

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2020 - Holtermann 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	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
November	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
October	3	St Thomas Rest Park bike paths - That the Traffic Manager be requested to suggest possible strategies to reduce the risk to pedestrians on the paths in St Thomas Rest Park from delivery bikes. Please note that to avoid conflict with pedestrians, some bike riders simply cut across the grassed area.	Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-Ordinator has advised that the implementation of engineering measures to prevent cycling through the park is not considered appropriate as it would also likely impact on access for people walking through the park, particularly those with prams, mobility aids etc. The State Government recently announced a Taskforce to consider matters regarding food delivery riders. It is considered likely that increased training requirements for delivery riders will result from this process. Council is monitoring the progress of this State Government review and will seek to incorporate recommendations made into our cycle network planning and management.	Closed for Council

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September	9	Sign on Devonshire Street - The sign facing traffic eastbound on Devonshire Street near the Devonshire Street entrance to St Thomas Rest Park, where Devonshire Street takes a 90 degree turn southbound towards Huntington Street - a 2-directional arrow with a bike logo - could the Traffic Engineer please clarify the meaning and purpose of the sign. (Might bike riders interpret the sign as giving them a choice of using the carriageway or using the pedestrian path through to West Street)	Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator has advised that the sign is advisory to motorists. It is intended to raise awareness that the road is part of a cycling route. Cycle route way finding signage is blue and white.	Closed for Council
August	3	SIC money - Regarding spending SIC money for increased open space, the Precinct requests that, as a matter of fairness, Crows Nest/St Leonards receives special consideration in view of the well-documented shortfall of public open space, particularly green space, in our area, combined with significant increased density pressure (both dwellings and jobs) under the Planned Precinct intervention.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning advises that the SIC funding will be available as development funds within the precinct, it has not been strictly defined in terms of expenditure. This will be a long-term and ongoing matter and will be informed by continued discussion between the three councils and NSW Government Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE).	Closed for Council
	6	St Thomas Rest Park - Reported several matters arising in the park, including broken glass on the notice board, leaking tap next to the Sexton's Cottage, the recurrent problem of puddles after rain along the south side footpath near the Devonshire St entrance, and plantings. Action: LT is authorised to raise these issues with the Director OSES.	<p>Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services advises that Council Officers have been allocated to these jobs.</p> <p>Council's Parks and Gardens Supervisor advises that actions taken in St Thomas Park Rest, as part of in-house maintenance and community feedback are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass renovation through the middle section (being the most compacted and worn area within the park). • Water tap outside Sexton's cottage, changed to a security tap temporary while works on the grass 	Closed for Council

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			<p>are carried out. It will be changed once the grass is established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes for repairs of the Western footpath are being collected. • General planting through the park is undertaken with consultation of the team and tough trees have been installed. 	
	2SCM	<p>PP3/2020 at 20-22 Atchison Street, St Leonards. - The planning context was considered. The site is opposite the IBM building now owned by Stockland whose PP for a 60 storey building was not supported by either North Sydney Council or by the Panel. Precinct concerns included proposed height, footprint and conversion of a commercial core site to mainly residential use. The subject site is at the highest point on Atchison Street. We noted the Strategic Planner's concerns regarding height (proposed 47 storeys) and pending finalisation of the St Leonards Crows Nest Draft 2036 Plan. We supported the proposed public domain works on Mitchell St, Atchison Lane and Atchison St (extension Of the Mitchell St Plaza concept). The Architect's proposal to underground the Holtermann St Car Park to create public green space (a proposed \$20 million public benefit under a VPA) was strongly supported. We did not support a community garden in the proposed park, noting that the community gardens nearby, at the rear of the Baptist Church and the herb gardens on Ernest St, opposite Milky Lane were neglected once the key supporters of the projects either lost interest or suffered ill health. Nor did we support a childcare centre on the site. Noting that water and solar</p>	<p>Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the Planning Proposal for 20-22 Atchison Street has been identified with a 35-storey height limit. Discussions are ongoing with the applicant, and that, 49 storeys will not be entertained on this site given the release of the <i>2036 Plan</i>. The new park to be created at Holtermann Street carpark, will be the subject of detailed consultation in the coming months.</p>	Closed for Council

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		access would be available we supported grass and shade trees.		
	3SCM	<p>PP4/2020 at the Five Ways Triangle - We strongly objected to the proposed height (36 storeys) the degree of onsite parking (400 vehicles with access and egress from Alexander Street, between the Highway and Falcon Street), visual obtrusiveness in the context of much lower heritage listed items nearby and the cluttered built form. We are also very concerned at the proposal to close Falcon St between the Highway and Alexander St in future which would have a grave impact on essential bus services such as the 257 from Chatswood to Balmoral and the 143/144 from Manly to Chatswood. The 144 which is omitted from the list of bus services is critically important, carrying patients, staff and visitors to the door of Royal North Shore Hospital. These services and the many school buses along Falcon St/Military Rd cannot be diverted via Albany and Alexander Street to turn eastbound into Falcon because the turning circle is too tight. We did not discuss the issue of public benefit via a VPA.</p>	Comments noted by Council's Executive Strategic Planning.	Closed for Council
	4SCM	<p>Precinct System Review Stage 1/Amended Code of Conduct - We supported sharing office-bearer responsibilities. We opposed voting by proxy at any meeting - Precinct, Subcommittee, CPC or AGM. The role of Community Engagement as gate-keepers for contact between office-bearers and Council staff is often inefficient especially when a matter is pressing. It may simply be a point of clarification. We should be able to leave a message for Council Officers. Code of conduct</p>	Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects confirms that Precinct Committee's submission to Stage 1 has been received. All submissions received will be collected and analysed.	Closed for Council

