

# Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee 2023 Meeting #3 Meeting Notes

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Meeting Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: – 3:00pm to 5:00pm

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

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## Attendance

### Chair

Professor Helen Lochhead

### Community Representatives:

1. Simon Darcy
2. Julie Amour
3. Will Mrongovius

### Local Government Representatives:

1. Councillor Adam Worling, City of Sydney
2. Councillor Susan Wynne, Woollahra Council
3. Councillor Paula Masselos, Waverly Council
4. David Onkilli, Coordinator Strategic Planning, Randwick City Council **Venues NSW**

### Representatives:

1. Phil Heads, Group GM, Communications, Heritage and Community **Attendees:**

1. Alex York (AY), Cox Architects
  2. Aleks Kukoji, Venues NSW
  3. Josh Milston, JMT Consulting
  4. Chantelle Pepper, Note taker
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## Apologies

1. Robert Postema
  2. Malcom Wells.
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**Declarations of interest** None.

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## Actions Arising from Previous Meeting

Phil Heads (PH) tabled a *Venues NSW update (10 November 2023)*, a *Post-Occupation Review of Events Operations (October 2023)* a requirement of Development Consent (SSD 9835) and *Correspondence - Venues NSW to Mr Andrew Moss regarding carpark egress*.

### #0-08/23 Confirm number and frequency of Tier 1 & 2 events p.a.

**PH:** Provided a verbal update at the meeting, highlighting how events are classified into different Tiers (as outlined in his report) This classification governs event operating procedures. He provided commentary on the Tier, type and number of events permitted, noting Venues NSW complies with approved operational management plans including event traffic and transport protocols during all events.

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- Tier 1 - major sporting events, concerts, significant in-stadium events broadcast events. Limit of 60 Tier 1 events per annum
- Tier 2 - trial matches, training sessions, non-elite community events. No limit on number of Tier 2 events per annum

The *Post-occupation review of Event Operations(October 2023)* provides a total number of pedestrians and percentage of pedestrians' using each arrival and departure route to demonstrate pedestrian movements during Tier 1 & 2 events.

**Action: Provide annotated map to explain pedestrian access and movement paths during events**

**#2-08/23 Provide modelling (no./%) of vehicles exiting on to Moore Park Rd vs Driver Ave during Tier 1 & 2 events.**

Provided in presentation at meeting.

**Josh Milston (JM)** presented the precinct village carpark traffic planning and noted:

- TfNSW major events team advised the need for secondary carpark egress based on EQ carpark experience. .
- For events less than 20,000 all cars exit via Driver Ave only.
- For events of over 20,000 patrons Diver Ave and Moore Park exist are to be used
- Driver Ave exit has 3 lanes (75%). Moore Park exit has 1 lane (25%). Traffic controller at that exit.
- Capacity 1200 -1300 cars in precinct village carpark.
- Accessible drop-off within carpark with direct entry via VIP entry - All parking is to be pre-booked for events.

**#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.**

Provided in presentation at meeting.

**Alex York (AY)** provided details on secondary carpark egress to Moore Park Road and noted:

- A vehicular ramp from the carpark exit to Moore Park Rd is proposed, however at the UTS Plaza it feathers into the existing levels.
- Two seats are being removed, one is to be relocated and one added to the east to maintain amenity.
- No bollards are proposed to create a barrier free plaza however the entry to carpark ramp is to be gated.
- Precinct Village is approximately 6m above ground level. Pedestrian access is via stairs, ramps and lift access from Moore Park Rd and Driver Ave
- Signage and wayfinding will guide pedestrians to appropriate route and entry points.
- Accessible vehicular drop-off (currently kerbside) is to be relocated within carpark closer to the main entry - Pedestrian traffic flows indicated on the plans.

**Action:**

- **CCC requested retractable or movable bollards near the threshold to Moore Park Rd be investigated to prevent vehicles entering UTS pedestrian plaza and informal parking/waiting in plaza. - Share map of UTS Plaza and car park exit.**

**#3-08/23 Provide Operational plan during events/everyday mode.**

- See *Venues NSW update (10 November 2023)* issued at meeting.

**#4-08/23 Confirm number and percentage of gender neutral/M/F public toilets in Village Precinct.**

**PH:** Confirmed 15 toilets are to be provided in this area. 2 main blocks contain gender neutral toilets. 6 toilet block locations provide a mix of gender neutral, M/F and accessible toilets. It was confirmed that accessible toilets double as family rooms. Stadium has 600 women's, 600 men's and 6 universal access toilets.

**Action:**

- **Confirm no. of toilets and mix of toilets in Village Precinct**
- **Explore opportunity to open Moore Park toilets on event nights and if temporary toilets are needed #5-08/23 Check on Stadium external architectural lighting regimen.**

Closed prior to meeting. No comments resurfaced in Meeting #3.

