

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2022 Stanton 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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December	2.a	DA367/22, 173 Walker St (CBUS) - Planning Alert. Precinct heard that demolition ahead of an approved DA is proposed. A motion was unanimously carried that this should not be approved until/unless the construction DA is approved.	Comments noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner. The Precinct Committee is advised to make an online submission via Council website.	Closed for Council
	2.b	DA335/22, 95A Ridge St - The proposed installation of air conditioning x10 was noted. Precinct flagged the importance of noise compliance and minimisation of noise, particularly at night and expressed concern that the current 10 units seem likely to increase due to the size of the building.	Council's Graduate Assessment Officer has advised that there will be the standard condition in the consent regarding noise level of each air conditioning unit. As the complex is not in close proximity to other developments, it is unlikely to affect adjoining dwellings. Furthermore, the development is adjacent to the freeway which is likely to have more sound even at night.	Closed for Council
	3.b	PP6/20, 45 McLaren St - Precinct discussed the planning proposal that is supported by Council, inclusive of the	Comments noted by Council's Executive Strategic Planner comments will added to the post exhibition report.	Closed for Council

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		voluntary planning agreement. Precinct heard views in support of the development and others who consider the increased developments, and the modest financial contribution was inappropriate. No vote was taken, with individual residents encouraged to make submissions.		
	3.OB	eBikes and eScooters - Precinct expressed concern about the illegal use of bikes, e-bikes and e-scooter on footpaths and travelling at excessive speed and requested Council take appropriate enforcement action.	Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has advised Councils don't have the authority to enforce these breaches, and that the use of eBikes on footpaths and any use of e-scooters and e-bikes is a matter for the Police .	Closed for Council
	7	Garbage Collection tracks - Precinct heard that garbage trucks operating as early as 5am in Harnett St was causing issues and request Council advise of the applicable operating rules to avoid this disruption to quiet residential amenity	Council Waste Management Officer - Waste Management Co-ordinator instructed URM on Tuesday 22 November to start providing waste and recycling collections at the original time of 6am in residential areas and 5.30am on main arterial roads, effective Monday 28 November 2022. Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that collections at 5.30am in residential streets are only allowed where it is demonstrated that there are WHS safety concerns.	Closed for Council
November	1	Financial Report - Precinct supported the recommendation to shift from Ubank to CBA, and to update the signatories.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement request for Precinct Committee's new bank account details	Open/Ongoing
	3.a	West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades - Mixed opinions, no consensus. Some thought would encourage more cycle use. Others commented that Ridge Street cycle path is seldom used, NSC has limited funds and money could be better spent on more	Comments noted by Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator. Due to the mixed sentiment, it would be counted as a neutral response in the outcomes report. The Precinct Committee is advised to place a formal submission if prefer another outcome	Closed for Council

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		essential community needs in these tough economic times.	Funding for the project is coming from a TfNSW grant program. If this project does not move forward, these funds would be returned to the State Government and allocated to another walking or cycling project, most likely in another LGA.	
		DA 197/22 , The Stanton Precinct continues to have significant concerns about the appropriateness of the CBUS proposal for East Walker Street due to the unsuitability of the site and the adverse impact it will have on the amenity of the surrounding residents during and after the construction phase. The Precinct also objects to the decision by CBUS not to follow the NSC processes and move straight to the Land and Environment Court.	Comments and concerns noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner. A site inspection will be held on 12 December at 9.30am, followed by an online conference between Council and the applicant. Council's solicitors have written to people who objected to the application inviting them to speak at the site inspection. The Land and Environment Court limits the number of speakers to six. The solicitors are presently assisting community members representatives with preparing to speak.	Closed for Council
		Traffic incident - 25 to 30 private buses queued up in West Street, turning into Ridge Street on a Tuesday or Wednesday in October, at around 12 to 1 pm. (Resident was unable to provide specific details unfortunately). Is NSC aware of these large uses of buses? Is this going to be a normal occurrence on our already congested streets?	Item allocated to Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport.	Awaiting Response
September	3.b.1	45 McLaren Street - The meeting heard of a proposed voluntary planning agreement amendment, from \$5.8m to \$1.6m, due to reductions in parking. Precinct expressed concern with the significant reduction in	Council's Executive Strategic Planner has advised that the comments have been made in response to the report considered by Council on 22 August 2022 to vary the VPA amount. An opportunity will be provided to comment on the Planning Proposal and draft VPA once it is placed on	Closed for Council

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		Public Benefit contribution and requested Council work to minimise the reduction in this important offset.	public exhibition. It is noted that the Precinct Committee reconsidered this matter at its December meeting, whereby the Precinct did not vote on the matter and encouraged residents to make their own submissions.	
August	3b	Online Precinct Meetings - The meeting heard Council would organise online arrangements, so that Virtual Meetings could become possible as an option for the future.	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised via memorandum sent to all Precincts on 22 July 2022, that the formal introduction of remote/online Precinct Committees was proposed under the Precinct System Review (Recommendation 7) as a response to the impacts of the pandemic on in-person meetings, and to encourage increased participation in meetings - by permitting individual Committees to use remote meetings (Zoom or equivalent) complemented by a minimum of in-person meetings, either 4 (quarterly) or 2 (biannual) - frequency TBD, with a subscription for each Precinct Committee supplied by Council.</p> <p>Consultation with active Precinct Committees will occur regarding the following, with view to the new arrangements coming into effect from January 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preferred licence format • frequency of use, and • promotional requirements <p>Between now and then, Precinct Committees with their own licences can continue to use such and Council can temporarily assist those without individual licences, upon request.</p> <p>A further memorandum titled <i>Precinct System Review - next steps</i>, sent on 18 August 2022, called for nominations</p>	Closed for Council

