

St Catherine's Development Community Consultative Committee

Meeting No: 26

Date: Tuesday 21st September 2021, 6.30 – 8pm

Venue: Zoom

Attendees	
<p>Community Members Danny Caretti – Charing Cross Precinct/neighbouring resident Chelsea Hunnisett – Bronte Beach Precinct representative Dom Egan – Resident Julie McAlpin – Charing Cross Precinct</p> <p>Waverley Council Mark Featherstone</p>	<p>St Catherine's Andrew Grech Warwick Smith</p> <p>Richard Crookes Belal Afyouni – Project Manger Cameron Waller – Construction Manager</p> <p>Ben Liddell – Trafix – traffic engineer - guest</p> <p>Independent Chair Roberta Ryan</p> <p>Minute Taker Sophie Alais</p>
<p>Apologies Kate Marshall – resident</p>	

Item	Description	Action
1	Welcome	
	RR welcomes everyone. MF introduces himself – new representative from Waverley Council. MF looks after compliance at Waverley Council. RR welcomes traffic consultant BL who will take the meeting through the traffic results.	
2	Apologies	
	KM is an apology.	
3	Minutes and matters arising	
	DC and AG approve the minutes. WS lists through the actions from last meeting that he was required to complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conditions of consent for prior to occupation. WS emailed out a consolidated consent document in the 	All actions now completed

	<p>format it is given to the Department of Planning. This included relevant parts of the DA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WS emailed everyone the engineering drawing with the pictures of the crossing. WS notes that due to covid-19 construction shut down, the crossing has not been completed (Meeting 25 minutes noted that the crossing would be completed in September, this is no longer the case). - WS has not emailed out the Water Services coordinator email. WS is happy to send it out to everyone but notes that this was dealt with last meeting. 	
4	Traffic survey results – BL	
	<p>WS provides context for MF. WS says that one DA condition is to compare the private vehicle use every year against the benchmark set in 2014. This survey has been done every year except 2020 (due to the first covid-19 lockdown) during the last week of Term 1 and the first week of the holidays. It is reported to the CCC and the document is uploaded onto the school's website as part of the conditions.</p> <p>BL takes the CCC through the traffic survey results report.</p> <p>BL says that the introduction of the OTMP is prepared to address the increase in student and staff population to 2030 target of 1200 students and 212 staff. BL says that as WS mentioned, in 2021 the survey was conducted in the last week of Term 1 and the first week of the school holidays.</p> <p>BL says that section 2 is the executive survey, so he will explain section 3 which outlines the full survey results. BL says section 3 is the travel mode survey results – a questionnaire is sent out to the students and staff.</p> <p>BL says that the Staff travel mode survey shows that in comparison to 2014 there has been a slight decrease in car use, increase in car passengers, decrease in the use of public transport, increase in walking, no increase in cycling, and a small increase in 'other' forms of transport. The 9 percent decrease in the use of public transport usage for staff is consistent with ABS data relating to pandemic related hesitancy in using public transport.</p> <p>CH asks BL how many staff were surveyed.</p> <p>DC asks if the questionnaire is sent to the whole school?</p> <p>BL says it is distributed to staff and students.</p>	

AG clarifies that in the questionnaire is sent to junior school parents and high school students do it in school time. Staff complete it in their own time. The highest response rate is the senior school students.

WS says that out of 169 full time staff that are surveyed, the count survey is 83 percent. So, a total of 117 out of 200 responded.

DC says that his problem is the low response rate because it makes the survey results inaccurate. DC asks why are people not required to answer the survey? DC says it is important because it decides how many students can come to the school. DC says that everyone is required to respond to the census.

DC also says there is no breakdown of who has responded, it is just percentages. DC says compared to other years, there is not much of a different result. DC says it should be emphasized that it is important for the school because the school wants to increase its student and staff numbers. DC says it is important that the figures are accurate. DC says it is not hard to digitally fill out surveys.

RR asks CH if her question has been answered.

CH says yes.

RR says she takes DC's point. RR says there are a high number of responders, but people cannot be compelled to fill out this survey like the census because the census is required to be filled out by law. But RR says people can be encouraged more.

Next, BL explains to the group Table 2 student peak travel mode AM in 2021.

BL says that compared to the 2014 benchmark, there has been a 9 percent reduction in vehicle use, increase in walking, an increase in the St. Cath's bus service, and an increase in the use of public transport. BL says the 2021 data is consistent with the 2019 data, it is similar. BL says that student modes of travel have been consistent even with the pandemic.

Next, BL explains the Table 3 student peak travel mode PM data.

BL says that there has been a minor reduction in vehicle use, reduction in walking. So there are differences with the AM and PM data.

JM says she is surprised that there is an increase in public transport use during the pandemic with students.

BL says that it's a 6 percent increase compared to the 2014 data. Otherwise, it is consistent with the 2019 data.

