Thank you for participating in this Community Drop-In Session to discuss your ideas for the future of the western end of Oxford Street, Bondi Junction and surrounding area.

About the project
Waverley Council is working with the NSW Government Architect’s Office, businesses, landowners and the local community to develop a plan for the future of the West Oxford Street precinct (as shown opposite), as part of a strategic approach to planning for the neighbourhood.

Council wants to work with the community to develop a comprehensive plan that best benefits the area and local community, and that also considers the precinct in an holistic and strategic way.

Please note that the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and the Development Control Plan (DCP) may be revised, depending on the nature of the draft design concept plan/s for the West Oxford Street area.

Why is planning for the precinct important?
Over the last few years this part of Bondi Junction has experienced considerable change, with new commercial buildings, a lively retail and café strip, and a growing health and lifestyle focus. This is taking place within the context of a growing population, with Sydney expected to reach 7 million+ people by 2042.

The purpose of the study is to support a strategic approach to planning for the area. Key factors that will affect the future of West Oxford Street include:
- Recommendations from the Bondi Junction Complete Streets project and Bondi Junction Urban Design Review
- Waverley Bike Plan
- The new Centennial Park Master Plan
- A possible light rail connection along Oxford Street
- Master planning for the bus depot site
- Interest from landowners in upgrading or developing their sites.

How you can get involved
We want to build a plan from the ground up that takes on board input from all.

As an important starting point for the study, Council and its project team are keen to hear what you think about the future of the West Oxford Street precinct.

Your feedback will be considered as an important input to a design ideas session to develop three concepts for the area (to be held in May 2014). We encourage you to share your ideas with us by talking to members of the project team here today, taking part in the activities, and completing a survey.

You can also provide feedback by:
Completing the survey online: haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/westoxford
Emailing the project team: westoxford@waverley.nsw.gov.au
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What sort of place do you want your neighbourhood to be?

These photos show different aspects of the West Oxford Street Precinct. Your feedback will help us understand what you value about your local area as it is now, and any aspects of the area you would like to see improved.
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Enjoying your neighbourhood

Please use a green flag to mark the places and activities that you enjoy most in your neighbourhood.

— In a few words, please describe the places and activities you enjoy spending time in your neighbourhood and tell us why. Stick your green flag into the map.

Please use a red flag to mark the places that you don’t enjoy spending time.

— Are there aspects of the West Oxford Street area that you’d like to see improved?
— Please tell us how / why.
— Stick your red flag into the map.

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Opportunities for the future

Your feedback will help us understand what you see as some of the opportunities that could be realised in the study area.

Q What makes West Oxford Street a special place? How would you describe the vibe or identity of the neighbourhood?

Q Are there any activities you'd like to be able to do in the future, that you can't do now?

Q If there was one thing you could improve in the public domain (including local streets, laneways and parks), what would it be (e.g. upgrading footpaths, lighting, public seating, plantings, trees, public art)?

Q How can West Oxford Street provide a stronger sense of arrival to Bondi Junction?

Q How can access between Oxford Street, Bondi Junction and Centennial Park be improved, for pedestrians and bike riders?

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Q How can Oxford Street Bondi Junction and Centennial Park be improved, for pedestrians and bike riders?

Q Over time, there is likely to be interest from landowners in upgrading or developing sites in the West Oxford Street precinct. What type of land uses (e.g. mix of retail, commercial, residential, other uses) and built form would be appropriate for future development on these sites?

Q What are some of the opportunities that could be realised in the area we are studying? You may want to think about some of the questions shown on the map.

Q&A

Please use the post-it notes or back page of your feedback form to tell us what you think.

Q Are there any small changes that could make a big difference to the area?

Q How could potential conflicts between pedestrians, bike riders and vehicles be resolved?

Q Are there traffic hotspots? Is parking difficult in particular areas or at particular times?

Q Could potential pedestrian, bike riders and vehicle conflicts be resolved?
Planning context

Information about the study area and current planning controls is provided here for your reference today.