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			for Working Groups focusing on topics of the Precinct System Review as well as a Working Group for remote meetings. An online survey seeking initial feedback from Precinct Committees on remote meetings closed Sunday 4 September 2022.	
July	CM	Rodents - these remain a significant problem, with Council requested to work with businesses to address this problem.	Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that, Council's rat baiting program in the commercial/business precincts has recommenced for the 2022/23 financial year. Bait stations located on Council-managed land are in the process of being refreshed and replenished. Owner/occupiers and commercial tenants also have an obligation to manage rodents on their land/premises and Council's Environmental Health & Compliance Department works with these groups to assist and address problem locations as identified or reported.	Closed for Council
	OB	Scooter trial - The stance taken by Council regarding the NSW e-scooter trial in this LGA was requested.	<p>Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator has advised that Council will participate in the NSW Government's e-scooter trial. More information will be provided to all Precinct Committees in the near future.</p> <p>UPDATE (5 August 2022) At its meeting of 28 March 2022, Council resolved to participate in the E-Scooter Trial and lodged a request to the NSW Government on 5 May 2022. A formal submission to the trial is due by 30 September 2022.</p> <p>UPDATE (6 December 2022)</p>	Open/Ongoing

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			Council made a submission to take part in the E-Scooter trial and have since followed up with the application. TfNSW has not provided any further information regarding the status of the application.	
May	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
April	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
March		<p>Council meetings - an upgrade to AV facilities is being considered, so that video-conference attendance can occur as a matter of routine. Precinct considered this to be a retrograde step for appropriate local government representation, and not aligned with state and federal government. Precinct requested the attendance method (i.e. in person vs via video-conference) be reflected in the Council minutes.</p>	<p>Council's Executive Manager Governance has advised that the ability of Councillors to attend via AV is currently determined by the State Government who have allowed this provision to 30 June 2022. From 30 June 2022, Council will have needed to resolve to permit attendance remotely as part of the review of the <i>Code of Meeting Practice</i>. This will include a period of public exhibition. Whether Councillors attend in person or remotely has been and will continue to be recorded in the Minutes.</p> <p>UPDATE (2 May 2022) Council's Community Engagement Coordinator advises that at its meeting of 26 April 2022, Council endorsed the public exhibition of the Draft Code of Meeting Practice. Feedback closes 8 June 2022.</p> <p>UPDATE (26 August 2022) The outcomes of the public exhibition were reported to Council on 27 June 2022 whereby Council endorsed the exhibited changes.</p>	Closed for Council

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	OB	Local Planning Panel, re 45 McLaren Street - Precinct noted its disappointment that it had not been advised of the meeting, hence had been unable to contribute to the process.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the process will continue to public exhibition if the NSW Department of Planning & Environment endorses the Planning Proposal and issues a "Gateway Determination", following which time the engagement will be promoted by Council.	Closed for Council
		Council's Facebook page - Precinct expressed concern that the North Sydney Council Facebook page had been used to support a political appointment in another Local Government Area, and this was inappropriate.	Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information including post examples and dates, so this can be investigated. UPDATE (5 May 2022) The Precinct Committee has advised that the post was amended after the Election, and now has been deleted, and cannot provide a proof.	Closed for Council
February	OB	Blues Point Reserve - is continuing to be abused and damaged by users, with litter and vandalism.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has noted the Precinct Committee's comments and advises that litter collection is undertaken weekly by the Parks Team as well as any vandalism reported accordingly.	Closed for Council
	OB	DAs to be advertised in the Mosman Daily - a request was made for Council to recommence advertisements in the Mosman Daily, so that local residents could be better informed of developments.	Council's Manager Development Services has advised that Precinct Committee's comments are noted, however advertising in the local papers ceased in early 2020. In April 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000</i>, was amended regarding the notification requirements for planning and development matters, removing the need for 	Closed for Council

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			<p>councils to publish notices in a local newspaper and instead can publish these notifications on their website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2005</i> was amended to remove remaining requirements for notices to be published in newspapers. Councils are now instead required to publish notices on their websites and in such other manner that they consider necessary to bring it to the notice of the local community or other interested persons. <p>DA's are currently notified by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • direct mail to owners/occupiers • A3 yellow corflute sign on the front of the property • <u>Council's website</u> • Precinct Committees - receive notifications weekly to share with its membership and by subscription to DA eNews - anyone can be notified of any DA received anywhere in the LGA. Subscribe at: https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/E-news <p>The whole application can be discovered via Council's DA Tracking site, accessible via Council's website, where interested parties can subscribe for updates as to the progress of the application. There is also an independent website <u>Planning Alerts</u> that advise of the lodgement of a DA anywhere within NSW.</p>	

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			<p>Council periodically reviews its <i>Community Engagement Protocol</i>, which includes a section on Statutory Planning Engagement Requirements (Section 3). The objectives of this section are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) encourage wider public understanding of the development application process; b) enable community engagement in the consideration of development applications; c) provide a reasonable time for the community to view applications and make comments, which does not interfere with the Council's obligation to determine applications within the required timeframe; d) provide a process for the community to make submissions; e) ensure property owners and occupants who may be affected by a development application even though they do not own adjoining land are notified; f) detail the process to be carried out in advertising and notification; and g) define the circumstances when advertising and notification are not required. 	
	OB	<p>Precinct Meetings - it was proposed that better promotion of the Precinct meetings should be undertaken, as people were likely unaware of the meetings and hence attendances are low</p>	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that increased promotion of the Precinct System is a recommendation of the pending Precinct System Review. Consideration of the Review recommendations was deferred by the previous term of Council, for consideration by the new term. The next stage of the Review is expected to resume in mid-2022. Further information will be provided to all Precinct Committees.</p>	Closed for Council

