#### NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL REPORTS



# Report to General Manager

Attachments: 1. Stamped Plans DA 188/19

**SUBJECT:** Stanton Library Second Entrance Project DA 188/19 – Funding Options

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Development consent has been received for the second entrance to Stanton Library, linking the Library to the Ridge Street Car Park for the first time. The Stanton Library Masterplan has been steadily progressed since it was adopted by Council (21 March 2016; Item 59) with a new ground floor design, rearranged collections and new furniture and fit out.

The Second Entrance project is Stage 3 of the Masterplan and corrects a major access issue for the public.

Currently, users, notably those with a disability and carers with prams face a circuitous and lengthy (100 metres), largely uncovered, path from James Place, along Ridge Street and then to Miller Street. When the project is complete there will be direct access from the carpark to the Library. Work on the Construction Certificate documentation is complete, and a Principal Certifying Authority has been appointed.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost of works \$800,000 Contingency (10%) \$80,000 Project Management \$10,000

# **Total \$890,000**

Source of Funds

\$450,000 already allocated in 2020/21

\$50,000 carry over from 2019/10 Minor Access Works

\$50,000 carry over from 2019/20 community centres capital works

\$40,000 contribution in 2020/21 from Stanton Library Masterplan

\$100,000 contribution in 2020/21 from Minor Access Works

\$200,000 Library Development grant (Minister announces grants in March 2020)

### **Comment by Responsible Accounting Officer:**

Funding for the project is appropriate.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- **1. THAT** Council note the progress in obtaining Development consent and submission of the grant application for the Stanton Library Second Entrance project.
- **2. THAT** subject to approval of the grant application, funding be consolidated in the 2020/21 budget for the project from the sources identified within the report.

#### LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 3. Our Future Planning

Outcome: 3.4 North Sydney is distinctive with a sense of place and quality design

Direction: 4. Our Social Vitality

Outcome: 4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Strategic Plan for Library Services in North Sydney states in the Masterplan (p.8 1.2), the need for the existing Central Library (Stanton) and two branch libraries (p.14 1.3.6), serving a residential population estimated to be 81,920 by the year 2029.

This equates to a total of 5,827 sqm, spread over the three sites and will meet the State Library of NSW's benchmarks.

Stanton Library's existing entrance faces Miller Street and is accessible, currently served by a bus stop and will be served additionally by the forthcoming Metro, North Portal, within the same block.

The carpark serving the Library is however at the building's rear, separated from the Library by a 6-storey office block with which the Library shares a lift well but provides no public access to the library. Male and female amenities on the ground floor are among the oldest in the Library and well past their life span; they include a non-compliant disabled toilet.

The Development Application to facilitate the changes was lodged in March 2019 and approved by the North Sydney Independent planning Panel on 4 September 2019.

# **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

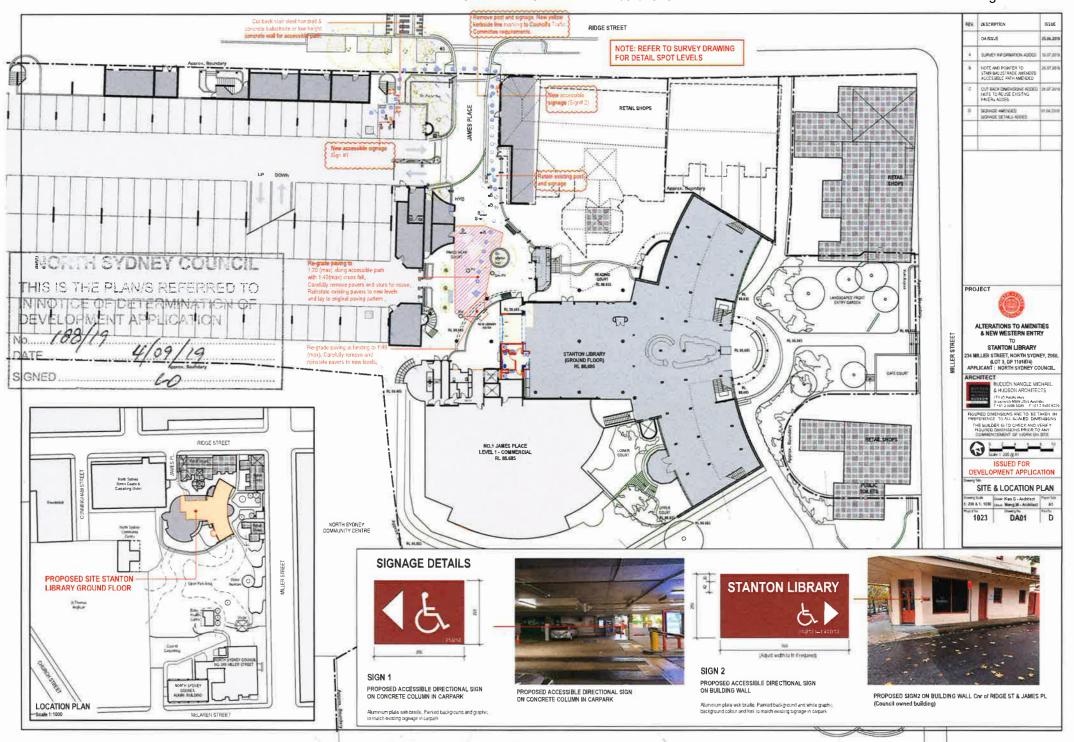
#### SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

