

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the May 2023 Mill Hill / Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
1 May 2023	No motions at this meeting			
QUESTIONS				
1 May 2023	<p>Public access through the buildings on Oxford Street, Bondi Junction.</p> <p>Apparently, some have a condition where the public can use them as a thoroughfare during business hours. At least often has its doors locked during some of those times and others have new residents who aren't aware of the condition. We are thinking signage is needed to identify which building need to be accessible and the times. Only one currently displays a suitable notice. I'll probably just add the reply I received about this to the next minutes. I think this will be ongoing till notices go up and the buildings comply.</p>	<p>Council's Executive Manager of Infrastructure and Compliance are aware of this issue. Each building has different requirements as part of their DA consent. Council is working through the matter and will arrange for signage to be placed on the relevant buildings.</p>	<p>Assets and Operations / Planning, Sustainability, + Compliance</p>	<p>In progress</p>
	<p>The cycleway It appears to be complete, however there is no direction signage at the western end to direct cyclists heading west to continue into Centennial Park rather than continue along the footpath (some cyclists cross over the garden bed to the cycleway and vice versa 100 metres from the end of the cycleway). There's also an issue at the Paddington Gates end of the cycleway for cyclists heading east where some don't realise they need to ride into the park and continue along the narrow footpath. I've actually been hit by a cyclist in that spot a couple of months ago!</p>	<p>This area of the cycleway sits within Randwick Council's LGA. Waverley Council's team has requested that Randwick Council install directional signage – awaiting a response.</p>	<p>Assets and Operations</p>	<p>In progress</p>
	<p>A crossing at York Road gates</p>	<p>As this section of road is on a bend, a pedestrian crossing is not suitable in this area as sight lines would be limited.</p>	<p>Assets and Operations</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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	<p>We were hoping for an update from the Mayor as to the possibility of a pedestrian crossing or island at the York Road gates to Centennial Park. This has been an issue for many years and any proposals have been knocked back. There may be a simple solution that Council could implement. Even restricting the parking of boats would improve visibility in the area where many families with young children and / or dogs cross the road in that location.</p>	<p>Traffic signals could be an option however Council has not investigated this, nor has funding been allocated.</p> <p>Recommend raising with your Ward Councillors to put to Council.</p> <p>Please note, a pedestrian crossing further up the street is also proposed for Moriah College's Upgrade (pending approval).</p>		
	<p>The twin towers: Any update on the public space in the development?</p>	<p>As of 15 August 2023 - <u>Amended draft VPA for 194-214 Oxford Street and 2 Nelson Street, Bondi Junction</u></p> <p>An amended draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for 194-214 Oxford St and 2 Nelson St Bondi Junction is on public exhibition until 14 September 2023. The Planning Agreement has been amended due to a change in developer company name. There are no material changes to the content of the Planning Agreement. More information along with the amended draft VPA is available at https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/194-oxford-street-vpa, where the community can provide feedback via survey. The results of this public exhibition will be reported back to Council later this year.</p>	<p>Planning, Sustainability + Compliance</p> <p>+ Assets & Operations</p>	<p>In progress</p>
	<p>Oxford Street Mall What improvement works are being carried out. Is there any planning occurring to try and transform the area into a</p>	<p>As per the Council Motion from October 2021 CM/8.5/21.10 Oxford Street Mall Upgrade DECISION: That Council:</p>	<p>Assets & Operations</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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	<p>destination (even at night) rather than just a thoroughfare we have to quickly walk through.</p> <p>Now that the cycleway is open, can something be done about cyclists in the mall?</p> <p>Can they be forced to walk their bikes through the mall if they need to visit a business there?</p>	<p>1. Requests officers to monitor the level of activity in Bondi Junction over the Christmas period and report to Council in February 2022, at which stage Council is to undertake the following:</p> <p>(a) Consult residents, businesses and other stakeholders to develop a master plan for the recreation of Oxford Street Mall with a vision for the centre to become an attractive, flourishing destination for day and evening activities.</p> <p>(b) Seek new funding sources for the upgrade and revitalisation of the Oxford Street Mall that would enable the re-creation project to be brought forward with an accelerated timetable.</p> <p>(c) Address the replacement of shade structures and improvements to the paving.</p> <p>(d) Expedite safety measures, such as cyclist prevention, with a report to come to Council as soon as possible.</p> <p>2. Notes that the upgrade of the Oxford Street Mall is listed on the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for \$6 million over 10 years, with \$1 million in 2022–23 and the balance falling in 2026–2032.</p> <p>3. Notes that there is no current strategy or plan for the upgrade of the Mall and the shade structures are in very poor condition and are overdue for replacement.</p> <p>4. Notes that new garden structures and bike parking is planned to be installed at both ends of the Mall in 2021–22.</p> <p>Project will start in the next financial year.</p>		

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		<p>Council also just held Global Table on Oxford Street Mall which was well attended, and there will be some free music activations in June as part of Make Music Day.</p> <p>Re: Bikes - Under the current signage, Oxford Street Mall is an official shared zone which allows the area to be used by bikes. At this stage all Rangers do is try to inform people to use the cycle way.</p> <p>Council is planning to run a campaign to encourage riders to use the Spring St Cycleway, however this will need to be further discussed with the Waverley Council Cycling Advisory Committee for their recommendation on 5 July.</p> <p>New on-site signage will also be required to ensure the communications are clear.</p>		
	<p>The street sign for Mill Hill Road at Oxford Street went missing a couple of years ago when the power poles were renewed. Motorists driving along Oxford Street need to stop their cars, climb out and look at the signs embedded in the footpaths at the corner in order to check the name of the street.</p>	<p>Request lodged under ID 2321582. No update as at 15 August 2023.</p>	Assets & Operations	In progress
<p>Next meeting: Wednesday 23 August 2023</p>				