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		<p>complaints should be made to the General Manager. Correspondence should also go to the General Manager then Records.</p> <p>Discussion Paper - We support the name Holtermann Precinct being retained, or, even better, Bernard Holtermann. We do not support a change of boundaries. Though complex and varied, our area shares a community of interest The North Sydney part of St Leonards is too small and too closely integrated with the rest of the Precinct to be usefully separated. Expanding boundaries to take in part of Registry and/or Hayberry Precinct ignores local character. The existing Precinct is walkable with a convenient meeting place at the Crows Nest Centre. The CPC does not replace individual Precincts. It should consider common issues and provide a forum for common presentations. We support limits on use of operational funding. Street parties should not be Precinct organised or funded. People are reluctant to provide email addresses (privacy). Letter-boxing potentially reaches all residents. Residents, owners, workers and students are welcome to our meetings. However, given the size of the retail and commercial sectors in our Precinct area, we would need a very large increase in funding to letter-box all of them. There is also the security controlled access problem in many new buildings</p>		
July	3	<p>Removal of on-street parking - The Precinct requests that the question whether both on-street parking spaces in Chandos Lane at the rear of 150 Atchison St, Crows Nest need to be removed to give safe egress to a vehicle from</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the matter was considered at the Traffic Committee meeting on 24 July 2020 where it was resolved and subsequently adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 August 2020:</p>	Closed for Council

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		the subject site, or whether one might be retained, be reviewed	<i>THAT only one parking space be removed on the north side of Chandos Lane and one parking space remain on the north side of Chandos Lane, Crows Nest to allow access/egress to the property at 150 Atchison Street, Crows Nest with the cost to be borne by the owner of 150 Atchison Street, Crows Nest.</i>	
	5	PP3/20 at 20-22 Atchison Street - There was unanimous support for the Architect's suggestion that the Holtermann St Car Park be put underground to create new green space.	<p>Comments noted by Council's Strategic Planner. The NSW Government's 2036 Plan for St Leonards and Crows Nest was released on 29 August 2020 and has overtaken events as far as our consideration of the PP for 20-22 Atchison St. It contains information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new controls for the PP site and other key sites, • new infrastructure items (including taking the PP applicant's idea of undergrounding Holtermann St car park), • further detail in the Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC), • a rezoning report for the Crows Nest Metro site. <p>Council is still in the process of reviewing this new Plan and SIC and don't have any judgement on PP at this stage. Visit their website: https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/St-Leonards-and-Crows-Nest/St-Leonards-and-Crows-Nest-2036-plan</p>	Closed for Council
		PP4/20 at the Fiveways triangle site - It was noted that no details were yet available on Council's website.	Council's Executive Strategic Planner has advised that details for this Planning Proposal are available on Council's website (via Applications Tracking).	Closed for Council

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		DAs for 55-61 - Chandos Street, St Leonards and 67-69 Chandos Street, St Leonards (both TWT sites) would be determined in the LEC	Council's Manager Development Services has advised that both Chandos Street applications were determined by the Court following a S34 mediation which led to the eventual approvals being largely compliant with the applicable planning controls. The approvals will be available for viewing on Council's website (via Applications Tracking).	Closed for Council
	6	Footpath maintenance - Requests that the footpath besides 11 Brook St, Crows Nest be inspected for damage caused by a tree uprooted during the February storm and that the pavement be repaired.	<p>Council's Tree Management Officer has advised that the tree and footpath in that area are managed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). Council has referred this matter onto RMS for investigation/action - the response will be provided to the Precinct Committee in due course.</p> <p>For future reference, individuals and/or the Precinct Committee can directly report issues to RMS via https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/feedback-form.html</p> <p>UPDATE: (2 October 2020) This issue has been logged into the DM Roads system under reference no. 1795185. Tree will be removed on or before 2 December 2020, weather permitting. Footpath works will be advised in due course.</p>	Closed for Council
	7	Thomas Rest Park - The Precinct notes that the base of the surround for the Glover Monument in St Thomas Rest Park (situated in the grassed area east of the Atchison St. entrance, approximately level with the entrance the children's playground) is deteriorating and breaking up. We request that the damage be repaired.	<p>Council's Historian has advised that he will be visiting the site to assess.</p> <p>UPDATE: (13 October 2020) Site inspection has been completed, work needed has been confirmed and arrangement for repair quotes have</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>been requested. Confirmation of works will be updated in due course.</p> <p>UPDATE: (14 January 2020) Council's Historian has advised that works were completed at the end of November 2020.</p>	
June	<i>No Meeting due COVID-19 restrictions</i>			
March	3	<p>Updates a) That in view of the coronavirus, Holtermann Precinct Meetings for April and May 2020 are to be cancelled. b) That if a significant issue that requires a public meeting to authorise a submission should arise during this recess, Office-bearers will consider it and put out the necessary notices. Proposed JM, seconded JC, vote: 8 for, 0 against.</p>	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Integrated Planning & Special Projects Department.	Closed for Council
	6	<p>Parks - Regarding the fences around Cahill Playground at the intersection of Sophia Street and Burlington Lane, JM reported that the fence posts have been exposed by apparent work by the NBN and are in poor condition. Action: Noting that the fence posts around the Cahill Playground at the intersection of Sophia Street and Burlington Lane appear to be in poor condition, we request that Council inspect the posts and if necessary, replace or repair them. Proposed TM, seconded KB, vote: 8 for, 0 against.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that Cahill Playground fencing is scheduled to be renewed. It should happen during April 2020; Council is waiting for the materials to be manufactured.</p> <p>UPDATE (11 September 2020) Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised the fence works have been completed.</p>	Closed for Council
February	6	<p>Roads and footpath maintenance - Action: Regarding recent footpath repairs on the south side of Huntington St,</p>	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that	Closed for Council

