



**Questions raised by the community
at the Wollstonecraft Ward Community Forum
held on Tuesday 29 June 2010**

Questions Raised	Council's Reply
1. How much will the upgrades to Ernest Place and Burlington Street cost?	The cost will potentially be several million to be funded by the Crows Nest Mainstreet Levy over a number of years. The total funding will be determined after community consultation starting in 2010/11.
2. Will the upgrade cause a loss of on-street parking?	At this stage the upgrade is only at the proposal stage and there will be further community consultation before final designs are adopted. However, the current proposal only causes a loss of five car spots and there is the potential to increase parking in the Alexander Street car park to compensate.
3. Sydney Buses reply on kerbs to make alighting from buses level for passengers. Has this been considered in the proposal to eliminate kerbs from Burlington Street?	Yes, this has been considered in the proposal and small platforms would be provided rather than a continuous kerb. Refer to slide no. 24 for diagram showing kerb elevation for bus stops - http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/5872-community-forums.asp
4. If it is to be a transport hub, how can this proposed upgrade be both pedestrian and transport friendly?	The aim of the upgrade is to provide a shared zone, slowing traffic down significantly. Removing kerbs provides more physical space for pedestrians. It is intended to reduce the speed limit to 10km per hour
5. Have other studies been undertaken to consider moving traffic from Burlington Street to other streets? And how would such options impact on other streets?	Yes, other options have been explored. However, the proposed option is for Burlington Street to remain a throughway for traffic so the impacts on other streets should not be too significant - this concept is at proposal stage only, subject to further consultation and analysis.
6. Has any thought been given to closing access to Willoughby Rd between Falcon and Burlington Streets so it is a pedestrian friendly zone?	No, not at this stage. The suggestion could potentially be considered, however it would incur a loss of parking spaces.
7. Lighting in the square around Crows Nest Centre and Ernest Place is required This area is very dark at night. Has increased lighting been proposed?	Yes, inadequate lighting is one of the identified weaknesses of this area. The proposed upgrade includes improved lighting. And Council is currently undertaking under awning lighting upgrades in retail areas across the local government area.
8. How will the upgrade affect the current gridlock that occurs at peak times at the roundabout on Alexander and Burlington Streets?	To some extent the gridlock being experienced is caused by the current egress to the Alexander Street car park. This may be addressed as part of the potential Alexander Street car park redevelopment project.

<p>9. What is planned for Stage 3 of the Coal Loader site?</p>	<p>Stage 3 is still in the design stage and community consultation will be required. Council needs to finalise these concepts, determine approximate costs and source external funding prior to consultation. However, the idea thus far is to transfer the concrete platform into a large, multi-purpose community space that could possibly include a state of the art green roof system - providing more open space including a community garden and lawn area for events etc.</p>
<p>10. Is Council planning to remove the wharf at the Coal Loader site? The wharf needs to be replaced not just repaired.</p>	<p>No. Council does not own the wharf. NSW Maritime has indicated they want the wharf to stay and be refurbished for commercial use. There are no plans at present, however in the short-term it is likely that nothing will happen.</p>
<p>11. What is proposed for the tunnels within the Coal Loader site?</p>	<p>The majority of tunnels are currently not in a condition suitable for general public access. However one tunnel has been restored and will be open to the public in August, providing access through to Balls Head Reserve.</p> <p>The other tunnels will be gated for authorised access only. The plans for the site propose the following uses for these tunnels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunnel closest to the water: Interpretation of former industrial operations/infrastructure. • Third tunnel from the water: Storage of water collected from the platform 'green-roof'. • Fourth tunnel from the water: Retention of existing bat roosting habitat.
<p>12. Is there a car park included as part of the Coal Loader site?</p>	<p>Yes. There is a small car park on the Caltex side of the site. Two of these spaces are for disabled parking. Public parking is available on adjacent public roads. The number of onsite spaces was determined following extensive community feedback rejecting alienation of the parkland for car-parking. As with all of Council's open space areas the strategy for the site and the peninsula as a whole is to encourage the use of public transport.</p>
<p>13. Is there a proposal to improve parking facilities on Waterhen Drive?</p>	<p>This is for a later stage, in the future.</p>
<p>14. What is happening at the Berrys Bay maritime precinct?</p>	<p>This area has not been handed over to Council for care, control and management by the State Government as has the Coal Loader site. Council is not responsible for this ex-industrial waterfront land. Council and Waverton Precinct Committee agree this site should be kept a working waterfront (similar to Stannards on the other side of the bay). A Masterplan was developed in consultation with the community and was adopted by the State Government.</p> <p>The State Government recently put out a tender and has announced a preferred tenderer. The proposed development bears no resemblance to the Masterplan and will still have to go through the DA process. However,</p>

