



**MINUTES – Wednesday 11 November 2020  
6:30pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION**

**Present:** GM (chair), MC, JC, JC, GL, CT, SL, AP, DE

**Apologies:** DH, BH

The AGM was due to be held today, but was postponed by Council due to COVID-19 issues. Consequently, no guest speaker was arranged.

## **1 Minutes of meeting 14 October 2020**

Minutes were circulated to Edward precinct email members and NSC on 16 October.

## **2 Development Applications**

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined with closed or closing date:

### **Approved or rejected DAs**

- [DA 130/20](#) 46 Edward Street. Approved 20 October  
Precinct is disappointed that the views of neighbours in Edward St and Priory were not reflected in the approval. The precinct questions why Council did not require compliance with the requirement for side and rear setbacks. The shading plan is considered inadequate.
- [DA 378/17/5](#) 160 Pacific Hwy Modification to design of the roof level. Rejected  
An adjoining neighbour was not notified about the modification

### **Closed DAs**

- [DA 222/20](#) 53 Edward St New metal pergola. Closed 16 October

### **Open DAs**

- DA 225/19 27 Edward St New first floor. Submitted to Land & Environment Court
- DA 276/20 225 Pacific Highway Alterations to the facade of a residential flat building

## **3 General Business**

### **3.1 Combined Precinct Committee meeting 20 October**

Topics discussed included:

1. NSC's review of the guidelines and operation of Precincts in NS Council region. Precincts have been in operation for almost 50 years and the review sought to revise and recommend changes in keeping with the best fit for purpose;
2. Kirribilli Neighbourhood landscaping draft master plans;
3. Lavender Green development application withdrawn;
4. Western Harbour Tunnel matters of significant concern relating to loss of public recreational space, pollution, North Sydney CBD impacts, and traffic routes;
5. St Leonards area high rise development impacts and the loss of open space;

## 6. Cycleway proposals and the impacts on pedestrians and parking.

CPC meeting minutes are available at

[https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council\\_Meetings/Community\\_Engagement/Precincts/Combined\\_Precincts\\_Committee](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Community_Engagement/Precincts/Combined_Precincts_Committee) through October and November meeting minutes have not yet been uploaded.

Next CPC meeting will be on 24 November.

### 3.2 Western Harbour Tunnel Beaches Link - current status

No information is available on when the Beaches Link Environmental Impact Statement will be released but is meant to be the end of the year. Edward precinct remains opposed to the construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel which will have severe negative impacts on North Sydney CBD and the precinct.

### 3.3 Cycle pop-up route from Arthur St to West St along Pacific Highway

Transport for NSW recently released a note on the proposed pop-up cycleway along the Pacific Highway.



At present it is unclear how parking (the Ps) would interact with the cycleway. Precinct considers that DMR could consider removing parking on the highway on a trial basis. The highway is effectively a clearway for much of the day.

The concept of shared footpaths between cyclists and pedestrians in North Sydney will be discussed at our December meeting.

### 3.4 William St issues relating to avoidance of social housing contributions

Both Shore School and the developer of the Blue/William St sites are seeking to avoid their social housing contributions reportedly amounting to \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively.

It is noted that the proposed development on Blue and William Streets is demolishing 5 residential flat buildings and constructing a 10-storey commercial building. Given the heritage value of the buildings and the high demand for housing in North Sydney, precinct views the approval of this development as strongly negative. Precinct previously objected to this development in our 8 July 2020 meeting.

**Motion** Edward Precinct considers that social housing is important in North Sydney and requests that building developers are required to meet their social housing contributions. Any appeal against the contributions should be defended by NSC. Passed unanimously.

### 3.5 Issue of alcohol licences in North Sydney

Noakes Group has been granted a licence for 223 customer capacity vessel to moor at its site on Berrys Bay, at the bottom of John St. Although not within our precinct area, Edward Precinct would object to the vessel being used for its intended purpose when moored in Berrys Bay. This would cause traffic, parking and noise problems for local residents. We would have no objection to it being used elsewhere in the harbour with customer pick-up and drop-off at a commercial jetty. Further information has been sought under a GIPA application. Due to an administration error, NSC did not provide the usual information to relevant precincts. Information is currently being sought on the permitted alcohol service, pick-up and drop-off locations.

### 3.6 NSC meetings

Precinct is concerned that NSC does not always adequately reflect the needs and wishes of North Sydney residents. Council meetings will be monitored over the period until the next council election and any issues deemed significant discussed at precinct meetings.

### 3.7 Draft Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State significant projects

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment released the draft SIAG on 30 October and is seeking comments by 27 November. Precinct members with an interest in planning are recommended to review the guideline.

<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/Social-Impact-Assessment>

It is clear that WHT & BL are state significant projects and should therefore be subjected to social impact assessment. In the WHT documents released to date, there is no specific analysis of social impact, though some aspects are included in the EIS. For example, Chapter 9 Operational traffic and transport (e.g., page 9-24 showing delays in North Sydney).

**Motion:** Edward Precinct requests NSC to require the Department of Transport to commission SIAs for both WHT and BL prior to giving approval to proceed with either project. Passed unanimously.

This recommendation will be forwarded to CPC for discussion at its meeting on 24 November.

### 3.8 Edward x Mount St Junction

Problems are reported at this junction, with cars doing U-turns, and causing danger to other cars and pedestrians. Excess speed is also reported in Edward St heading north. Meeting suggested that there is a need for line markings, traffic control signs, speed limits or a small roundabout to limit danger at this junction.

Meeting requests NSC traffic planners to investigate the problem and develop solutions in consultation with local residents.

It is further noted that the shared area access from north Edward St to the south is too high and steep, causing problems for some cars (which can bottom) and bicycles. This was pointed out to NSC at the time of construction and further review of the shared area is suggested.

### 3.9 9 December precinct meeting

Committee decided to hold a December meeting this year, in part because there are often many DA submissions at this time.

One of NSC's traffic planners will be invited to discuss traffic issues and proposed developments. Bicycle NSW will be invited to one of our meetings in early 2021.

The Precinct monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, contact the Edward precinct committee at <edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au>.

**Next Edward Precinct meeting:** Wednesday 9 December 2020