Out of the study process may come recommendations to amend the Local Environment Plan (LEP) and/or the Development Control Plan (DCP), depending on the nature of the draft design concept plans developed during the design workshop. These amendments would be considered if they were critical to the delivery or implementation of the plan, but would only be progressed as appropriate and following comprehensive community engagement.

Existing conditions

[Images of Oxford Street Bondi Junction, looking east and existing building heights]

Planning controls


Please note: Building heights are shown in metres on this map. The number of storeys depends on use. For instance, a residential building with a maximum height of 9.5m would be approximately 3 storeys (with a floor to floor height of approximately 3m). However, commercial buildings require higher floor to floor heights (approximately 3.5m-4m), and therefore less storeys.
A large amount of detailed feedback has been received from members of the community to date – through the recent “Ideas in the Park” Community Drop-In Session, community survey, and submissions to Council. A report documenting community feedback will be prepared following today’s session. In the meantime, some of what we’ve heard so far includes...

What do you like most about the West Oxford Street precinct?
- Access to shops, cafes and services within easy walking distance
- Proximity to Centennial Park and other open spaces
- The strong sense of community
- The low rise nature and heritage character of the area
- Access to public transport
- Proximity to the city, beaches and other infrastructure (such as schools and hospitals).

What are the most important aspects of the area’s character and identity?
- The low rise / heritage character
- The walkability of the neighbourhood / its village feel
- Parks, gardens and trees
- The local community
- Proximity to Bondi Junction (centre), yet distinct character and feel of West Oxford Street
- The area’s amenity (eg its pleasant feel, quiet atmosphere, views).

Issues to be considered in planning for the future of the area
- Limit the scale of future development / ensure building heights are sensitive to the character of the surrounding area
- Improve traffic and parking management
- Preserve the heritage character of the area
- Minimise potential impacts on the existing community (eg maintain solar access, views, privacy)
- Continue to consult with the local community in planning for this area
- Preserve / increase parks and open space
- Improve links between West Oxford Street and Centennial Park for pedestrians and bike riders
- Consider new community facilities (eg childcare centre, school, recreational facilities).
Thanks and next steps

Thank you for joining us today to contribute to the process of developing a plan for the West Oxford Street precinct.

Please complete a survey today or online: haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/westoxford

What happens next?
All feedback from today’s Community Drop-In Session and the earlier session (on Saturday 8 March) will be compiled in a report to be prepared by Elton Consulting. This report will be made available on Council’s website.

Your feedback will be used to inform the design ideas session – to be held in May. As part of the design ideas session, Council will be using fresh ideas generated by three external design teams to explore possible scenarios for the future of the area.

Importantly, there will be an opportunity for you and other members of the community to see the design concepts prepared by the designers, to find out more about each concept, and to provide feedback on them.

Key dates and further consultations
There will also be more opportunities to get involved in the planning process over the next few months, including:

- **Tuesday 13 May** – ‘Concepts in the Library’ Drop-In Session 5:30-7:30pm, Waverley Library Theatrette
- **Wednesday 18 June** – Public briefing 6:30-8pm, Waverley Library Theatrette

Where can I find out more?
For more information about the project:
- Register your interest in receiving information updates at the session today
- Email the project team: westoxford@waverley.nsw.gov.au

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Please use a green dot to mark the images that you like most and in a few words tell us why (on a post-it note).

— What do you value most about the area?
— What aspects of the area would you like to see retained?

Please use a red dot to mark the images that show areas / ideas that you don’t like, and tell us why (on a post-it note).

— What aspects of the area could be improved?
Is there something you’d like to see in the West Oxford Street precinct that doesn’t appear in any of the photos? If so, email us your photo with a short description about why you’d like to see this in the study area westoxford@waverley.nsw.gov.au
A Plan for West Oxford Street, Bondi Junction and the surrounding area offers an opportunity to think strategically about this area as a whole. Your feedback will be used to help contribute to planning for the study area as it continues to evolve over the next 5, 10 and 20 years.
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Are there traffic hotspots? Is parking difficult in particular areas or at particular times?

Paul: Traffic is difficult everywhere. Too much. People request do not notice the lights at the corner of Oxford with Grayton and so run the red light. Need more frequent pedestrian traffic lights.
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