**#6-08/23 Provide Accessibility map to show ALL-accessibility (lifts/ramps) routes.**

Provided in presentation at meeting.

**AY** noted 6 accessible drop-off locations including a new internal carpark drop-off for people with special needs.

**Simon Darcy (SD):** Raised concern regarding the safety of the kerbside drop off points with police directing vehicles dropping off people with accessibility requirements to 'mount the curb' to clear traffic lanes. This practice blocks pedestrians.

**AY** noted that the new internal carpark drop-off for people with special needs would resolve this practice.

**#7-08/23 Provide more clarity for interfaces/visual representation eg. signage, barriers, pedestrian areas and operational guidelines.**

Provided in presentation at meeting.

**#8-08/23 Illustrate movement of people from concourse of Stadium across the plaza to Moore Park Road (Drawn Plan).**

**AY:** Provided pedestrian traffic flows indicated on plans in presentation

**JM:** Provided key pedestrian movements (%) in presentation indicating,

- 41% walk south on Driver Avenue
- 14% walk to Surry Hills
- 14% walk east on Moore Park Rd towards Bondi Junction
- 9% exit via carpark
- 6% walk north to Paddington
- 5% walk across parkland so they don't conflict with vehicles
- 2% walk west on Moore Park Rd precinct village (across carpark access)
- 2% exit the SFS and walk north along Driver avenue – will conflict with the carpark – however majority of people will be exiting south

**Action:**

- **Share map of pedestrian & vehicular movements indicating %.**

**#9-08/23 Share Precinct Village Carpark presentation with Committee.**

See attached link.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1khCJWoz0DFkzUcyUMGjX3ruCnquFhHsa?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1khCJWoz0DFkzUcyUMGjX3ruCnquFhHsa?usp=share_link) **#10-08/23**

**Provide report on noise (crowd and created noise) during Pakistan Final.**

See above link.

**#11-08/23 Advise CCC when MOD for increased Concert Cap is lodged with DPE and exhibition period.**

Application is still under consideration by DPE.

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## Overview of the project: Precinct Village Carpark

### PRESENTATION – ALEX YORK, COX ARCHITECTS Introduction:

**Alex York (AY)** provided an overview and noted the benefits to the local community including pedestrian amenity far beyond the current situation. It is designed to be barrier-free. The new development will add 15,000 sqm of public amenity. He addressed the key points of concern noted below:

#### Moore Park Road carpark exit

**AY:** Provided details on secondary carpark egress on Moore Park Road (25% of vehicles), the primary exit being on Diver Ave (75% of vehicles). Confirmed the carpark exit is a driveway that has a gate and a fence for security at the threshold to the carpark ramp when not in use. Pedestrians will be prevented from access to ramp. The driveway matches the levels of the UTS Plaza between the carpark ramp and Moore Park Rd.

**Helen Lochhead (HL):** Questioned how to prevent vehicles from entering the UTS Plaza from Moore Park Rd and suggested bollards may need to be considered to deter informal parking, drop-offs or pick-ups in the Plaza.

**AY:** Noted signage will be implemented to limit car access. The plaza is intended to be open, bollards if used would need to be retractable or removable.

#### Lifts on Driver Avenue and Moore Park Road

**AY:** Pedestrian access to precinct village is approx. 6m above ground level with stairs, ramps and lift access from Moore Park Rd and Driver Ave - Accessible vehicular drop-off (currently kerbside) is to be relocated within carpark closer to the main entry. Lifts are identical to Gate 8 lift.

**JM:** Confirmed there is a dedicated drop-off and pick-up point within the carpark adjacent to the VIP entry.

#### Public Plaza Signage:

**AY:** Confirmed single design identity for signage and wayfinding around the precinct including specific signage for those with accessibility requirements. Monument entry signage portals (3.5m tall, brick pylons) are to be incorporated to provide directions and advertising. Within the Precinct Village signage will be the same type as the stadium.

#### Traffic and Pedestrian movement:

**Josh Milston (JM)** presented the Precinct Village carpark pedestrian movements and traffic planning. TfNSW major events team advised the need for secondary carpark egress based on EQ carpark experience, often emergency responses, highlighting the key reason why a second egress point is needed.

**JM:** confirmed:

- Precinct Village carpark has capacity for 1500 cars.
- Moore Park car park exit will be used for events of over 20,000.
- For events less than 20,000 all cars exit via Driver Ave.
- Driver Ave exit has 3 lanes ((75% of vehicles).

- Moore Park exit has 1 lane (25% of vehicles). A traffic controller at that exit will enable more even distribution/spread the load.
- Parking is pre-booked for events.
- An accessible drop - off within the carpark has been incorporated with direct entry via VIP entry.

