

## Local Matters Forum – Stanmore/Damun 28 June 2022

On Tuesday 28 June, sixty-one Stanmore ward residents gathered at Petersham Town Hall to discuss local matters that were of key importance to them. The agenda for the group discussion was driven by residents.

Below is a summary of the discussion:

Subject/issue	Discussion and response from Council	Further action if required
<b>Traffic and parking</b>		
Growth in traffic linked to new developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that large new developments in Petersham is likely to place pressure on traffic and parking.</li> <li>• The proposed Cyprus Club Development may add to the traffic issues in the area.</li> <li>• Council advised the Cyprus Club proposal is with the Department of Planning for a Gateway determination – they are the relevant determining body to decide if it progresses.</li> <li>• The public exhibition for the Cyprus Club planning proposal has now closed.</li> <li>• There is a provision in Council planning that new developments can't significantly increase traffic and parking in the area.</li> <li>• Council staff discussed that resident parking schemes could be implemented (new developments are not eligible to participate in these).</li> <li>• Council is developing a cycling strategy for the LGA which has recently been on public exhibition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Strategic Planning team is currently reviewing submissions made as part of the proposed Cyprus Club Development public exhibition.</li> <li>• An Engagement Outcomes Report will be prepared and reported to Council in late 2022.</li> </ul>

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Commuter traffic along Westbourne Street, Corunna and Albany Roads, Stanmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does Council have any plans to reduce/eliminate excessive commuter traffic along these roads?</li> <li>• Council staff explained that they look at precincts rather than addressing single streets in isolation to avoid amplifying affects.</li> <li>• Local Area Traffic Management studies are used to assess traffic issues and, under the current assessment of these streets, the levels are within guidelines.</li> </ul>	No further action
Lane/line markings on roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local resident raised concerns re: the maintenance of road markings and parking/traffic signs</li> <li>• Discussion of line markings being an essential component of Council's road safety campaign and a major focus area.</li> <li>• Council will first do an audit of road markings around schools (main priority) and will then move to main streets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus area for the future for Council.</li> <li>• Aim to do more proactive reviews.</li> </ul>
<b>Regulatory</b>		
Issue of ongoing noise from a gym affecting residents in Gladstone Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident complaint about a gym with amplified music operating 5am-10pm less than 5 metres from nearby homes. Queried how this could be allowed despite dozens of submitted written objections from local residents.</li> <li>• Director of Planning explained that the zoning for this business in the mixed-use development is as a recreational facility and is permissible. This was approved by the Local Planning Panel and it's not possible to override this.</li> </ul>	No further action

