

Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee 2023 Meeting #4 Meeting Notes



Friday 1st March 2024 - 3:30PM to 5:00 PM

At: Venues NSW Boardroom, Level 1M, Allianz Stadium 40-44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park.

Attendance

Chair

Professor Helen Lochhead AO (HL)

Community Representatives:

Julie Amour (JA)

Simon Darcy (SD)

Will Mrongovius (WM)

Local Government Representatives:

Councillor Adam Worling, City of Sydney (AW)

Councillor Paula Masselos, Waverley Council (PM)

Venues NSW Representatives:

Phil Heads, Group GM, Communications, Heritage and Community (PH)

Attendees:

Alex York, Cox Architects (AY)

Aleks Kukoji, Venues NSW (AK)

Josh Milston, JMT Consulting (JM)

Stephanie Ballango (Savills) (SB)

Curtis Bevern, observer

Apologies

Robert Postema

Malcom Wells.

Councillor Susan Wynne, Woollahra Council

Councillor Philipa Veitch, Randwick City Council

Declarations of interest

Nil

Actions Arising from previous meeting.

- Phil Heads (PH) provided an overview of the Venues NSW(VNSW) update (issued 16 February 2024 – see attached) that addressed numerous Action items from the last meeting with other issues being addressed in the March meeting. PH also confirmed that VNSW did not make a submission on the Oxford St Cycleway.
 - *Adam Worling (AW) commented on the illegal parking of private limousines and hire cars on Moore Park Rd. PH noted that a possible 'geodome or bubble' exclusion area around the SCG precinct for events cannot curtail all ride share services as the bubble is not recognised by all app providers. A geodome cannot be implemented currently.*
 - *Julie Armour (JA) noted Stickers/Graffiti of Football codes on local infrastructure was an issue and that she had raised it with Sydney FC, as had Venues NSW.*
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Project and events update

Precinct Village Carpark construction

Aleks Kukoji (AK), Venues NSW provided an overview of:

- **Construction program**, noting the construction contract has been let with a soft start anticipated at the end of
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March and full construction underway in early April. Construction is to commence on the west side.

- **Proposed modification to the current staging.** It is proposed for the two-stage program to be rolled into one stage. The one stage program will enable a shorter construction program (approximately one year faster) removal of 186 temporary car spaces (4-5% of event-day parking capacity)
 - *Josh Milston (JM) advised that this has negligible impact on parking in event and non-event mode. The modification is to be lodged on the 15th March and approval anticipated by the end of May.*

Recent events

Phil Heads (PH) provided an overview of recent events in the precinct and the lessons learnt notably,

- **Pink Concert:** Preparation for the concert started earlier because it was the performer's first show of a national tour. There had been feedback about the location of generators on Moore Park Rd and this was being reviewed as a high priority.
- **Robbie Williams concert:** There was discussion about the accidental death of a patron following the concert. The patron attempted to step across seats, lost balance and fell. In future, more staff will be stationed in seating bowl during egress to help direct spectators appropriately.
- **PH** also noted that the Cricket season had just finished, the Waratahs are playing the first home match of the Super Rugby season next weekend with the other winter codes to follow.
- PH noted a number of diary holds for concerts in the 2024-25 summer season, with dates and artists to be confirmed in future.

Project Presentation

Alex York (AY) from Cox Architects addressed the design issues raised in the last meeting:

UTS Plaza: To control vehicle access and to protect the plaza from informal parking,

- removable bollards (1200mm apart) are to be located at Moore Park Rd and remain in place at all times (except to allow emergency access).
- The driveway at the south end of Plaza is to be fenced and gated.
- Seats have been relocated to create a barrier-free environment for pedestrians.

Toilets in the Village Precinct: to ensure provision of adequate facilities.

- Female 11 WCs
- Male 8 WCs (no urinals)
- Universal Access / Gender Neutral 4 WCs
- Changing Places 6

Toilets in the Stadium

- Female 660 WCs
- Male 74 (WC) + 499 urinals (or equivalent in length)
- Universal Access 4 WCs
- Gender Neutral 42 WCs
- Changing Places 1

Accessibility: to ensure universal access and intuitive wayfinding is provided within the precinct and carpark

- Accessible Paths with ramps (8m wide) or stairs and lifts are to be provided from each street frontage.
 - *Simon Darcy (SD) asked if new lift specifications and operations are the same as stadium. AK advised that they are identical.*
- Ramped access to plaza which is elevated 1.2m.
- Within the Precinct Village wayfinding signage will be the same type as the stadium.