**JM:** Provided key pedestrian movements (%) in presentation indicating,

- 41% walk south on Driver Avenue
- 14% walk to Surry Hills
- 14% walk east on Moore Park Rd towards Bondi Junction
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- 5% walk across parkland so they don't conflict with vehicles
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## General discussion and other agenda items

Concerns raised in the Q&A included the following:

- **The adequacy of number and distribution of toilets.** PH advised Venues NSW policy promotes individuals onsite earlier and staying longer afterwards. It was acknowledged that depending on popularity of offerings after events, toilet areas may be under pressure. Potential for Moore Park toilets to be opened could also be explored.
- Campaigns *Use the loo before you shoot through* were suggested by CCC (JA).

2. **Grass parking on Moore Park.** PH noted the removal of on-grass car parking has been changed. The new legislated dates are:

- 1 July 2026 for Moore Park EP2 (opposite Stadium). This coincides with the completion of the Precinct Village car park
- 1 July 2028 for EP3 area (closest to Hordern Pavilion).
- WM asked PH if Venues NSW were aware of the push to amend the legislation. PH commented that the Alliance of Moore Park Sports had publicly advocated to amend the timeline for the removal of on-grass parking. PH noted that Venues NSW was aware of the timeline change.
- CCC members asked whether this can be accelerated.
- PM identified the need for ticket scanning to monitor where patrons are coming from to ascertain travel patterns and their needs, to inform transport planning and educate patrons (PM)
- JA requested over the next 6 months the collection of postcodes at the point of sale from those using on-grass parking to better understand who is using this parking. This will better inform how parking should be allocated when the Village Precinct car park is complete.

### Action:

- **Explore options for shorter time frame for removal of on-grass parking on EP2 in line with completion of precinct village and carpark adjacent to stadium.**
- **Explore ticket scanning to ascertain travel patterns, transport and parking demand and education.**

- **Monitor postcodes of on-grass car parking over next 6 months to inform how parking should be allocated when the Village Precinct car park is complete.**
3. **Protection of garden beds** was identified as an issue to deter people shortcutting through garden beds and trampling plants (AW). Raised beds were suggested by CCC to deter this behaviour rather than fencing

**Action:**

- **Provide options for protection of garden beds from pedestrian shortcuts**
4. **Adequate wayfinding signage.** CCC suggested introducing wayfinding through marked ground signage or coloured paving may be helpful to direct crowds.
5. **Concert Cap Modification update** - Concert Cap determination is still pending.
6. **Crowd noise-** provided in *Venues NSW update (10 November 2023)*
7. **Allianz Stadium schedule** – provided in *Venues NSW update (10 November 2023)*
8. **Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey** – CCC queried who it was distributed to and how many households was it distributed to?

**Action:**

- **Distribute details of stakeholder satisfaction survey, including number of leaflets printed, distribution map, and the number of stakeholders consulted by other means.**

Actions	Responsible	Status
<p><b>Share Precinct Village Precinct presentation (10 Nov) and other relevant maps/drawings requested notably,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- map of UTS Plaza and car park exit.</li> <li>- map to explain pedestrian access and movement indicating %.</li> <li>- map of vehicular movements indicating %.</li> </ul> <p><b>Locate all information in one folder on website</b></p>	PH/AY/JM	
<p><b>Design issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide options for protection of garden beds from pedestrian shortcuts</li> <li>- Explore bollard options to protect UTS plaza from informal car parking</li> <li>- Confirm total no. of toilets in Stadium</li> <li>- Confirm no of male, female, gender neutral and accessible toilets in Village Precinct</li> <li>- Identify if there is need for temporary toilets on event nights</li> </ul>	PH/AY	

<p><b>Operational issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provide a SIMP update quarterly.</li><li>- Explore options for shorter time frame for removal of on-grass parking on EP2 in line with completion of precinct village and carpark next to stadium</li><li>- Investigate ticket scanning to ascertain travel patterns and parking demand.</li><li>- Monitor postcodes of on-grass car parking over next 6 months to inform how parking should be allocated when the Village Precinct carpark is complete</li><li>- Identify need for temporary toilets on major event nights.</li><li>- Confirm Drinking Hours on event nights.</li><li>- Explore feasibility of opening Moore Park toilet on event nights</li><li>- Distribute details of stakeholder satisfaction survey, including no. of leaflets printed, distribution map, and no. of stakeholders consulted by other means.</li><li>- Confirm booking requirements for parking</li></ul>	PH	
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**Next Meeting Date**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

3:30-5pm

Venues NSW Boardroom

Level 1, Allianz Stadium

Enter via Gate 8.

**Walk around the precinct rescheduled to February meeting**