

BRIGHTMORE PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2021

COMMENCING at 7.00 PM

ATTENDANCE: 17 people attended the meeting

APOLOGIES: CW, PE, JG, LS

Meeting coincides with State of Origin – Game 1

CH opened the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 12 May 2021 meeting could not be adopted at the time of the meeting, as NSC had not published them on the website.

YOUNG STREET WALKING, CYCLING AND STREETScape

Discussion of the further upgrade - Council consultation

CH & LS outlined the main features of the proposed walking and cycling connection on Young Street, between Sutherland Street and Grosvenor Street.

Key project features:

1. installation of signalised pedestrian crossings over Young Street at the intersection with Belgrave Street
2. addition of right turn lanes on Young Street at the intersection with Belgrave Street to reduce congestion at the intersection during peak periods
3. continuation of the existing fully-separated Young Street cycle path from Sutherland Street to Grosvenor Street
4. reduced lane widths on Young Street due to the fully-separated cycle path
5. the removal of seven (7) parking spots on Young Street - three (3) north and four (4) south of Belgrave Street - to facilitate traffic signal update
6. increased areas of peak hour 'no-stopping' zones on Belgrave Street, so that clearways operate in both directions in both the am and pm peak period.
7. new raised pedestrian crossing over Sutherland Street to the immediate west of the intersection with Young Street

Comments by Attendees

- Pedestrians and parents pushing strollers and prams are now using the cycleway as the footpaths are so bad
- The project has little benefit for pedestrians
- Where do the cyclists go after they reach Grosvenor Street? The path stops in the middle of Neutral Bay Village.
- Fewer parking spaces

- With the narrowing of the road, as in Sutherland Street, vehicles drive down the middle of the road to avoid both parked cars overhanging into the traffic lane, and people entering/exiting parked cars. This makes the road less safe.
- Young Street is a much busier road than Sutherland Street
- Has a survey been done on the number of cyclists using the current Sutherland St/Young St cycle path?
- As noted in previous Brightmore Minutes, there has been a proliferation of bikes, especially (silent) electric food delivery bikes, using the footpaths rather than the roads or cycleway. How can NSC enforce compliance? This is an accident waiting to happen.

YOUNG STREET AND GRASMERE ROAD, INTERSECTION PRIORITY CHANGE

Council is proposing to implement a change of priority at the intersection between Young Street and Grasmere Road. The existing stop signs will be moved from Young Street to Grasmere Road. Two existing speed cushions on Grasmere Road will also be removed. This arrangement will be the opposite of the existing situation.

After the construction of the Young Street separated cycle path, the geometry and space constraints at the intersection do not allow the re-instatement of a roundabout which meets current design and safety standards.

Comments by Attendees

- This could all have been avoided if NSC had listened to residents in the first place.
- More unnecessary cost to ratepayers.

“SAVE BERRY ST.”

Presentation by The Committee for North Sydney. Discussion of the current proposals which will feed traffic into the Western Harbour Tunnel, Beaches Link Tunnel and Warringah Freeway

IG, who was due to do the presentation, was held up at another meeting, so CH ran through the slide presentation

Berry Street will be the on-ramp for the Warringah Freeway, Western Harbour Tunnel, Beaches Link and Sydney Harbour Bridge. This will destroy the North Sydney CBD, making the road a busy thoroughfare.

Submissions for the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link close 18 June.

CH to send out slide presentation to mailing list.

DISCUSSION OF DA 111/21 - 233-237 MILITARY ROAD, CREMORNE

Micro apartments/boarding house development old “Seconds World” building opposite McDonalds.

Development Application - Demolition of existing building and construction of a boarding house comprising”

- 34 single boarding rooms
- 1 manager’s room
- 2 common rooms
- 4 laundry rooms
- 7 car spaces(including a disabled parking space)
- 1 Go-Get car share space
- 8 motorbike spaces
- 8 bicycle racks

Live-in manager on-site till 6.pm.

Comments by Attendees

- The boarding house diagonally opposite at 288 Military Rd is largely unoccupied

- Good to have provision for affordable housing

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

U 3 8-10 Parraween Street, Cremorne - Expiry Date 4/06/21

Alterations and additions to apartment, Robert Graeme McKay & Linda Louise Curnow, DA 125/21

123 Young Street, Cremorne - Expiry Date 18/06/21

Alterations and additions to dwelling including rear deck and basement, Your Beautiful Home Pty Ltd, DA 150/21

Brightmore will host Cr. Keen at the next meeting

NEXT MEETING:

To be held on 14 July 2021

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