Car park accessibility

- 2 levels of accessible car spaces are to be provided adjacent to lifts.
- Wheelchair drop-off and pick-up in carpark adjacent to entry – before and after events

- Currently alternative pick up being provided on Moore Park Rd (JM)
 - *SD noted that unless taxi pick up is pre-arranged access is not allowed.*

Protection of Garden Beds from damage from pedestrian shortcuts

- Plaza is elevated and raised garden beds should deter shortcuts through planters.
- Ongoing maintenance for general upkeep and to resolve any issues that should arise once operational.
- Paths designed to follow direct desire lines.

Josh Milston (JM) from JMT Consulting addressed the traffic, parking, transport and pedestrian movement issues raised in the last meeting, confirming the following:

Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian movement

- 370-380 cars will be exiting onto Moore Park Rd (1 lane only)
- Cars will be directed to closest exit to streamline vehicle egress.
- Oxford St cycleway should improve event traffic.
 - *JA noted that the non-RHT from Oxford St will redirect local residents to Moore Park Rd. and again raised concerns over limousines illegally parking on Moore Park Rd.*

ACTION: PH to contact NSW Police and Point to Point Transport Commissioner to address traffic management during major events.

General discussion, other agenda items plus Q & A

Concerns raised in the Q&A included the following:

Parking on the grass

- *JA would like "Did you park on the grass?" question added to post-event survey*

ACTION: PH to check if a postcode and grass parking questions can be included in the Venues NSW post-event survey programs

Concert Cap update.

- *PH confirmed that the NSW Government has increased the SCG precinct concert cap from 4 events per year to 20 events per year*

Oxford St Cycleway impacts on event nights (WM/JA)

- *WM and JA reiterated the lack of RHT into Greens Road and Oatley Rd will force residents to enter neighbourhood via Moore Park Rd noting that this will considerably hinder resident access to South & West Paddington especially on event days.*

ACTION: PH will follow up with Moore Park Major Events Group about local area traffic management

Venues NSW complaints line

- *PH confirmed that a standalone 24-hour hotline is now in place for concert events, in addition to the normal Venues NSW switch number.*

Parking on the grass opposite Hordern Pavilion (EP3)–

- *AW would like to see removal of parking brought forward in line with the opening of the new carpark.*
- *PH noted Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) manages parking on Moore Park (EP3)*
- *SB noted that parking is being removed in line with legislated process and timeline.*

E-bikes

- AW asked if allocated parking provision can be made for E-Bikes at Stadium
- JM noted there are 50-60 spaces on Moore Park Rd that could be used for E-Bikes.
- WM asked why bike racks in Moore park Road had unnecessary signs on them- see photo below



ACTION: PH to follow up if E-bikes can be allocated to Moore Park Rd in partnership with City of Sydney program

Opening of WCs in Moore Park on event nights

- WM noted that these were originally for bus drivers so not well located for event patrons and that if they were to be opened there would need to be adequate management in place to ensure safety and security. Currently opening hours restricted to 9am to 4pm due to significant anti-social behaviour and malicious damage. It is understood that Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) are undertaking a risk assessment of the Facility.

Event Notification

- WM asked if a joint listing of events scheduled at the Allianz Stadium & SCG could be on both websites to assist residents in surrounding areas to see when double header events are on as on these days traffic in Redfern/Chippendale can be very congested.

ACTION: PH to follow up

Accessibility issues:

- SD highlighted the need for continuous accessible route along Driver Avenue, particularly outside Allianz Stadium, which is problematic for patrons with a mobility disability.

ACTION: PH to follow up

Next meeting date:

Friday 17 May 3:30-5:00pm

3:30-5pm

Venues NSW Boardroom

Level 1, Allianz Stadium- **Enter via Gate 8.**

ACTIONS: SFS CCC Meeting #4	Responsible	Status
<p>Operational issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW Police to be invited to next meeting to discuss Moore Park Rd limo parking. 2. Point to Point Transport Commissioner to be asked to respond to issues with taxis, hire cars & ride shares including proposed action by Commissioner. 3. Follow up with Moore Park Major Events Group about local area traffic management. 4. Check if postcodes can be provided for patrons using on-grass parking. 5. Explore dedicated E-bike parking on Moore Park Rd in existing bike parking area. 6. Investigate listing events scheduled at the Allianz Stadium & SCG on both websites especially when double header events are scheduled. <p>Design issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The issue of continuous accessible route along Driver Avenue, outside Allianz Stadium, for patrons with a mobility disability to be addressed. 	<p>PH</p>	