DC asks what 'other' means? DC notes that in the staff results there has been a 2 percent increase on 'other' modes of travel.

BL says that this can be scooters or skateboards for students, and for staff this may be motorised scooters or motorbikes.

Next, BL says that section 4 goes through all the surveys done in 2021 such as the main streets, turning count movements at key intersections on a typical weekdays and weekend in term and during the holidays, a diagram of the intersection and the tube counts. BL says they also undertook a drop off and pick up area surveys.

BL says there has been a decrease in the AM and a moderate increase in school peak traffic compared to 2014. It is a minor decrease when compared to the 2019 data. BL says in PM commuter peaks there is a 2.9 percent decrease between 5 and 6.

BL says that in the school holiday volumes, there is a decrease of 10 percent in the AM peak, and a 4.9 percent in PM peak from 3 – 4 pm.

BL shows graphs showing hourly peak volumes using the data from 2014 – 2021. Another graph shows the same time periods but in the school holidays but there has been a slight decrease in the school holidays.

Next, BL shows the daily traffic from the tube count data which compares all the years across a typical school term week. BL says there is a reduction in traffic volumes in 2021 compared to 2014, in particular 2021 to 2019. BL notes that a couple of days of slight increase may be a random occurrence. Next, BL shows the daily traffic volumes in the school holidays, which shows a reduction in 2021 compared to other years.

The next section shows individual turning movements at peak period, 8-9, 3-4, and 5-6 during the school term and same for holidays.

BL notes that section 4.3.3 is from a CCC request to monitor the McPherson and Leichardt corner due to an observed increase in traffic in 2020.

WS this was previously requested by this group.

BL says they went back and looked at 2019 data, and there has been a slight reduction of 5 percent in the 8 -9 period, similar in the 3-4 and then a 1.1 decrease in the 5-6.

JM says she is not convinced.

DC states that he is concerned about parents dropping off their kids in the driveways, rather than the authorised drop off zone. DC notes that there was a counter put on Bronte Rd. DC says in earlier meetings the CCC has worries about those drop off right on Bronte Rd and then drop off junior kids, and then go on Bronte Rd to get to Bondi Junction. DC says the counters counted 326 people during the school term and 208 during the holidays. DC says he is interested in how many parents are dropping off in the driveways on Bronte Rd since quite a few are not dropping off in the authorised zones. DC says this is not noted in the information.

BL says the counters are midblock counters and will not tell you about many people are dropping off in driveways.

DC says that the information says more people are driving that way and it is not clear if they are going left on Albion and not going on Leichardt. DC says he know they are dropping off in that section, rather than the official drop off zones.

WS says to DC that driving over the liquorice sticks may not mean these people are dropping off at the school.

DC says that they are a 118 more counts in the school term. It is possible. DC says this should be deduced because it is dangerous.

RR asks BL how information on where the parents are dropping off can be deduced.

BL says it will be difficult to know where they are going since liquorice sticks just count vehicle movements which may or may not be associated with the school.

WS says that it could be correlated that turning info at the midsection count if we can see if in a car or two that it increases the right or left turns to try and see if the two ends can explain the increase in the middle.

BL says this is the turning count movement differences.

WS says that maybe it can be seen if the same number at the end of the strip as well as the middle. WS says they may be passing through empty and have done the right thing.

RR says the liquorice stick counter are measuring increases and decreases in vehicle count movements, DC concern is on the question of where people are doing their drop offs and pick ups.

DC says yes but that this survey can show give information. DC says it is not accurate that it does not include that information about drop offs and pickups.

DC says that tables 4 – 7 show how many cars are doing drops offs. DC says if you look on Leichardt St between 8 – 8.15 there are only five drops offs and after 8.15 only one drop off.

JM says she has discussed with KM and seen photos and says that this information does not sound accurate.

BL asks if it is just Leichardt St?

DC says that Leichardt St stands out because the numbers are so small.

BL says it was done on one day, not sure what day it was.

JM says that traditionally lots of kids takes the final days of term off for holidays.

CH asks how this data was collected.

BL says that his company gets a 3rd party to do those surveys. They have someone at the drop off zones marking down how many cars are dropping off kids in those 15 minute time frames.

RR says what we are hearing from DC and JM is that those numbers do not seem to be credible in those locations. RR asks what a way is to think about this issue and address it going forwards.

JM suggests doing a count of student drops offs once a week to accurately collect data.

AG says that Leichardt St is the junior school drop off zone and the staff are on street and take the bags from the cars during drop off. Staff are out there at 7.45 because school starts at 8.20 so children are arriving 30 minutes before hand. AG says that St. Catherine's starts earlier than other schools.

DC says it is important to count other areas to get accurate information. DC says it does not compute that there are only 6 cars in the morning for the whole junior school.

