

# Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee 2023 Meeting #2 Minutes



## Details

**Meeting:** Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee 2023

**Location:** Microsoft Teams meeting

**Date/time:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
3:30PM to 5:00 PM

**Chair:** Professor Helen Lochhead (HL)

## Attendees

### Community Representatives

1. Simon Darcy (SD)
2. Will Mrongovius (WM)
3. Julie Armour (JM)
4. Malcolm Wells (MW)

### Local Government representatives:

1. Councillor Adam Worling, City of Sydney (AW)
2. Councillor Paula Masselos, Waverley Council (PM)
3. David Onkilli, Randwick City Council (in lieu of Cllr Dylan Parker) (DO)

### Venues NSW representatives

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

### Attendees:

1. Alex York, Cox Architects Village Precinct & Carpark (AY)
2. Aleks Kukolj, Venues NSW (AY)
3. Chantelle Pepper, Note taker

No.	Description	Actions
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	Note
2	<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Susan Wynne, Woollahra Council Cllr Dylan Parker, Randwick City Council Robert Postema, Community representative
3	<b>Declarations of interests</b>	Nil
4	<p><b>Actions arising from previous meeting.</b></p> <p><b>#1-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To provide an update on the FIFA event prior to the event via circulation of a briefing document – <b>Provided 7 July 2023</b></p> <p><b>#2-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To provide spreadsheet with status of all plans and approvals <b>Pending</b></p> <p><b>#3-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To provide community contact details for management of construction impacts. <b>The dedicated project 1800-line and email address are key access points for the community to receive project information.</b> <b>P: 1800 414 020</b></p> <p><b>#4-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To arrange presentation from project team of approved development proposal to explain overall design for Village Precinct and underground carpark – <b>Scheduled 4 August CCC</b></p> <p><b>#5-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To provide Community Consultation Plan to CCC members <b>Provided 7 July 2023</b></p>	<p>Phil Heads (PH) provided an update on outstanding actions arising from the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Modification for the Concert Cap is yet to be lodged. Expected in the next 2 weeks (mid-August).</p> <p><b>PH will advise CCC when Modification application is lodged.</b></p> <p>Due to the FIFAWWC the site visit was postponed. PH provided updated on WWC matches held.</p> <p><b>PH will arrange a site visit at the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>CCC Feedback on FIFAWWC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from the CCC members included - compliments on the pedestrian and traffic management on the local roads notably Moore Park Road and Regent St.</li> <li>• Rubbish was well handled.</li> <li>• Safety barriers to control pedestrian traffic/access on Moore Park Road had a positive impact. (RP, MW, AW)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>#6-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To upload relevant information into a specific community website. Noted: Communication strategy must provide relevant helpful information to address various community concerns e.g., Tree to be removed, species and locations included and the number/species and location of replacement trees etc. <a href="https://www.venuesnsw.com/page/publications">https://www.venuesnsw.com/page/publications</a></p> <p><b>#7-05/23 Phil Heads</b> To arrange site visit prior to next meeting <b>Pending</b></p>	
5	<p><b>Overview of the Project: Precinct Village Carpark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation on approved development proposal to explain overall design for Village Precinct and underground carpark.</li> <li>- Provide details on secondary access egress on Moore Park Road</li> </ul>	<p><b>Alex York (AY) from Cox Architects presented the scheme for the Precinct Village Carpark</b> noting it is more than a carpark but an extension of the recreational precinct of Moore Park (with carparking under)</p> <p><b>Key design features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connection to Country embedded in design.</li> <li>• Celebrates the primacy of sports - reinforces links to all sporting facilities.</li> <li>• Flexible community event space provided.</li> <li>• Tennis courts double as flexible spectator space (in event mode)</li> <li>• Eat St Experience builds on F&amp;B offering of Oxford St and EQ - for patrons, locals, and workers.</li> <li>• Play and engagement with all age groups.</li> <li>• Retail/eateries activate public space.</li> <li>• Local connections to Parklands and neighbouring suburbs enhanced. Improved pedestrian connections through Precinct village both E-W and N-S</li> <li>• Materiality and character related to context – predominately brick with low scale buildings.</li> <li>• Sustainability: Sustainable design and strategies aligned with LEED Gold requirements. Design to maintain 50% solar access to all outdoor active spaces from 11-2pm.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key spaces:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Village Terraces &amp; Lawn.</b> (eg Marrickville library, UTS Alumni Green, The Goods Line)</li> <li>2. <b>Eat Street &amp; Tree Grove &amp; The Gully:</b> 6.2m wide pedestrian Eat Street is the primary N-S link. Tree grove provides shade and adaptable seating all year round.</li> <li>3. <b>Village Lawn &amp; Moore Park interface</b> of timber platforms provide informal tiered seating on northern edge of lawn. Lawn encircled with planting and ramped pathway between Driver Ave and Village Precinct negotiates level change</li> <li>4. <b>Play area-</b> destinational playground (eg Lane Cove, Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour)</li> <li>5. <b>Tennis Courts &amp; Flexible spectator space</b> (Level 1 plaza) 4 tennis courts, flexible spectator area, pavilion and tennis club house, spectator area proposes removable seating. Extending the Stadium's concourse feature paving treatment, the area will read as the connector between the Stadium, Stage 2 of. the Precinct village and Moore Park East Parkland.</li> </ol>
6	<p><b>Discussion plus Q &amp; A</b></p>	<p><b>Issues raised:</b></p> <p><b>Secondary access onto Moore Park Rd was questioned.</b></p> <p><b>Response: Aleks Kukolj (AK) confirmed that it was only proposed to be used for Tier 1(35,000 people) and Tier 2 events - used for egress for 1-2 hours at end of events (1500 cars).</b></p> <p><b>It will not be used/accessible during non-event mode.</b></p> <p><b>Simon Darcy (SD): For Tier 1 &amp; 2 events – how is it secure for pedestrian access given it is a major thoroughfare? It will create safety issues and repurposing of the space even if it is</b></p>

