

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2021 - 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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October	4	Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link/Cammeray Golf Course - GD gave a summary of the discussion held around the WFU, WHT & BL at the previous evening's Combined Precincts Committee (CPC) meeting and in particular the revelations about the issuing of a Contract for construction of a new Golf Course at Cammeray Park, allegedly without any Planning or NSC Approval and no community consultation. Motion: A motion was moved by CT that "Parks Precinct Committee support all three of the CPC resolutions passed at its meeting on Tuesday the 19 October 2021 in relation to the Cammeray Golf Course".	Comments noted by Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services. Refer to Council's response to the related action arising from the CPC meeting of October 2021.	Close for Council

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September	3a	Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link Update - Motion: That the Precinct request the NSC seek details on the Project Mechanisms that will ensure that the requirements placed on the Landscape Plan will return the tree coverage to its "pre-project status". The motion was seconded by BB and carried unanimously.	<p>Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services has advised that a condition of development consent for the WHT Project is to replace each tree removed with two.</p> <p>Similarly, Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that Council staff are working closely with the contractors to ensure as little trees are removed as possible and will be directly involved in the two for one replacement program.</p>	Closed for Council
	3b	Motion: It was moved by SM "That the Precinct write to the Council requesting the formation of Combined Consultation Body representing the broadest possible suite of stakeholders to liaise with the Project.	<p>Council's Director City Strategy has advised that Council has engaged with these projects, along with the Metro project, since they were announced. This includes making detailed submissions to DPIE during the assessment phase. The elected Council has also passed resolutions addressing issues and concerns raised by the projects. These can be found on the Council website.</p> <p>Since the approval of the projects Council has been devoting significant time and resources engaging directly with TfNSW across a range of areas in order to mitigate and manage impacts arising from these projects. This engagement and negotiation are ongoing.</p> <p>In order to leverage maximum benefit from the projects Council is involved in a number of significant strategic initiatives with the Greater Sydney Commission, DPIE as well as TfNSW.</p>	Closed by Council

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			<p>The approach Council has adopted to date is informed by the resolutions of Council and the legal framework of State Significant Infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Community interest in the projects is welcome and to be expected. Council's professional staff are not in a position to form a body as requested. It is recommended to pursue this initiative is directly with the projects teams within TfNSW.</p>	
August	3ii	Young St Plaza - was discussed noting that: A review of the report to the Council inferred that Individual Submissions gained higher weighting than those from Collective groups such as Precinct Committees.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that submissions by a Precinct Committee do not hold any more weight than an individual submission i.e. all submissions, regardless whether from an individual or group, are treated the same.	Closed for Council
	7	General Business - GD briefed the Precinct Committee on discussion points from the Combined Precinct Committee (CPC) Meeting on 17 August 2021, and BB expressed concern about the apparent diminishing influence of Precinct Committees on NSC. From this discussion a motion was moved by CT and seconded by RF that: <i>"The Parks Precinct is concerned that Council doesn't give adequate weighting on Precinct Issues to the views expressed by the affected Precinct Committee"</i> . The motion was passed unanimously.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the Precinct Committee's feedback is noted. Concerns regarding how the Precinct System fits within Council's Community Engagement Framework was raised during Stage 2 of the Precinct System Review. The proposed management responses as reported to Council on 28 June 2021 (item 8.14 - to be considered by the new term of Council). This includes strengthening detail regarding role/purpose of the Precinct System within Council's <i>Community Engagement Protocol</i> .	Closed for Council
July	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
June	2iii	No Thoroughfare - It was considered that the question regarding the future of Grosvenor Lane was not	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that there are no plans to close Grosvenor Lane.	Closed for Council

