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Waverley Council Response Report to requests from August 2023 Charing Cross Precinct meeting				
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9 August 2023	<p>The Charing Cross Precinct supports and endorses the Council's recommendations as proposed by Waverley Council's Executive Manager of Infrastructure Services Nick Zervos.</p> <p>Council is committing to undertaking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider Kerb extensions / blisters at the end of the pickup zone on - Macpherson St near Albion St to prevent queuing. Council can present this to the next CCC - Consider signage changes to reduce the pick-up times to increase the resident parking times in line with the operational needs of the school. It would be good if the CCC agreed on times they believe would work for both AM and PM so that Council can assess and then present to the next CCC as a recommendation. - Consider painting/ delineating the no stopping across Leichhardt Lane. - Council can present this to the next CCC - Consider the location of the Pedestrian Crossing on Leichhardt St and see if moving the crossing is an option. This is a high-level check. If feasible, the proposal would be a long-term solution. 	Officers acknowledge the Precinct motion and will work with the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) to action items over the next 12- month Operational Transport Management Plan (OTMP) period.	Assets & Operations	In progress

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	There may also be a possibility of returning some car parking spaces at the front of the drop off queue on Macpherson Street back to the residents. These are the spaces close to the footpath electricity box, which are being avoided by drivers dropping off children.			
	Charing Precinct would like to be informed of any changes to the ecological habitat of the site heritage (War Memorial Hospital) of the site (flora and fauna biodiversity of the site) and Charing Cross Precinct re asserts its interest in the site and would like to be kept informed.	<p>As per the outcomes of the Council Meeting on 1 August 2023, the final decision on the War Memorial DCP is as follows:</p> <p>DECISION That Council:</p> <p>1. Notes:</p> <p>(a) That the Conservation Management Plan prepared by the architect Hector Abrahams:</p> <p>(i) Details the historical significance of the site as an outstanding example of private philanthropy and its conversion to a war memorial hospital, which should be preserved and not obscured.</p> <p>(ii) The aspects of the site that are of rare aesthetic significance should be preserved, including four Victorian houses and stables, private streetscape, Victorian and 1920s Minutes of Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting 1 August 2023 This is page 5 of the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2023 landscape planting and features, 1930s hospital and chapel.</p> <p>(iii) The mansion tower and Norfolk pines should be preserved as landmarks in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>(b) The significance of the historic gates at the corner of Bronte Road and Birrell Street, and that the draft Development Control Plan (DCP)</p>	Planning, Sustainability + Compliance	Complete

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		<p>preserves continued public access via these gates at a minimum of nine daylight hours per day, as well as setbacks from the street frontage that will provide opportunities for landscaping, including mature tree planting.</p> <p>(c) That the Edina Estate contains 20 trees listed on Council's Significant Tree Register. Of these trees, one magnolia grandiflora tree, which is located on the boundary of the proposed building zone, may be impacted along with a significant fig near the existing tennis court.</p> <p>(d) That the War Memorial gardens are part of an important, continuous ecological corridor that spans from Waverley Oval to Centennial Park.</p> <p>(e) The 30% deep planting requirement within the draft DCP.</p> <p>(f) The Waverley Local Environmental Plan requires at least 10% of the gross floor area of 99–117 Birrell Street be used for the purposes of affordable housing.</p> <p>2. Adopts the Waverley Development Control Plan 2022, Part E7 – Edina Estate, attached to the report, subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>(a) Page 41 of the agenda, clause 6.4.1, 'Significant Fabric, Views, Spaces and Relationships' – Add the following additional controls: (i) Ensure that the design of the central building is such that the significant fig near the existing tennis court is retained, along with the significant magnolia grandiflora, and their wellbeing preserved. (ii) Maximise the protection of significant trees on the site and their corresponding tree protection zones.</p>		

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		<p>(b) Page 41 of the agenda, clause 6.4.1(g), 'Significant Fabric, Views, Spaces and Relationships' – Amend the second sentence to read as follows: 'This must include the use of the gates as a pedestrian access to the site.'</p> <p>3. Urgently seeks a further report from the General Manager on the cost to engage an independent report from a level 5 arborist to assess all trees on the War Memorial site to identify any additional trees, and their corresponding tree protection zones, that should be placed on Waverley's Significant Tree Register or the Waverley DCP.</p> <p>4. Urgently seek a meeting with the Minister for Heritage, the Hon Penny Sharpe, to urgently place the War Memorial site on the State Heritage Register.</p> <p>5. Writes to all those who made submissions advising them of Council's decision.</p> <p>6. Officers circulate the amended DCP to Councillors before it is published on Council's website</p> <p>Council will continue to provide the Precinct with updates on the WMH.</p> <p>As at 12 September: Council's Executive Manager, Environmental Sustainability has advised that there is no update on this matter. Council is not undertaking any biodiversity assessments at this location as part of our normal operational activities. For additional information, please contact sam.mcguinness@waverley.nsw.gov.au</p>		

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	<p>Council to consider allowing residents to park in school drop off zones during private school Holiday periods when schools are on a break. At present all school holidays are considered to be within the same dates. Various schools in Charing Cross have different school holiday periods and therefore parking areas can be made available for parking.</p>	<p>Council's Manager of Parking Patrol has advised that Council is very mindful of the differences in the times and dates that the different schools in Waverley actually break for school holidays, and do not generally patrol the pickup and drop off zones when we know a school has broken for holidays.</p> <p>Making this official would be problematic as school zones are in effect on "any day other than a Saturday or Sunday, a day that is a public holiday or a day publicly notified as a school holiday for government schools.", as per the NSW Road Rules 2014.</p> <p>This notification is made on https://www.nsw.gov.au/about-nsw/school-holidays.</p> <p>Sign posting the different private school holiday dates would be virtually impossible and likely end up being unenforceable.</p> <p>Changing parking restrictions on a school-by-school basis would lead to some confusion as the NSW Police would still enforce speeding and other traffic offences during the legislated school zone times.</p>	Planning, Sustainability + Compliance	Complete
ACTION				
	<p>There was concern about Precinct Flyers not being delivered to some areas. Council to check delivery of Leaflets.</p>	<p>Council asks the Precinct to advise which streets did not receive the flyers so that we can alert our Distributor.</p> <p>Please note, we have tried a number of different distributors over the years – some with tracking systems, some that are more expensive, and we still seem to get feedback that people haven't received flyers.</p> <p>To compensate for this issue, on Council's front, we've upped our communication and advertising efforts to ensure more people are aware of Precinct meetings through other channels.</p>	GMU	In progress

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		<p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advertising in the Beast 1x per month- Advertising on Social Media- Promoting via Council's eNewsletter Waverley Weekly- Promoting in Council's Print Newsletter Waverley News- Promoting on Council's website in the What's on Calendar		
Next meeting: 11 October 2023				