only for Tier 1 & 2 *Is this egress needed?*

**Response: Alex York (AY)** confirmed that Venues NSW is looking to secure the top of the ramp with a gate so that the whole gully can be accessed in non-event mode. It is not a major pedestrian exit route during events. The Moore Park Rd carpark exit will only be used periodically. Confirmed barriers are there permanently to reduce potential conflict.

**Adam Worling (AW):** Noted that it was not consistent with TfNSW Green Travel Plan. Egress conflicts with pedestrian movement. Concern for egress onto Moore Park Road, specifically Driver Avenue. If there is 1,500 carparks & 45,000 people in the stadium, most people won't be heading south – they will be heading towards Surry Hills/Paddington – issue is that cars will be exiting at the same time as pedestrians. commenting that this will create a traffic bottle neck and safety nightmare for the 1000s of pedestrians exiting along the Moore Park Road footpath following an event and encountering frustrated drivers trying to exit across a footpath at the same time.

**Response: AY:** Confirmed COX is undertaking work with a transport consultant, believed this be a workable proposal.

**AK** added that the aim is to spread people across the plaza through to Moore Park Road rather than channeling to one exit point

**Paula Masselos (PM):** lack of active transport options/management in precinct, bike parking as well e-bikes and scooters problematic if bike parking and management is not considered.

**Response: AY** confirmed Stadium has approx.150 bike park spaces

**PM:** Queried bike parking in Eat Street.

**Response: AK:** Confirmed there is no bike parking throughout Eat Street.

**PM:** Reinforced the need for bike parking in Eat Street for convenience and accessibility. PM recommended a corral for hire bikes be provided to manage drop-offs anywhere.

**Will Mrongovius (WM):** Commented how the barriers will be very jarring and that the secondary egress with left turn only is hardly worth it given the small amount of traffic using it, and considering it only joins the traffic already exiting via Driver Ave. The secondary egress also sends the wrong message, prioritizing car egress over pedestrian egress. Cars should wait.

**Response: AY** advised that the barriers do not impede access to UTS students or precinct users.

**SD:** Raised concerns of the impact of the ramp and barriers on UTS plaza. SD also asked if the traffic exit could be staggered (Like CommBank Arena – 30 min intervals).

**Malcolm Wells (MW):** Commented an excellent suggestion from Simon to consider sequencing pedestrians then cars like they do at Parramatta.

**Response: AY** noted minor impact, acknowledged that the ramp will be worked into the area – Venues NSW to provide a detailed drawing of barrier and ramp design and layout, noting the CCC concerns are to ensure a barrier free environment.

**Julie Armour (JA):** Questioned if there was 'accessible' car access during events from Driver Avenue for people with special needs?

**Response: AY** confirmed it is accessible, and cars enter the area differently to exit (People arrive over a longer time frame, are more sedate and slow manner compared to exit and leaving in a rush).

**AW:** Raised concern for cars exiting, management of pedestrians & those catching public transport stating it was an unacceptable risk to pedestrians.

**MW:** Agreed with Adam's concern that car departure and management of pedestrians is not coherent with other more progressive policies for green and active transport.