BL says that is a fair observation. BL says that was the data.

WS says it is also important to check the date to see if there was a major excursion or any other event.

CH asks where the drop off zone is on Leichardt St.

DC and AG say it is on the left before the crossing.

WS says that they have got to check if there were any unusual events. Also got to check with teachers there and maybe survey on other days.

JM suggests that the counts should be done over 6 weeks.

DC agrees that the counts should be done over a number of days.

CH suggests that it should be on other days, not just the same day of the week because these days people have some days in the office, some days working from home.

RR says that the meeting will take this comments forward and leave it to BL and WS in consultation with the school over this issue.

DC says the report needs more detail. For example, where the staff are parking. DC is surprised that the school commissions this report, not the Department of Planning. A report from the

	<p>Department of Planning would be more independent. In terms of methodology, important to get more involved in answering the surveys. DC says this report mostly looks at 2014 but other years are different. DC also says that drop off zone zones are important, official and non-official. Important to get people out there counting.</p> <p>RR asks for any comments.</p> <p>WS says that he can takes those comments on. WS explains that in accordance to the DA conditions, there surveys must compare to the 2014 benchmark results. WS says that while it is very important to DC and others about the drop off zone, it is not part of the DA conditions. WS says that maybe post-RPAC the aim can be to get different things out of the survey like participation etc. WS says currently they are responding to the DA conditions.</p> <p>DA says that while the report if fulfilling DA conditions, he is concerned it is not accurate. DC says that maybe it needs to be taken to the Department of Planning to ask about accuracy.</p> <p>JM suggests that it would be interesting to compare this survey with local traffic studies e.g. Waverley Council did a survey on Charring Cross.</p> <p>RR says that those traffic surveys are quite specific and may not be comparable.</p> <p>CH asks if the document is confidential or not.</p> <p>WS say the the DA obligation is give the results to the CCC and for the results to be posted on the school website (not the 200 pages plus document but the summary).</p> <p>CH asks if she can get the exact wording of the DA requirement.</p> <p>WS says yes, he can make that an action.</p> <p>AG says the the traffic survey reports are now on a special section of the school website. The traffic results and the CCC minutes are separated so that they can be found easily.</p> <p>WS reads to the DA wording for CH (INSERT DA WORDING HERE).</p>	<p>WS to provide the exact wording of the DA condition concerning the traffic surveys.</p>
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	<p>CH says it sounds good; she will email offline about whether the wording prohibits tracking illegal parking.</p> <p>AG says that the original OTMP is approved by the Department of Planning. The OTMP went through several versions before it was submitted and approved by the department. The original 2014 results become the benchmark results and the yearly surveys add to it over time. Department of Planning approved the information and the way it was repeated.</p> <p>RR thanks BL for joining the meeting as a guest speaker.</p> <p>BL exits the meeting.</p>	
5	Construction update	
	<p>BA gives a construction update.</p> <p>BA says it has been difficult since the last meeting with the two week construction ban and the following 50% staffing capacity limits.</p> <p>BA says they have Started the planter boxes on MacPherson ST towards the northern end of the site, the next stage is completing the planter boxes out there.</p> <p>BA says that inside the pool is fully closed off, currently planning the slabs for mebrane so they can add water. Other areas are being completed so they can begin laying carpet. In the auditorium the sound people are rigging up the theatre. BA says they are progressing at a slower rate than expected.</p> <p>RR asks about the estimated finishing time.</p> <p>BA says the finishing time is difficult to determine. BA says if they continue with 50% capacity than the old time can be doubled.</p> <p>DC says it was announced that work sites can return to 100% capacity on September 27th.</p> <p>BA says this is the case but there are still restrictions on LGAS of concern.</p> <p>WS explains that in the last meeting, there were 3 months of construction left meaning a finishing date in October. With the new limits, that means a finishing date in January. WS says that no one wants to be around after Christmas. WS says that CW has been pushing for 100% for the industry.</p>	

Additionally, WS says there is a number of issues. Firstly, sites normally have access to all trades at all times e.g. gyprockers first, then tilers etc. But now, may want tilers but can only get gyprockers. That means that not only does the flow not work but BA cannot get all the tradies that he needs. WS says this is driving everyone in construction crazy. Secondly, WS says that 60% of the workforce lives in LGAs of concern and there has been varying uptakes of the vaccine due to a variety of reasons. WS says today there have been new rules about LGA of concern workers taking up the vaccine. Thirdly, another issue has been about supply. After the Suez canal incident earlier in the year, there is still a delay in shipping and a shortage of containers. Ships are coming into Singapore, but there are not enough containers. WS says that now there is a timber shortage. So WS says there are many challenges but everyone is intent on getting it done before Christmas. Plus WS says the permanent power is on now and thanks everyone for putting up with that.