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		addressed and the previously raised Item 5.5 regarding the "No Thoroughfare" designation and signage. While the Council has noted this item as closed there has been no timeline provided on the Actions and Recommendation taken by the Traffic Committee.	The Traffic Impact Assessment undertaken during the trial closure of Young Street noted a minor increase in traffic in Grosvenor Lane but did not recommend that further interventions were required. No timeline has been provided as this is closed from Council's perspective and will be actioned by the North Sydney Traffic Committee.	
	4ai	Western Harbour Tunnel - Damage to the local road network from construction activities will happen. Council will need to repair this. Should the Council be seeking funding from Transport for NSW in anticipation?	Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that in relation to the questions of damage to Council roads; Council will pursue TfNSW for compensation for road damage that Council has to repair as a result of this project.	Closed for Council
	4aii	Western Harbour Tunnel - A motion was moved that Council consider a solution for residents, their visitors, their health care providers and other service providers that will maintain access to parking during the Construction Phase of Tunnel Projects	Council's Executive Planning Advisor has advised that all roads affected by the tunnel works have been formally claimed by TfNSW to be under their control as permitted under the NSW Roads Act. Council no longer has any power to regulate or otherwise make decisions regarding matters such as access or parking. It is noted however that the planning approval for the project requires that TfNSW provide access and parking to residents. It is suggested that the Precinct Committee review the Planning approval (online via the DPIE website) and engage directly with TfNSW and with the Department of Planning (DPIE) as they are the regulatory authority. Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that as per details listed in Precincts E-news, to make a compliance complaint report the potential issue or breach	Closed for Council

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			<p>about the Warringah Freeway Upgrade that includes early works, to TfNSW in the first instance:</p> <p>Phone: 1800 931 189 Email: whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au Mail: Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 928, North Sydney NSW 2059</p> <p>If the matter is not resolved satisfactorily it should be reported to DPIE via the NSW Planning Portal "Make a Complaint" online form.</p>	
	4bi	Access to Council's Traffic & Transport Operations Department - motion was moved to express concern to Council regarding limited access to the Traffic Management team for the Precinct Committee.	See response under April 2021, Item 6.	Closed for Council
	4bii	Western Harbour Tunnel - as well as noise, the ongoing monitoring of air quality was discussed, and the Precinct Committee would like to be advised of the status of the Air Quality Monitoring Station in Berry St and whether this data is reported on-line. Additionally, has there been any monitoring of air quality in North Sydney and Berry St in light of the traffic changes in Berry for the Tunnel entrances?	<p>Council's Manager Environmental Services advises that as a result of the construction works, the location of the proposed ventilation stacks of the Western Harbour Tunnel and the sensitive surrounding land uses, Council undertook to study the background air quality in the vicinity of the proposed location of the ventilation stacks.</p> <p>An Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQMS) was placed in south eastern portion of St Leonards Park (near Ridge Street) in March 2020 and provided continuous monitoring of the background air quality for a period of 12 months. During the monitoring period the results of that monitoring had a "real time" link back to Council's website. The AQMS</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>has since been decommissioned with findings to be reported to Council soon.</p> <p>Council's Manager Environmental Services is unaware of any Council plans to replicate the air quality study in the vicinity of Berry Street.</p>	
	7	<p>Precinct System Review - The status on the Precinct System Review at this stage is that those Precincts that wish to merge will do so.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the report outlining the proposed next steps of the Precinct System Review was included on the agenda for the Council meeting on 28 June 2021 (item 8.14). Council resolved that the matter be deferred until after the Local Government Election on 4 September 2021. A further update will be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course.</p> <p>www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Reports</p> <p>UPDATE (24 JULY 2021) The NSW Minister for Local Government made an order under section 318C of the Local Government Act to delay the 2021 Local Government election to 4 December 2021. The elections have been postponed in response to the current outbreak of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus.</p>	Closed for Council
		<p>Precinct Meeting attendance - Note that the recent requests for attendance at the Precinct Committee appeared to have been thwarted by IT issues and questioned whether the Council had a means to circumvent this.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the management responses to the recommendations of the Precinct System Review included the proposal to permit use of remote meetings (if complemented with a minimum number of in person</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>meetings per annum), and that a Zoom (or equivalent) subscription be purchased for Precinct use. As the Council resolved to defer consideration of the next steps of the Precinct System Review to the new term of Council, staff are currently exploring how best to progress consideration of this proposal. Further information will be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course.</p>	
May	3	<p>Planning Questions - What is the future of Grosvenor Lane as it has become a bypass? With the end of the Young St Plaza trial what are the measures of evaluation to determine whether the trail is a success or failure?</p>	<p>Council's Director Engineering & Property Services has advised that a post-trial evaluation report will be presented to Council on 28 June 2021, the business paper will be available from Council's website from 5pm on Thursday 24 June 2021. The Precinct Committee/members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and/or register to speak to the report at the Public Forum, in accordance with registration required advised via Council's website.</p> <p>UPDATE (30 June 2021) Council at its meeting of 28 June 2021 resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT Council notes the community feedback received during the trial pedestrian plaza and road closure in Young Street Neutral Bay.</i> 2. <i>THAT Council notes the results of the Traffic Study as well as the Human Movement Data Study that was undertaken during the trial pedestrian plaza and road closure in Young Street Neutral Bay.</i> 3. <i>THAT Council proceeds with the detailed design and construction of the permanent road closure and new public plaza in Young Street, Neutral Bay as per the concept design attached to this report.</i> 	Closed for Council