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		<p>Crows Nest between Devonshire and West Streets, it was reported that no kerb crossing for pedestrians with strollers or shopping trolleys has been provided on the eastern side of the intersection with Thomas Lane. There is a kerb crossing on the western side of the intersection with Thomas Lane. We request that this be inspected and rectified. Proposed JM, seconded ST, vote: 12 for, 0 against.</p> <p>Action: Regarding the intersection of Willoughby Road and Atchison Street, Crows Nest, the Precinct requests that pedestrian amenity and safety be improved. A refuge has been provided for pedestrians crossing Willoughby Rd from Coles. This does not give pedestrians priority. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic has and is increasing near the Coles site (Coles is open from 6am to midnight seven days). Apart from the full line supermarket and a number of small businesses, the site has over 70 residential units, and a Montessori pre-school for young children. The vehicle access for the Coles site (from memory there are over 200 public parking spaces for 2-hour free parking plus approximately 70 spaces for residents) is on Atchison St, with vehicles accessing it via Alexander St but also from Willoughby Rd (particularly from Naremburn and Willoughby which do not have a full-line supermarket) and from Albany St (coming off the Highway) and to a lesser extent from Atchison St west of Willoughby Rd. The bus stop bringing shoppers from Naremburn and Willoughby is on the east side Willoughby Rd just north of Atchison St. On the north side of Atchison St, opposite the Coles pedestrian entrance and the</p>	<p>provision of a kerb ramp at the intersection of Huntington Street and Thomas Lane is being investigated for the feasibility of the kerb ramp due to the existing services. Once the investigation is complete, the Precinct Committee will be informed of the outcome.</p> <p>UPDATE (14 January 2021) Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the kerb ramp and part footpath were constructed at the end of September 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the LATM action plans, "Redesign intersection to improve pedestrian safety" at the intersection of Willoughby Rd and Atchison Street was identified as an issue during the public consultation and workshops held for the formulation of the LATM Action Plans in 2016/17. This issue has been added to the LATM Action Plan for Area 2 - Action T.4. This project has now been completed around mid-2019 by extending kerbs in Atchison Street to shorten crossing distance under the new cycle path in Atchison Street. Additionally, a new refuge island was constructed in Willoughby Road south site of Atchison Street around mid-2016. Installation of Pedestrian Crossing/Traffic Signals require approval and support by the Transport for NSW (TfNSW), formerly RMS. Considering the existing signalised pedestrian traffic light at the intersections of Albany St and Chandos St with Willoughby Rd, installation of a Pedestrian Crossing/Traffic Signal at Willoughby Rd/Atchison 	

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		<p>carpark entrance there is the Kumon Centre (above the Hairdresser), a tutoring facility for young primary school- aged students and the Atchison St Kindergarten and Pre-School centre, housed in 4 buildings which is opposite the carpark entrance and the Zig Zag Lane entrance for the Coles loading dock. Given the significant number of young children concentrated near the Atchison St/Willoughby Rd intersection we request consideration that a pedestrian crossing be installed across Atchison St, just east of the intersection with Willoughby Rd. It would increase pedestrian safety, and also slow traffic approaching and exiting the Coles carpark. If the refuge in Willoughby Rd were also replaced by a pedestrian crossing, this would provide an L-shape of crossings, similar to those at Holtermann St and Willoughby Rd, Clarke St and Willoughby Rd and Burlington St and Willoughby Rd.</p> <p>Proposed RF, seconded ST, vote: 13 for, 0 against.</p>	<p>Street intersection is very unlikely to be supported and approved by the TfNSW.</p> <p>Council will continue to investigate traffic and pedestrian issues at this intersection to make it a safer for all road users.</p>	
January	<i>No meeting</i>			