	<p>Council is not the development consent authority; it is the State Government. The proposal is for a \$40M development, approximately 3-5 stories high with space for 140 cars and 150 boats - contrary to what the Council and Precinct have been working towards.</p> <p>Posters will be displayed across the local government area in coming weeks campaigning against the proposal. Waverton Precinct urges the community to keep up the political pressure.</p> <p>Similarly the Barangaroo Action Group is campaigning against development of the Barangaroo site. For more information visit www.barangarooaction.com.au</p>
<p>15. The existing wharf at Berrys Bay is in a state of disrepair and is dangerous. What is happening with this wharf? The area is not fenced off to the public.</p>	<p>The wharf should be fenced off from public access - Council will investigate to confirm this. The site is controlled by the State Government through NSW Maritime. The wharf would be demolished under the State Government's plan for the site.</p>
<p>16. What is the schedule for community consultation regarding the Burlington Street and Ernest Street upgrade?</p>	<p>Council will meet with the Crows Nest Mainstreet Committee again in 4-6 weeks time to finalise the consultation schedule. Council has asked the proponents to prepare a proposal for Council to consider, including staging and budget. Once adopted this will go on public exhibition (for a minimum 28 day period) during which time comments or suggestions are welcome. Notices will be displayed in the local area, including shop windows and the Crows Nest Centre. If the plans are not ready for public exhibition well before Christmas 2010 then they will go on display early 2011.</p> <p>Council has allocated \$400,000 per area. If the Alexander Street car park redevelopment goes ahead in the near future all funds will be transferred to Ernest Place works, so works on Burlington Street can start once the car park redevelopment has finished.</p>
<p>17. What is the status of the Alexander Street car park redevelopment?</p>	<p>The proposal is for 2 levels of shops and 4 levels of car parking, with the car park and adjacent supermarket to be demolished; except for the café on the corner which is under separate ownership. The Crows Nest Woolworths store will more than double in size. A review of financial arrangements is currently being undertaken by an externally appointed agency. The Development Application (DA) has not been lodged. The DA will be placed on public exhibition allowing community feedback. Previous consultations have been held.</p>
<p>18. What is the status of the Crows Nest Plaza redevelopment at the corner Willoughby Road and Atchison Street?</p>	<p>Development consent has been granted. It is now up to the owners/developers to advise when they will proceed. They have 3 years from being granted approval to start. Approval includes a roundabout at the intersection of</p>