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			<p>4. THAT the current Young Street Road closure and public plaza remain in place until the commencement of the permanent construction works in late 2021.</p> <p>5. THAT traffic calming measures at the Young Street end of Grosvenor Lane be installed concurrently with the permanent road closure works.</p> <p>6. THAT Council reconsiders the container's use at this location.</p>	
	5	Traffic - What are the specific plans for Traffic Management on the Lower Nth Shore.	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that Traffic, Cycling and Walking Projects in the North Sydney LGA are identified through the <i>LATM Action Plans</i>¹, the <i>Integrated Cycling Strategy (2014)</i> and grant funded programs. Projects in the 2020/21 financial year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirribilli & Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area • Carter St, Cammeray - pedestrian crossing upgrade • Kurraba Road at Thrupp Street - raise existing pedestrian crossing • Streets as Shared Spaces - Miller Street - Temporary Closure • Pedestrian Crossing Lighting Upgrades, cnr McLaren & Church • Streets as Shared Spaces - Burton Street and Bligh Street - pedestrian plazas • Lavender Street at Walker Street - raised existing pedestrian crossing • Ernest St & Sophia St Pedestrian refuge 	Closed for Council

¹ [North Sydney Traffic Parking Schemes](#)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burton Street school crossing upgrade • Morton Street at Hazelbank Road - kerb extensions and pedestrian crossing • River Road at Russell Street/Canberra Avenue - pedestrian refuge • Yeo Lane between Yeo Street and Cheal Lane - speed cushion • Ben Boyd Road between Kurraba Road and Premier St - traffic calming • Lodge Road at Wonga Road - shoulder reconstruction • Rangers Road at Spofforth Street Intersection (design only) • Spofforth Street at Holt Avenue - intersection Redesign (design only) • LATMS's on Military Road, Pedestrian Safety Improvement • Bannerman Street - construct raised threshold in place of speed cushions between Claude Ave & Guthrie Ave • River Road at Christe Street - pedestrian refuge • Ben Boyd Road at Hardie Street - pedestrian crossing upgrade • Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street - pedestrian crossing upgrade • Clark Road at Anderson Park - pedestrian crossing upgrade • Ernest Street walking and cycling upgrades - design • Young Street walking and cycling upgrades - design 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbour Bridge to Cremorne walking and cycling upgrades - design 	
	7	General Business - A Precinct member raised an issue regarding Coral Trees. The trees appear to be suffering from water stress also raised the issue on the planting of deciduous trees in Neutral Bay/Cremorne and raised the question of whether the Council had a tree strategy?	<p>Council's Tree Management Officer has advised that due to plenty of rainfall this season none of the trees should be water-stressed.</p> <p>Council's Tree Policies & Strategies can be found at the website Tree Policies & Strategies.</p> <p>Council is currently removing and replacing the existing trees along the southern side of the western end of Grosvenor Street, between Ben Boyd Road and Young Lane.</p>	Closed for Council
April	5.1	Grosvenor Lane - Unfavourable comments on the aesthetics of the Young Street Plaza were noted from SB and EH and that the section of Grosvenor Lane between Young St and Woolworths are regularly blocked by delivery trucks to Woolworths (EH) and that the general vicinity has become more dangerous for pedestrians.	Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that the current plaza is only temporary. The permanent plaza will address these concerns, the issue of look and feel will be resolved with a more permanent solution. The section of Grosvenor Lane, between Young and Woolworths is not part of works. The traffic issue there will have to be address to the traffic area of Council regarding operational issues. The lane way has not been altered as part of the Young Street works. For further information refer to Council's response to Item 3 from the Precinct'; May 2021 minutes.	Closed for Council
	5.5	No Thoroughfare -The letter previously sent to the council was noted, and the frequency of vehicle/pedestrian "interaction" was discussed and	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the matter of pedestrian safety in Grosvenor Lane was raised at the Traffic Committee meeting on 30	Closed for Council