RR says she thinks that everyone agrees that it is very hard to manage worksites in these conditions, so that WS's explanation is very helpful.

CW thanks WS for providing that information. CW says the construction industry is working very hard right now to prove to the government that the industry is doing the right things plus the industry is investing a lot of money to get the place open. CW says the 100% staffing capacity is three weeks later than they wanted but it is still important.

CW says that Richard Crookes Construction current has 50 active sites across NSW, but they are now losing 3 – 4 sites on a weekly basis because once there is one positive case then the site has to be shut for three days. CW says him and BA have been having conversations about programming and how many shut downs that they need to factor into the program at the rate they are seeing at the other sites. CW says they are losing discrete trades because the tradies may socialise and catch Covid-19 on the weekend which takes that crew out. Number of challenges on coming up with a program date.

JM says she hopes that the demonstrations in Victoria do not spread into NSW.

CW says he thinks that helped the NSW government move to 100% capacity on work sites.

CH says she has family members who work in construction in Victoria and says there is lots of suffering.

CW says yes Victoria has been hit hard with capacity limits only set at 25%.

RR asks the CCC if there are any other issues.

BA says he talked to DE about the boundary on McPherson St with the planter boxes. BA says they will hopefully be taking down the fencing so that they can use the driveway. BA says there is a fair bit of work happening on the borders over the next three to four weeks, so people will start to see drastic changes.

WS asks BA for his best guess about the crossing works.

BA says it is on his radar. BA has discussions with the contractor yesterday about methods so they can know what traffic permits to apply for from Waverley Council.

RR asks for a brief update on other activities going forward.

WS following on from 4 McPherson St. WS said they had a meeting yesterday about improving the landscape screening. There were three items on the agenda, two were resolved. The two resolved items were that the bin enclosure would be enlarged, and the second was changing the planting from the midzone to the front so the sewer stack will be less visible. The third unresolved issue was about the planting of shrubs on the site.

DE agrees with WS summary of the meeting.

RR says that lots of work has been done with the neighbours, so she thanks everyone involved in that.

CH wants more information on the permits required for the crossing and asks what permits BA is waiting for.

BA says he is not waiting for any permits at the moment. BA says they are currently looking at methodology for the least impactful way of completing the crossing before going to council. BA says they are trying to avoid a full road closure, so looking to do a half road closure. BA says they are trying to avoid nightworks.

6	Complaints and communications	
	<p>BA outlines the complaints and communications since the last meeting (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>BA says there is an ongoing battle to reduce smoking which disturbs the neighbours. BA says his crew is doing a great job getting people to comply.</p> <p>BA says there were 4 complaints, three from the same person on the same day.</p> <p>BA says there were some traffic complaints on McPherson.</p> <p>BA says there were 4 other general complaints. One about the power outage but Ausgrid is responding directly to that.</p> <p>BA says he is unable to reply to requests about the end date. BA says they issued some general updates plus one person asked to be removed from the mailing list.</p> <p>DC asked BA if there will be any noisy works.</p> <p>BA says the roadwork will be noisy due of the hammering up of the road for 2 – 4 weeks. In terms of noise on site, what residents are hearing now is what it will be like moving forwards because works are just proceeding. There may be one or two days of extra noise.</p> <p>JM says to BA that she walked past the site and everyone had their masks on. JM says this is a credit to everyone considering what the work site has been through.</p>	
7	AOB	
	<p>RR asks for AOB.</p> <p>AG says there are a few key dates. AG says the school is currently on term break. School returns for Term 4 on October 5th for remote learning. On October 25th some students will return to campus. After November 8th, everyone is back. AG says Term 4 will finish 1st December. HSC will finish 3rd December. During this term break, the school is not offering its holiday program this term break. AG says hopefully in the Xmas holidays, they will be able to offer the holiday break to 100 students.</p> <p>RR notes that DE wants to finish being a community member at these meetings. RR notes that this is on the agenda and will find someone else.</p>	

8	Next meeting	
	<p>BA says the aim is to complete the crossing before the students return.</p> <p>WS asks if this is of interests to the community and the meeting should be before the crossing works start.</p> <p>JM says that a written report would be useful.</p> <p>The CCC agrees to an onsite meeting at 4.30pm on November 2nd 2021.</p> <p>AG says that due to covid-19 rules, the CCC meeting will have to be held on site and not at the school due to covid-19 requirements. AG notes that not even parents are allowed on the school at the moment.</p> <p>WS says the real estate of the site is different from the school so that is why the meeting is allowed onsite. WS says that the CCC can access the site with BA's approval.</p> <p>BA says that he should be able to accommodate the meeting though it might not be as comfortable as the one at the school.</p> <p>WS says there will be a covid-19 check in requirement so be prepared for a process.</p> <p>SA to send out meeting invite for November 2nd.</p>	<p>SA to email invite for November 2nd CCC meeting.</p>