www.nswroads.work/whtbl	Open/Ongoing

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	7e	Young St Plaza. Trial period noted. Question raised from the floor on how the delivery trucks going to Woolworth's would access Grosvenor lane. Do they need to go down Belgrave St and then up Young St. Precinct would like further information on traffic flow for Belgrave St and Grosvenor St and Lane.	<p>Council's Project Manager has advised that Council and Woolworths have agreed that the delivery route for Woolworths, Neutral Bay store will be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approach east on Military Road 2. Turn left from Military Road onto Ben Boyd Road 3. Turn right from Ben Boyd Road onto Belgrave Street 4. Turn right from Belgrave Street onto Young Street 5. Turn left from Young Street onto Grosvenor Lane (East) <p>In June 2019 Council undertook community consultation regarding the removal/relocation of existing on-street parking and loading spaces to accommodate the truck swept paths. The North Sydney Traffic Committee approved these changes and adjusted the existing 'Gross Load Limit' signage to allow Woolworths delivery trucks to travel in Belgrave Street to access the loading dock in Grosvenor Lane.</p>	Closed for Council
	8b	Grasmere playground - Rangers to follow up. Possible working bee. Still waiting on Council to confirm on how this can happen.	Refer to response to Item 8b October 2019 minutes.	Closed for Council
October	8b	Children's playground at the corner of Young and Grasmere Rd: a local resident brought attention to the exposed tree roots near the Willow trees in the park, and of dogs doing their business there. Questioned asked, Are there any advisory signs for users of the park and for dog owners? Suggestion of locals helping to clean up the park and the fences. SM will follow up with Council (Note after the meeting: the existing sign says "Dogs permitted off leash only if under control of a responsible person but not within 10m of Play	<p>Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services have advised that Rangers will patrol the Reserve more often.</p> <p>UPDATE 6 February 2020: Council's Landscape Technical Officer has advised that in accordance with the <i>Playgrounds Plan of Management</i> and the <i>Playgrounds Methodology (2015 review)</i>, Grasmere Children's Park is due for refurbishment in the 2020/21 financial year. Design for the upgrade of Grasmere Children's Park will commence once Sirius Street Reserve</p>	Closed for Council

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		Equipment & Eating Facilities. You must remove your dog's droppings from the park".	and St Thomas Rest Park Playgrounds have been completed. Design will commence when 2020/21 funds become available for a site survey. Fences will be included in the refurbishment.	
	8c	Discussion on 40Kph limit: Audience discussed the proposal of a 24/7 40kph speed limit in Belgave St and Gerard St. and a motion to object was proposed. Motion: Objection to the 40kph proposed limits on Belgrave Rd and Gerard St., except for school zones. Moved: SM, Seconded: DW, Carried: Unanimously.	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.	Closed for Council
September	6a	WHTBL Ventilation: Council has accepted a tender to install air quality monitoring devices. Initially to establish a base for air quality. a) Questions were asked as to where the devices would be installed and what they were going to monitor, was it for particles, pollution, chemicals etc. An issue was raised if filters are going to be used for the tunnel air stacks. A member of the audience quoted that the information supplied by the RMS at the information day was too complicated. b) Questions were asked on how the local residents would access the Beaches tunnel, e.g. do residents need to drive down into North Sydney and loop down Berry St then back onto the freeway to access the tunnel.	Council's Team Leader Environmental Health has advised that the air quality monitoring station will be located in St Leonards Park. The precise location is to be confirmed but it is likely to be close to The Greens. This location is compliant in terms of requirements for air quality monitoring and is representative of conditions/air quality in the vicinity of the proposed subject ventilation stack/s. The pollutants to be monitored are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particulate matter less than 10 µm in aerodynamic diameter (PM₁₀) • Particulate matter less than 2.5 µm in aerodynamic diameter (PM_{2.5}) • Oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). Council has not been advised that the ventilation stack/s will have filters installed. In general terms, tunnel ventilation stacks in NSW are not filtered.	Closed by Council

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			Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the current understanding is that residents would indeed need to travel down either Miller Street or the Pacific Highway to access Berry Street to reach the entry portal to the Western Harbour Tunnel. This is of concern to Council as it obviously increases the demand and use of Berry Street, further dividing the North Sydney CBD and detracting from the increasing pedestrian demand and focus of the CBD.	
	7b	<p>Military Rd Corridor: An in depth discussion took place on what effect building heights and more office space would have on the local community, such as bringing more income to the area, and the positive affect that would have to retail and local business, the other side was the amount of traffic coming into the area. The different options provided by Council were discussed.</p> <p>Of the 4 Options provided by North Sydney Council the following is the motion for Option 1</p> <p>Motion for Option 1: Option 1 is preferred, subject to building restrictions that only 6 stories be allowed on the southern side of Military Road and only 5 stories allowed on the northern side of Military Road. Moved by JC, Seconded GC</p>	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Strategic Planner - Urban Design.	Closed for Council
	7c	<p>Primrose Park Tennis Courts - Due to the subsistence and the determination of the sub soil under the courts and the unsafe playing conditions, the following motion was put forward by representatives from the tennis players using the courts at Primrose Park.</p>	Refer to response to item 2 on September 2019 email from Chair.	Closed for Council