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		considered to be incompatible with a shared pedestrian/vehicle zone. Several options were discussed with the prevailing view that Grosvenor Lane should be designated "No Thoroughfare".	April 2021 and signage will be reviewed in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Committee: <i>11. THAT "end shared zone" signage in Grosvenor Lane be moved closer to Young Street and add "give way to pedestrian" signage. (7.4)</i> <i>12. THAT Council Staff review the current signage and options for increased safety measures</i>	
	6	Local Traffic Issues - Attendance at the next Precinct meeting by a Council representative has been requested. 2. There does not seem to be a collective mechanism to raise traffic issues and we are all encouraged to register these issues/complaints via the council website/Your Say/Telephone.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Traffic & Transport Operations staff only attend Precinct meetings in relation to current proposals in the Precinct area that is within remit of the department. Due to the limited resourcing and a high volume of requests received, staff is unable to attend Precinct Meetings regarding general or broad traffic management enquiries however are happy to investigate and respond to specific requests or enquiries in writing.	Closed for Council
	9.3	General Business - Comment on the short-term parking of Uber/Deliveroo/Menu Log drivers in and around the Grosvenor restaurants is creating potentially hazardous conditions.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that if vehicles are parking illegally this can be reported to Council Rangers for enforcement at council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au or phone 9936 8100 - please provide details including street and time of day to assist with any investigations.	Closed for Council
March	6	Young Street Plaza and Grosvenor Lane - The Young St Plaza trial is ongoing with Council seeking feedback on its website. Meeting attendees were encouraged to provide their own feedback to Council. The Chair read a message from a precinct member in support of the Plaza. That member could not attend the meeting.	Council's Project Manager has advised that the Precinct Committee's comments will be treated as a submission.	Closed for Council

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		<p>There was considerable concern about the increased traffic in Grosvenor Lane. The Chair pointed out that the Traffic Report presented to the Traffic Committee of had noted a 39% increase in traffic since the Young St closure. The meeting felt that this was an understatement as traffic started to react to the closure and find that the best route was through Grosvenor Lane. The 10km/h speed limit does not seem to be followed and pedestrians are not given right of way.</p> <p>Closure of Young St access to and from Military Rd also increases traffic volumes at intersections at Ben Boyd, Waters and Winnie St. At these three intersections motorists have to share time with pedestrians and it is increasingly difficult to turn onto Military Rd. Moved BB/MJ Parks Precinct considers the closure of Young St has been deleterious to local traffic". Passed unanimously.</p> <p>There was discussion on why so much had been spent on Grosvenor Lane now that it was becoming a major thoroughfare. The meeting felt that if Young St Plaza went ahead then Grosvenor Lane should be "No Thoroughfare". This would support building access and deliveries.</p>		
	8b	<p>Como Lane - A Precinct resident had written to express her concern about the poor visibility from Como Lane when entering Sutherland St. This was a concern both for drivers and pedestrians.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that there is a continuous footpath treatment across Como Lane which gives priority to pedestrians. Council will add "Give Way to Pedestrians" signage to reinforce this requirement.</p>	Closed for Council

