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Mr Robert Wood
Secretary
Kensington Precinct Committee
202/91 Brompton Road
Kensington NSW 2033

Dear Mr Wood,

Kensington precinct meeting 10 November 2008

Thank you for the minutes of this meeting, received by Council on 1 December 2008. I am able to provide the following information in response to the minutes of this meeting.

Traffic Study

A number of issues were raised in the precinct meeting. Information in response to these issues has also been provided to the precinct by an email to the secretary and chair of the precinct by Council's Manager of Integrated Transport Management. The issues are dealt with in a different order to their presentation in the precinct minutes.

1. If the construction of the ramp was not on the agenda of the RTA, then why was Council undertaking the assessment study?

Response: The option of the ramps being placed back on to the RTA's "agenda" is a possibility which Council should prepare for. Undertaking this assessment would assist whenever, if ever, the proposed ramps were reconsidered by the RTA.

2. What would be the action from Council's part after the study?

Response: The current study is a study into the effects of external influences upon the Kensington / Kingsford area and an assessment of any proposed Lenthall Street treatment. Following the assessment of these effects Council will determine its position on possible future action. Any future action would be a matter for Council to decide upon.

3. The Chair of the precinct wanted a copy of the study brief.

Response: The brief is essentially the same as the one distributed to and considered by the Precinct's traffic subcommittee at the meeting held at Paul Sampson's home at Winburn Avenue on the morning of 21 April 2008. A copy of the Study Brief has been supplied to the precinct.

4. Parameter of the residential amenities

Response: The Consultant will be providing further information on this issue.

5. Why did the brief not include any remedial action? As the brief stated five objectives, none of them include any remedial measures of the negative impact of the construction of the ramp?

Response: The current study is only assessing the likely impacts of three external factors. It is not a study examining amelioration of the external impacts. Until the likely magnitude of these external impacts is known, it is premature to suggest detailed proposals for amelioration of the impacts. Notwithstanding this, treatment device types will be discussed as a component of the Study.

6. Can the precinct have a copy of LATM report, which one and when it was adopted by the council as stated in the brief?

Response: Council has emailed six Council Minute documents which relate to Council's position regarding traffic within Kensington for the years 2001 and 2002. Council staff are examining the documentary record, including that of later years, to provide a fuller picture for all concerned. These will be forwarded to the precinct shortly.

7. Can the precinct have a copy of the Bike Plan?

Response: The Bike Plan is available on Council's website - under the "Previous Consultations" section.

8. Can the precinct have a copy of the time frame of the consultants study?

Response: A draft timetable has been prepared. Amendments have had to be made to it in order to best meet traffic count and consultation needs. The final version will be available soon and will be forwarded to the Precinct.

9. Residents wanted the recommendation to be included in the study outcome with the half closure of Lenthall Street and without the half closure.

Response: The study will examine the likely impacts from each of the components of the Study, including with or without the proposed Lenthall Street treatment.

10. Is Randwick Council coordinating with City of Sydney Council to assess the impact of the Green Square development, Victoria Park development and other development?

Response: Randwick Council has continually maintained its position that the significant increases in density within "Green Square" will create negative transport impacts for Randwick residents. Council has regularly and persistently informed the City of Sydney of its position regarding the impacts of such developments.

11. Any traffic counts should be carried out during school and University days only. Residents believe that Council only undertake counts when schools and the university close.

Response: Council has many traffic counts over many years - the current additional counts will be examined against previous years to ensure their relevance.

Precinct AGM

The outcomes of the precinct AGM are noted with the election of Irene Vasil as chair and Robert Wood as secretary of the precinct.

Street Numbering

Clear numbering of premises is also a matter of concern to Council and the Mayor regularly appeals to residents and businesses to display clearly their street number through the Mayor's column in the Southern Courier. Council includes numbering of premises as a condition of consent for new developments.

DCPs for boarding houses and student accommodation

As part of the comprehensive review of the Local Environment Plan, Council is currently undertaking a review of current zonings and LEP provisions which will inform a new LEP.

Council officers are developing a series of land use discussion papers. The discussion papers will also incorporate key directions from the Randwick City Plan, NSW Department of Planning's Metropolitan Strategy and draft East Subregion Subregional Strategy.

These discussion papers will include:

- Industrial
- special uses
- university and hospital precinct
- residential
- open space and environment areas
- town and neighbourhood centres.

Each of the discussion papers will be available for community comment. Advertisements will appear in the Southern Courier and precinct committees will be notified. The discussion papers will go onto Council's website.

It is anticipated that the discussion paper on residential use, which will include boarding houses and student accommodation, will be available in mid 2009 for community comment. Comments received for each land use discussion paper will assist in preparing the draft comprehensive LEP and DCP.

Yours faithfully,

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