



Dear Community Member

Things have not ground to a halt on the development front during the COVID pandemic – quite the opposite.

Our June newsletter (attached) provides an insight into what is proposed for our part of the world.

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Following the unacceptable vote by our Council on 11 May to approve an amended plan for St Leonards South (Councillors Palmer, Brooks-Horn, Strassberg, Bennison, Brent in support and Cc against), the re-zoning proposal for St Leonards South is with the Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation.

Despite numerous attempts, we have been unable to secure access to Council's modelling for dwelling numbers in its amended plan. We now look to the Department to address the advice of th that the SLS Plan represents overdevelopment.

It is hard to understand why our Council is pushing so hard on SLS now that we are starting to see the full impact of **our Council's approvals** for the St Leonards area.

The two St Leonards Square towers are complete, the Landmark development next door is rising to its 43 storey height and the three JQZ towers (16, 28 and 49 storeys) will soon emerge from St Leonards Station.



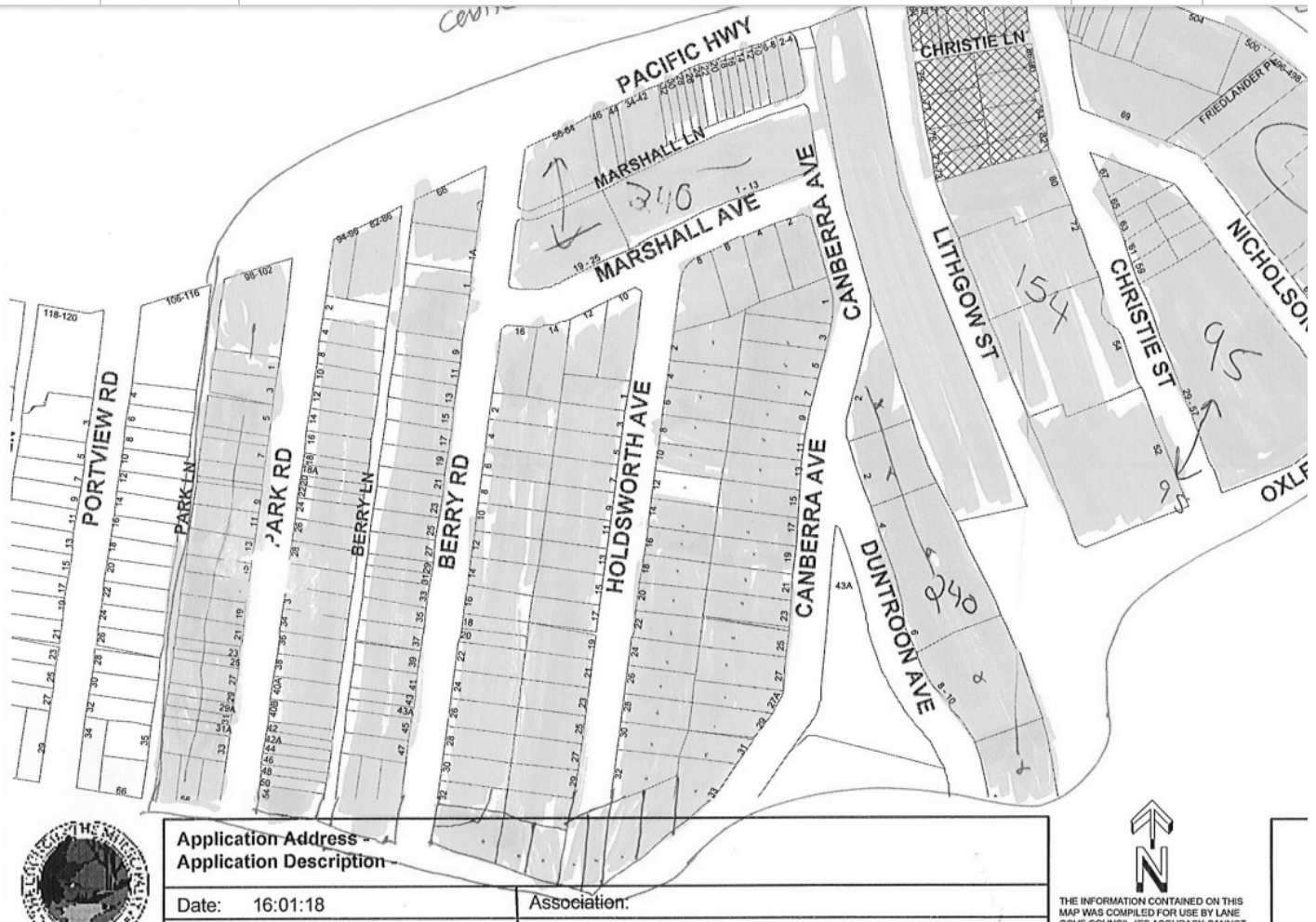
JQZ development and more height is proposed

More height planned for JQZ

Since our newsletter went to print, we have discovered that the Sydney North Planning Panel will be considering on 24 June a DA to increase the height of two of the JQZ towers – the 49 storey one by 3.65m.

The original plans for the JQZ site attracted many submissions from the community, most expressing concern about the scale of the development.

We were gobsmacked to see Council's map of notifications for this new DA (which was lodged with Council on 30/1/2020).



A large proportion of the notification area is in the hands of developers.

Why not notify all who made submissions in relation to the previous DA?

And why no notification to the GCA that made a submission last time and appeared before the Sydney North Planning Panel when the original DA was decided?

After our follow up with Council, we have been advised that Council will accept a submission from the GCA if it is with Council by 17 June – presumably the same would apply to others who wish. You will find the detail of the proposed changes and Lane Cove Council's report in favour of the proposed changes on the Sydney North Planning Panel website.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/88-christie-street>

Community members can register to address the panel or listen to the panel's proceedings

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Missed opportunity for active transport funding

Council has confirmed that it has made no application for up \$1,100,000 funding for shared user pathways and cycling infrastructure under the NSW government's COVID funding grant scheme at a time when more people than ever are walking or taking to their bikes.

Council's budget for 2020-2021 is due to be approved on Monday 15 June. Council's allocation for bike infrastructure remains at \$150,000 for the next 3 years, despite passing a Bike Plan last year with expenditure over 5 years. A lot to make up in future budgets!

And what has happened to our Local Government elections?

Our Council elections were due to take place in September this year.

They have been postponed to September 2021, with a further power to extend to 31 December 2021 if required.

Some of our community members may be thinking of standing for East Ward at the next Council elections.

As the foreword to the Councillor Handbook says, Councillors are elected by their community members "to represent their needs at the local level and ...this is a responsibility you (Councillor) will have".

You will find important information about the responsibilities of Councillors on the Office of Local Government website

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/councillors/being-a-councillor-what-you-need-to-know/>

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