		<p><b>Response: AK</b> confirmed that there will be traffic control in the area to provide equal opportunity, dependant on business of event. Additionally, will liaise with Transport for NSW. PH noted that the project reinstated the former driveway that had been in that area since 1988.</p> <p><b>MW:</b> Queried if there are traffic lights at Driver Ave/Moore Park Rd?</p> <p><b>Response: AK</b> Confirmed there would be traffic lights</p> <p><b>PH:</b> Noted that the precinct car park is a significant improvement on current condition and increases public open space in the broader precinct.</p> <p><b>AW:</b> Raised concern for garden areas in high traffic/pedestrian areas. Without fencing, people will damage gardens by walking though it &amp; urinating. Questioned location of toilets in precinct. Risk of people using planted areas along pedestrian routes as urinals-</p> <p><b>Response: AY</b> confirmed 15 toilets in 2 blocks to be provided in this area. Main block contains gender neutral toilets.</p> <p><b>SD:</b> Commented with regard to the terrace steps and the decision to use lifts - lifts breakdown and a lot of people who are independent mobility wise would much prefer a ramp.</p> <p><b>Response: AK</b> Confirmed incorporation of ramp on south of site.</p> <p><b>SD:</b> why not ramps integrated in stairs?</p> <p><b>Response: AY</b> Added, – it is quite a significant rise we don't have the length of run to create a ramp without destroying the stepped environment- there is ramp in Northwest corner as otherwise there would be a significant drop.</p> <p><b>Julie Armour:</b> Asked why external stadium lighting is on all night.</p> <p><b>Response: PH</b> said that Event /Venue lighting is turned off at closing time. PH to check on Stadium external architectural lighting program and report back directly to JA, and to next CCC meeting</p>
7	<p><b>Other agenda items</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allianz Stadium schedule update</li> <li>2. Update on the Concert Cap Modification</li> <li>3. Noise monitoring of FIFA WWC</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Event schedule provided. Paul McCartney mystery event.</li> <li>2. - PH to advise when MOD for Concert Cap is lodged with DPE and exhibition period. Likely to be mid-August</li> <li>3. PH advised Noise monitoring is of created noise rather than crowd noise but will check</li> </ol>
8	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional stakeholder representation on CCC</li> </ul>	<p>Th Chair noted that several unsolicited requests have been received to join the SFS CCC. As applications were sought and selected through a public process it is not appropriate to add new members without a due process. Currently there is a good cross-section of community, Council, and stakeholder representatives on the CCC. However, if vacancies occur there is possibility of expanding membership in the future if there is considered a need.</p>
9	<p><b>Next meeting date:</b> 27 October 2023</p>	<p>The next SFS CCC is scheduled on 27 October. A site visit is to be scheduled on this date.</p> <p>An interim meeting may be scheduled if CCC members would like to discuss/ make a submission on the Concert Cap Mod.</p>

## Action items: Meeting #2

No.	Action	Responsible	Status
#7-08/23	Confirm number and frequency of Tier 1 & 2 events p.a.	Phil Heads	Pending
#1-08/23	Confirm total number of pedestrians and percentage of pedestrians' using each arrival and departure route to demonstrate pedestrian movements during Tier 1 & 2 events. Provide annotated map	Aleks Kukolj	Pending
#2-08/23	Provide modelling (no./%) of vehicles exiting on to Moore Park Rd vs Driver Ave during Tier 1 & 2 events	Aleks Kukolj	Pending
#3-08/23	Provide Detailed Drawings to explain barriers and vehicular ramp design and impacts on UTS Plaza, noting the CCC goal is to ensure a barrier free environment.	Alex York	Pending
#3-08/23	Provide Operational plan during events/everyday mode	Aleks Kukolj	Pending
#4-08/23	Confirm number and percentage of gender neutral/M/F public toilets in Village precinct	Alex York	Pending
#5-08/23	Check on Stadium external architectural lighting regimen	Phil Heads	Pending
#6-08/23	Provide Accessibility map to show ALL-accessibility (lifts/ramps) routes	Alex York	Pending
#7-08/23	Provide more clarity for interfaces/physical representation e.g. signage, barriers, pedestrian/operational guidelines	Aleks York	Pending
#8-08/23	To show movement of people from concourse of Stadium across the plaza to Moore Park Road (Drawn Plan)	Aleks Kukolj	Pending
#9-08/23	Share <b>Precinct Village Carpark</b> presentation with Committee	Alex York	Pending
#10-08/23	Provide report on noise (crowd and created noise) during Pakistan Final	Phil Heads	Pending
#11-08/23	Advise CCC when MOD for increased Concert Cap is lodged with DPE and exhibition period	Phil Heads	Pending