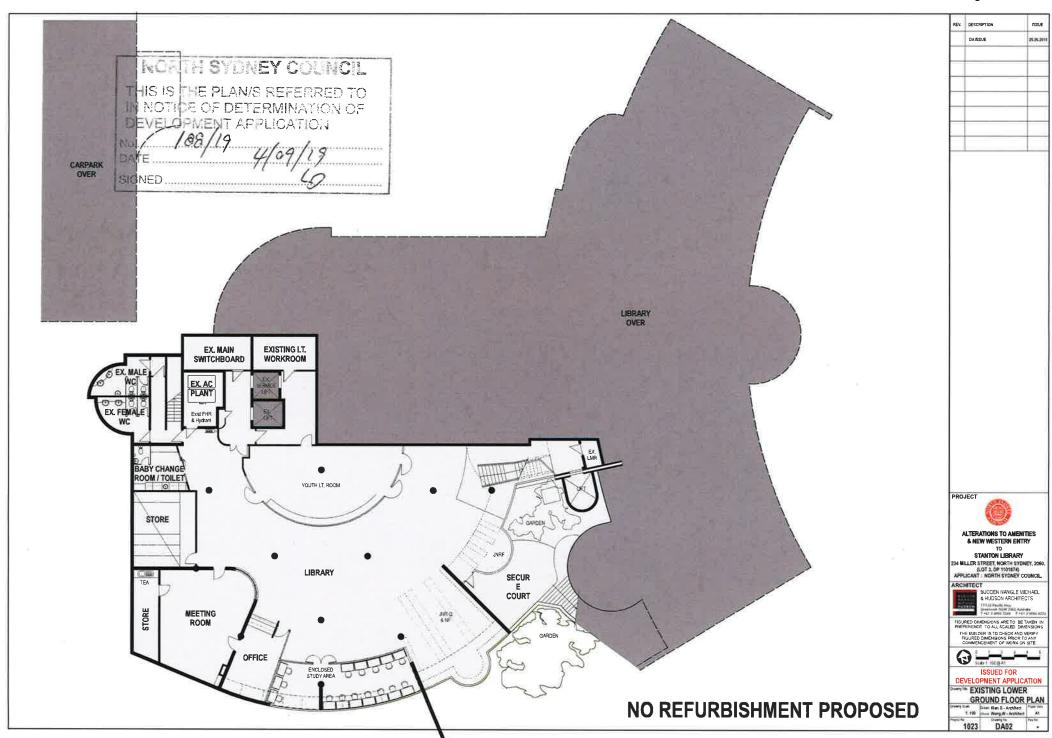
The sustainability implications were considered and reported on during the initiation phase of this project.