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The business is currently under a 12-month trial of its extended hours of operation.</li> <li>The gym will need to satisfy robust conditions around acoustic equipment when the trial is complete. This condition of consent will be required before approval will be given for permanent extended hours of operation.</li> </ul>	
Enmore dog park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion around the noise from Enmore dog park and the impact it has on local residents. Council signs are also defaced immediately after being erected.</li> <li>Director, Planning explained that defaced signage has been replaced and Council will replace any damaged signage in the future.</li> <li>Council's Companion Animal Team conducted twelve separate audits of the park at various times and did not find anything awry in terms of behaviour of the dogs and owners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director, Planning committed to Rangers visiting the park to assess the situation</li> <li>Investigate possible community education campaign to be rolled out to encourage people to use the park in the manner that is intended.</li> </ul>
Dumping of food waste in public streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident has made numerous complaints about food outlets in Enmore Rd dumping food waste, cooking oil cans and other waste in Thurnby Lane and Wilfod Lane, attracting bin chickens &amp; rats and creating health hazards.</li> <li>Council staff acknowledged the situation sounded far from sanitary and was not acceptable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director of Planning to send an Environmental Health team to check waste contracts and follow up with compliance.</li> <li>Council will implement a compliance regime if waste contracts are not in place.</li> </ul>
<b>De-amalgamation</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council officers were asked to explain the terms of reference for the draft business case which is going to the NSW government. Resident felt the business case was deficient.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to promote public consultation of the draft de-amalgamation business case</li> <li>All feedback will be reviewed and incorporated into the business case</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting Director, Corporate explained that the business case was prepared in accordance with NSW Government Guidelines for business cases.</li> <li>The next stage of building the business case is community consultation. This includes telephone surveys, an LGA-wide flyer and online public forum. Community Consultation closes on 31 July 2022.</li> </ul>	iteration for the next round of its development.
<b>Planning and development</b>		
Main streets strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident asked what the aims and scope of the Main Streets Strategy are and if it will include both primary centres (such as Marrickville Road, Norton St etc) as well as smaller local centres such as Audley St in Petersham and Percival Road in Stanmore.</li> <li>Director, Planning explained that Council is in the early stages of project planning for the Main Streets Program. Responding to a notice of motion. Very comprehensive.</li> <li>The team in the process of developing three templates – Summer Hill, Stanmore and Lewisham. These concepts can then be rolled out for further projects.</li> <li>Council will be doing an initial audit of laneways and then moving on to larger streets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council’s planning for the three Initial locations will begin over next 8-10 weeks. This will start with business engagement.</li> <li>There may be some interest from residents closer to the implementation and activations</li> </ul>
Development applications (DAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion around time taken to address DAs and whether Council has performance indicators linked to this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council investigating improvements such as getting DA applications correct at the beginning of the process and reducing lag</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Planning explained that there are no KPIs around timeframes for general processing of DAs due to a number of factors influencing the process including number of applications, type of applications and resourcing. However there are specific KPIs for components within the process.</li> <li>• Average timeframe is 114 days with a median of 122. Current building boom and staff shortage impacting this.</li> </ul>	<p>times from planning portal to notification process.</p>
<b>Maintenance</b>		
<b>Verge mowing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident asked why verge mowing can't be done more frequently as verges in Camperdown are looking frequently overgrown.</li> <li>• The issue of poor maintenance of gardens such as Camperdown Oval was also raised.</li> <li>• Acting Director, Infrastructure explained that the prolonged wet weather, fewer working days available and shortage of staff were all contributing factors.</li> <li>• Council recently conducted a service review aimed at improving the service standard and is looking at expanding the summer cycle of mowing to address the issue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations of service review will be implemented.</li> </ul>
<b>Graffiti</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graffiti around Stanmore station is a big problem effecting private homes, local businesses and shopping centres. Need to work with Transport for NSW for a permanent solution.</li> <li>• Council acknowledges the issue and it will be addressed as part of its Main Streets Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Strategic Planning and Communities team will be working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Rail to look at ways to improve the area.</li> <li>• This will include possible producing a mural for the space in partnership with TfNSW</li> </ul>

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<b>Tree management</b>		
<b>Tree lining</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council was asked if tree lining all streets to combat heat from climate change is part of its strategy.</li> <li>• The Community Strategic Plan and delivery plan were discussed with climate change risk assessment and adaptation strategy being a priority – this includes a creating blue and green urban corridors.</li> <li>• Residents are encouraged to view the Community Strategic Plan on the Inner West Council to find out more about Council's climate change initiatives.</li> </ul>	Actions in Community Strategic Plan to be implemented
<b>Removal of trees around unit blocks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident questioned the rights of landlords to remove established trees on the grounds of unit blocks.</li> <li>• Officer explained Council is passionate about retaining the green canopy and that owners are not allowed to do as they like when removing trees.</li> </ul>	Council officer has resident's details and is following up
<b>Others</b>		
<b>Fanny Durack (Petersham) Pool – scheduling of aqua aerobics classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around the current process of scheduling aqua aerobics classes and reticence to commit to scheduling at the start of the season.</li> </ul>	No further action

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council advised that the Fanny Durack pool will be under council management when it reopens later this year.</li> <li>• This will mean, residents can get to the whole suite of Inner West pools with Council's fitness passport, and a more tailored customer service approach.</li> </ul>	
<b>No-grounds termination of rental contracts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident asked what can be done about no-grounds termination of rental contracts.</li> <li>• Council is not able to assist from legal point of view but can offer help with community support.</li> </ul>	Council officer to provide information on local tenancy support

Not all questions submitted by residents could be answered on the night due to time constraints. **Twenty-six** specific questions submitted but not answered on the night have been logged with Council's Customer Service team for staff to follow up.