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			No Stopping restrictions apply 10m either side of the intersection in accordance with the Australian Road Rules. The 85th percentile speed is 50.6km/h which is typical for a local road. The most recent available TfNSW crash data revealed no crashes at this location which suggests the intersection is operating satisfactorily. No further interventions are warranted at this time.	
	8c	Ben Boyd Rd - Also concerns about cars not coming to a halt at the stop signs at the intersections of Sutherland St and Ben Boyd Rd, travelling both East and West. This was a danger to pedestrians, especially as flower beds seemed to force cars into the intersection before they had vision. This matter to be noted in the minutes and to be reference in the SOA for March.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the landscaped kerb extensions allow for increased visibility for pedestrians to approaching traffic. The Stop signage and line marking is visible to eastbound and westbound traffic. It is not recommended that any further action is warranted at this time, however Council will continue to monitor conditions at the intersection.	Closed for Council
February	4	Western Harbour Tunnel - Parks Precinct requests that Council conduct a traffic survey of local through roads before the Western Harbour Tunnel construction begins. The survey should include Grasmere Rd, Young, Earle, Grafton Streets, Cammeray Rd and Park Avenue." "Surveys should also be undertaken of Lytton and Moodie Streets".	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the traffic impacts of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway were assessed during the EIS. It is not considered that there will be benefit in undertaking traffic counts in local roads at Council's expense prior to construction. Council does not have detailed information regarding the construction traffic management and program at this time, but has provided the Precinct Committee contact details onto the Sydney Program Alliance (SPA) who are undertaking early works for the project and has asked that the SPA contact the Precinct Committee directly regarding their concerns.	Closed for Council

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	6.1	<p>DA 19/2021, 110 - 122 Walker Street - The application is for a 55 storey building which is 24m (8 storeys) higher than the current maximum height allowance. The Incentive offered to the community is a public garden space on Level 52. Motion: "The Precinct submit an objection to the development on the basis that it significantly exceeds guidelines".</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Senior Officer.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	6.2	<p>DA 237/20, 30-34 Grosvenor Street - This application exceeds height guidelines and Local Environmental Plans and the Development Control Plan. Motion "The Precinct submit an objection to the development on the basis that it breaches Council Development Guidelines".</p>	<p>Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that that the North Sydney Local Planning Panel considered the application at its meeting held on 3 March 2021, before Council received the Precinct Committee's formal objection.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the earlier enquiries from the Precinct Committee in relation to the proposal, such as the non-compliances with planning controls - building height, site coverage and landscaped area, were acknowledged in the assessment report to the Panel and were considered as part of the assessment despite the absence of a formal objection.</p> <p>The report can be found on Council's website and the references to the Precinct Committee's enquiry can be found on page 14 of the report. The Panel has resolved to approve the development subject to a number of changes including increased building setback from Young Lane, deletion of roof overhang on the top level, increased landscaping within the building setback from Grosvenor Street, changes to the northern façade and further revision</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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			to the landscape plan in order to provide more landscaping and a better landscaping outcome.	
	7.1	<p>Primrose Park tennis courts and Green Park - The development of the Primrose Park tennis courts will take around 18 months and the operating lease will be transferred to the public courts at Green Park for that period. How will this impact on the current public use?</p>	<p>Council's Property Officer has advised that the public notice regarding the intention to temporarily relocate the Primrose Park Tennis Court Operator to the Green Park Tennis Courts and to Grant an 'Exclusive Lease' Over Crown Land - Green Park. The public notice period runs 15 March to 11 April 2021. During which time submissions may be received.</p> <p>Green Park comprises two tennis courts with public amenities. The courts do not have any lighting for evening use; therefore, it can only operate during daylight hours as a tennis facility. The tennis courts are generally open to the public for use throughout the day. However, to accommodate the needs of the Primrose Park Tennis Court Operator whilst the facility is refurbished, Council is proposing that the usage time of the Green Park tennis courts be shared between the Primrose Park Tennis Court Operator and the general public as advertised in the public notice - available at https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/primrose-park-tennis-courts-refurbishment</p> <p>Refer to the related memorandum sent to all Precinct Committees for more information.</p>	Closed for Council

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	7.3	<p>Future meetings - It was resolved to start the meetings a bit later to provide greater opportunity for participation. These are now scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month to start at 7.30pm to finish by 8.45pm. The next meeting will be on the 24 March 2021.</p>	<p>Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has noted the new meeting schedule, and updated Council's records and the Precinct Committee's webpage accordingly.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>