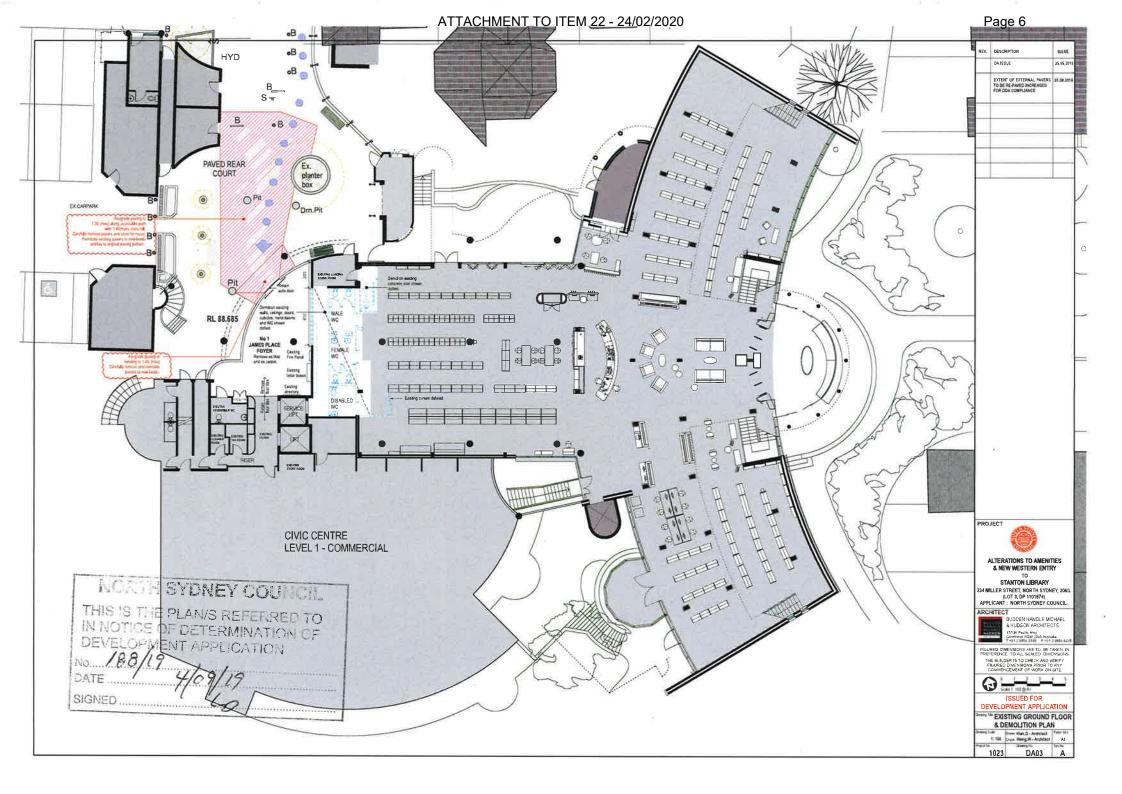
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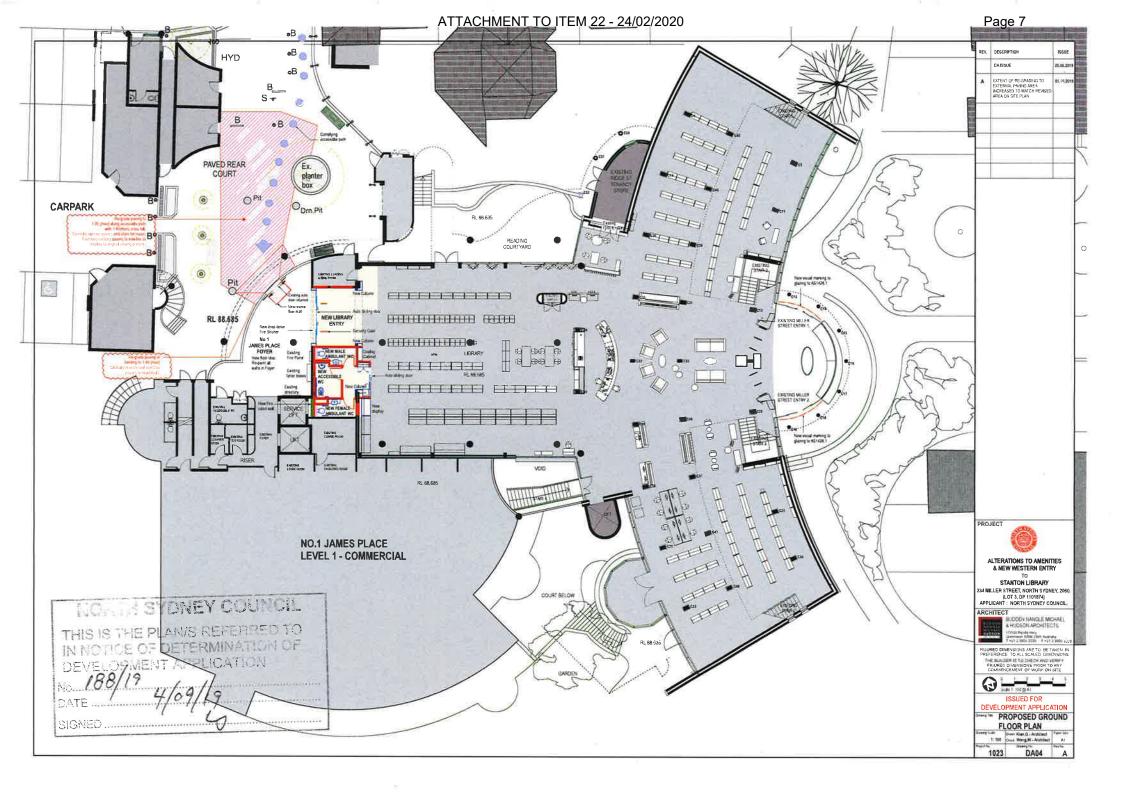
The State Library's principal design guide, People and Places, third ed. (5.4) writes "A library must be open and accessible to the whole community. This means designing a building that promotes equity for people who are young and old, people with prams and people with a disability."

Council is actively pursuing this objective (Library and Historical Services Strategic Plan p12, 1.3.2) and has made a grant application through the State Library's public library Development grants. An access consultant (*funktion*) was engaged for the DA.









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