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		Motion: Council to take action to replace the synthetic grass tennis courts at Primrose Park immediately, to make the courts safe. Unanimous.		
September - Email from Chair	1	Has Council approved the Area 26 parking changes?	Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that the changes were approved by Council at its meeting on 26 August 2019. Council will notify the affected residents and businesses prior to implementation. The adopted changes are outlined in the report to the 26 July 2019 Traffic Committee .	Closed for Council
	2	Primrose Park Tennis Courts - What is the current situation with Primrose Tennis Courts. As you may recall we have a motion from a resident (with a seconder) "North Sydney Council to replace the synthetic grass courts at Primrose Park immediately to make the courts safe while waiting for the major structural works in the future". In practical terms what does this mean? Is it possible to do this and still have enough budget to repair the courts properly?	<p>Council's Engineering Project Manager (EPS Division) has advised that Council is investigating the options to upgrade the Primrose Park Tennis Courts in context of refurbishing work on the Primrose Park Arts and Crafts Centre (re-opened April 2019). The courts have several structural issues that need to be addressed before a full scope of works can be put together to upgrade the facilities. The primary issue is that the courts are subsiding because they are constructed on unstable landfill that has become even more unstable due to recent washouts and general settlement over many years.</p> <p>The current recommended long-term solution is to demolish the existing slab, re-construct a new slab suspended on footings and piles, with the drainage of the site to be reviewed and upgraded also. An approximate cost is \$450,000 to \$500,000 provided there are no significant site contamination issues or other unforeseen ground stability issues. The proposed re-build of the slab would include completely new Tennis Courts - the same number,</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>layout and facilities as to what exists now. However, such a project is unbudgeted at present.</p> <p>For now, Council will continue to undertake minor maintenance works on the courts to ensure that they are kept operational, while preparing an upgrade proposal including structural and geotechnical investigations.</p> <p>Council Property Manager has liaised with the Tennis Court operator on the site investigation works. The operator has also received rent reduction as a result of one of the courts being out of operation.</p>	
August	6b	<p>Cammeray Park: Questions asked about Cammeray Park. What will be lost to accommodate the building structure for the Motorway Facility. Questions were asked as to what trees and parts of the golf course would go. Also if saving some of the trees would help remove some of the pollution from the exhaust stacks.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Strategic Planning advised that nothing more substantial at this stage. Precinct Committee and residents are invited to see some of the detail regarding design at the link below: https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-north/western-harbour-tunnel-beaches-link/western-harbour-tunnel-project-update.pdf</p>	Closed for Council
July	6	<p>DA 307/2018 - 183 to 185 Military Rd, Neutral Bay: Comments as to the impact on parking and traffic were tabled. This effects those who use Yeo, St, which is behind the development. Questions were also asked on what are the height restrictions in the area, and are the existing buildings there on the North Sydney Council's heritage list.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised about the growth of the general population and its effect on development and traffic.</p>	<p>Comments noted as a submission by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.</p> <p>The Precinct Committee and residents who are interested in the outcomes of this application are invited to register their email addresses on Council's DA tracking facility. Notify me</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>DA 346/2017 - 53A and 55A Grasmere Rd, Cremorne: A description of the DA was given. There was some concern on traffic requirements and a desire to find out more about Council's approval process for traffic and height restrictions. The Chairman asked for a vote on whether any action on the DA was required.</p> <p>Motion: The precinct did not object to the developments for the reasons outlined above. Moved by: SM Seconded by: DW Voting: 10 for 0 against</p>	<p>Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that the application relates to modifications to a DA consent for alterations and additions to an existing duplex with vehicular access to the rear laneway. The current proposal does not increase the height of the building and the number of parking of the approved development. With regard to traffic and height restrictions, Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) sets out the height limits for the LGA and the Development Control Plan (DCP) provides the guidelines regarding requirements. The assessment of the application will consider the relevant aspects of the LEP and DCP in terms of their compliances before determination of the application. As for the subject application, notification of the application was closed on 19 July 2019 and further assessment of the application will be carried out in due course.</p>	Closed for Council
	8a	<p>Traffic Lights: Timing of traffic Lights along Military Rd, some mature pedestrians find there is not enough time to cross the road, e.g. crossing Military Rd at Watson St.</p> <p>Action: SM to approach Council about the best way of having this considered.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that Traffic Lights are managed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). Council recently wrote to RMS requesting a review of the timing of all signalised crossings to provide adequate time for pedestrians to cross the road and we are awaiting a reply from RMS. Residents are encouraged to raise this matter with RMS directly at https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/</p>	Closed for Council
	8b	<p>Pedestrian Traffic Lights: Concerns raised about moving the pedestrian traffic light on Military Rd (opposite Post Office) to end of Young St. While waiting to cross there, when it rains there will be no shelter from any overhead awnings like there is at the moment.</p>	<p>Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.</p>	Closed for Council

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	8c	<p>Young St Plaza: Closing of part of Young St to make a plaza for B1 line. Creating less parking and diverting more traffic to Waters Rd and Ben Rd.</p> <p>Action: Council to be asked to make a presentation to the next meeting concerning the Plaza and moving of traffic lights and how Council has considered the impact on Neutral Bay traffic and pedestrians.</p>	Council's Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator has accepted Precinct Committee's invitation.	Closed for Council