

## Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the March 2024 Mill Hill / Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
March 2024	<p>That Council brief residents in detail about all proposed variations with respect to 194 Oxford Street Bondi Junction, as well as any requests for changes to public open space at the site.</p> <p>With regards to 194 Oxford Street Bondi Junction (The Twin Towers), the Norfolk pine has been struck by lightning. This may be an excuse for the developer to remove the tree. If this occurs, residents will have to ensure the small public space adjacent to the tree is not lost.</p>	<p>Since November 2023, the applicant has lodged two development applications with Council for 194 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction. On 29 November 2023, the applicant lodged an amending development application (DA-360/2023) for alterations and additions to the basement and ground floor levels of an approved shop top housing development (associated with DA-400/2021), including consolidation of basement car parks. Council is currently assessing DA-360/2023. In January 2024, the applicant lodged a modification (DA-400/2021/C) to alter internal layouts, communal open space, windows, new air conditioners and condenser enclosures added to balconies, private pool to building B and various other changes. Council is currently assessing DA-400/2021/C.</p> <p>For more details regarding the proposed development applications, please visit Council's <a href="#">Development Application Tracking tool</a>.</p> <p>-</p> <p>On 20 March 2024, Council inspected the Norfolk Pine at 2 Nelson Street, Bondi Junction and noted that all tree parts appear unaffected and tree protection is still in place.</p> <p>Please note that trees will usually show the effects of a lightning strike within 1 to 2 years.</p>	Planning, Sustainability and Compliance	Complete

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	<p>That Council brief Precinct residents on the deeply concerning potential impacts of the State Government's latest housing and density policies.</p>	<p>On 20 February 2024, Council resolved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves the submission to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure attached to the report (Attachments 2 and 3) raising concerns with the Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to Create Low- and Mid-Rise Housing.</li> <li>2. Urgently writes to the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns, the Hon. Paul Scully and the Hon. Penny Sharpe to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Raise key concerns outlined in the Council submission, including the potential substantial impacts on heritage in Waverley, the timing of exhibition and lack of genuine community and council consultation.</li> <li>(b) Request that Heritage Conservation Areas and Heritage Items be exempt from any proposed changes, if finalised.</li> <li>(c) Request that updated Region and City plans and any associated changes to housing targets be released before any planned reform is advanced.</li> <li>(d) Urgently seek a meeting with the Hon. Paul Scully and the Hon. Penny Sharpe to reiterate the concerns raised.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>To access Council's submission, please refer to <u>20 February 2024</u> Council meeting including the Agenda, Attachments and Minutes.</p>	<p>Planning, Sustainability and Compliance</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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		<p>The State Government has stated that they will consult further with individual Councils to work to resolve potential issues to ensure the policy achieves the best housing outcomes for the community.</p>		
	<p>That Council review the design of the Oxford Street cycleway where it passes the intersections of Ruthven street and Mill Hill Road and also in Denison Street near the Squash Club. This includes signage, road surfaces / markings and permitted usage: ebikes? Can the cycleway be policed? A number of riders don't wear helmets which is very dangerous considering the possibility of accidents with cars especially at night when these ebikes don't have lights so can't easily be seen.</p>	<p>Council appreciates the ongoing feedback and concerns that help us understand where design improvements and future improvements may be contemplated.</p> <p>The crossings meet safety standards and with any larger-scale transport project, new mobility patterns and interactions can take some time for all users to become accustomed to.</p> <p>The increased activity is also anticipated to promote mutual awareness amongst street users, and to further humanise the street.</p> <p>Council will continue to monitor safety concerns, including TfNSW collision statistics.</p> <p>Please note, Electric bikes that meet legal criteria are permitted to use cycleways. E-scooters are currently not permitted on public roadways. TfNSW regulates these modes, so it is outside of Council's jurisdiction to permit or restrict use of ebikes.</p> <p>Council does not currently have a policy to promote policing on cycleways. Streets and user behaviours can be complex, and there is evidence that this may</p>	Assets and Operations	Complete

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		inadvertently lead to undesired outcomes and targeting of marginalized community members. All users are expected to abide by state laws. However, we would also seek to avoid sending a message that more vulnerable street users are at fault in the event that there is a collision with a vehicle, based upon their use of protective safety equipment.		
	That Council fairly applies the "Verge Garden Guidelines" and treats all residents with respect.	Mayor Paula Masselos met with affected residents in March 2024 to discuss this matter. Staff have been notified of the Precincts motion.	Mayoral Office / Assets and Operations	Complete
<b>Next meeting:</b> 6 May 2024				