	Willoughby Road and Atchison Street and the closure of Atchison Street to the east of Zig Zag Lane.
19. What's happening with Garfish's proposal to close the bottom of Willoughby Road? How does what other proposals in the area impact on these decisions?	There will be no change in vehicle volume just a redirecting of the traffic due to partial road closure from 11am to midnight. The restaurant may choose to have the road closed for the dinner period only and not at lunchtime for example. Impact of closing Willoughby Lane will be localized and impact on local streets and residents.
20. What happens with resident traffic surveys?	<p>All surveys sent to residents by Council are voluntary. Council collates surveys received and presents them at the next scheduled Traffic Committee meeting.</p> <p>All members of the public are welcome to attend Traffic Committee meetings. Registrations to speak must be made ten minutes prior to the meeting, at 9:50am, outside the door to the Supper Room. Should anyone wish to speak all discussion is limited to 3 minutes per item. These items will then be brought forward, in agenda order, and dealt with before items in which there is no interest from the public gallery. Recommendations of the Traffic Committee are normally presented to the next available Council meeting. Please note that all recommendations made by the Traffic Committee have to be formally adopted by a full meeting of Council prior to implementation.</p> <p>For Traffic Committee agendas refer to Council's website http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/4048-committees--reference-groups.asp</p>
21. The new garbage bins present problems for King Street, Waverton. This street has a number of small cottages on a steep slope and the footpath is elevated. Residents will have trouble with the new wheelie bins. Is there the possibility of having smaller recycling bins? The new bins may be left out on the footpath if people cannot easily bring them back inside.	Council is making special provisions for some households with poor/limited access. Those that have real trouble with the new recycling bins may continue using the old crates until an alternative arrangement can be found. One of the reasons for the change was due a change in OH&S policies that no longer allow garbage collectors to run along streets and empty bins by hand. Council encourages people to try the new system first before requesting a return to the old crates. For more information contact Council's Waste Information Service on 9936 8100.
22. Are there any changes to the general waste collection?	Existing 60-litre garbage carry bins will be replaced by red-lidded 60-litre garbage carry bins. Only the new recycling practices require new recycling bins. For more information ph 9936 8100 or visit Council's website http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6698-changes-from-1-july.asp?intSiteID=1
23. What happens if the red bin lid gets lost?	Contact Council and we will replace any lost bin lids.
24. How do I get rid of my old bins?	Residents may keep their old bins or put them out with the rubbish on their normal collection day on the week commencing the 5th July and they will be collected and recycled into new Sulo bins.
25. If you have previously paid for a 'special'	Yes. If you have paid for and are using a larger bin it won't

larger bin can you keep using this?	be replaced.
26. Does Council plan to remove the deadwood and other debris from the bush land that joins onto Milray Avenue?	Council prefers not to clear away deadwood as it provides a habitat for creatures and wildlife. However, Council will undertake an assessment of the area with the rural Fire Service to see if it constitutes a fire hazard.
27. When will the lettering be finally attached to the brick wall as part of Stage 1 of the Wollstonecraft Station Beautification?	The lettering has been installed by the contractor for the second time; however, Council is still unhappy with the workmanship and will need to re-fix the lettering for a third time.
28. How will the remaining funds for the Wollstonecraft Station Beautification, understood to be about \$40,000, be spent?	The unspent funds have been requested to be carried over to the 2010/11 financial year. It is hoped they can be used as a contribution to Stage 2 works if additional funds can be externally sourced.
29. When will Stage 2 of the Station Beautification be started?	The works will commence when funding is available. Funding is not currently available in the 2010/11 financial year.
30. Has Council received from RailCorp the formal contract needed to perform such improvements?	Council has received formal approval from Railcorp; however the actual beautification licence for the Stage 2 area has not been developed at this time.
31. Verge mowing was ceased in 2009/10 due to budget cuts. This has had a detrimental effect on the appearance of our streets. Will verge mowing be reinstated in 2010/11?	Verge mowing will resume in 2010/10 and a contractor has been appointed. The work will commence from 1 July 2010. For more information refer to the following report: http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/OSES0222.pdf
32. The street cleaning truck cleans Boronia Street every week, however because of the large number of cars parked on the street the truck cannot clean properly. It seems that using the truck is a waste of time and resources unless it can clean the street properly. What is the point?	This street is cleaned by the street sweeping machine on a six week schedule. Due to the size of the street sweeping machine and where cars park on the road, there are occasions when it's difficult to use the machine effectively to clean the road. This is complemented by periodic cleaning by staff on foot.
33. What is the procedure to book a household cleanup? Sometimes residents leave household waste on the nature strip for more than 10 days.	Household waste removal can be booked via Council's website: http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6698-changes-from-1-july.asp Any waste left on the street for more than 10 days should be reported to Council's Customer Service on 9936 8100.
34. Where do I find out when and where my local Precinct Committee meets?	For up-to-date information about Precinct Committee meeting times, venues and office bearer contact details visit: http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/precincts Alternatively contact Council's Community Engagement Officer on 9936 8100; or email precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au