



Dear Community Member

COUNCIL WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY 11 MAY TO VOTE ON ITS REVISED ST LEONARDS SOUTH RE-ZONING PLAN

Councillors do not have to vote in support of the plan.

If the plan is approved by Council, it will go to the Department of Planning for finalisation. The developers (who have speculated and bought most of the sites already) will then be able to pursue their plans for towers of units in St Leonards South.

IF THE NEW PLAN IS APPROVED, THE DEVELOPERS WILL BE THE CLEAR WINNERS

- The underpinning concern in Council's report is to attempt to make the SLS development financially viable for developers.
- Changes to Council's original plan are minimal. Council officers have chosen to ignore clearly articulated community concerns and even clearer advice from the Independent Planning Commission and eminent architects on the State Design Review Panel that the plan is flawed and represents over development.
- The GCA and many community members have consistently expressed concern around the scale of the proposed plan and the impacts of at least 5,000 new residents on already inadequate infrastructure. The reduction in dwelling numbers proposed in the new plan (2,400 to 2,290) is insignificant.

THE COMMUNITY (GREENWICH AND ADJACENT SUBURBS) WILL COME LAST UNDER THE PROPOSED PLAN

THE COUNCIL REPORT DOES NOT SUPPORT FURTHER COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Remember that statement in the Mayoral Minute about SLS at Council's April 2020 meeting?

Council's commitment to community engagement and consultation also remains part of our "business as usual" approach.

YES, JUST LAST MONTH!

Council's report for Monday night includes **no analysis of the hundreds of community submissions made as part of the 2017 exhibition of the SLS Plan.**

But most troubling is the fact that **the report makes no recommendation about giving the community a chance to provide feedback on the plan which may be adopted by Council NEXT WEEK.**

So, we ask our Councillors:-

- Why rush this plan through:
 - when there is no imperative to do so
 - when we are in the middle of a world-wide health and economic emergency
 - when the community cannot meet
 - when the community cannot attend Council meetings
 - and there is no facility for a public forum?

- Whilst there may be no legal requirement to hold community consultation, what about doing the decent thing?

- Why not give the community a chance to have a say, given that the last round of consultation was held in 2017 (before Council's massive developments on the highway started to impact our lives)?

- Why block community consultation on a project that has caused so much distress since 2012?

We look to our Councillors to show that they are prepared to put the interests of the community members who elected them ahead of the financial interests of developers who took a chance on an SLS re-zoning.

If the majority of our Councillors vote on Monday night to support the new SLS Plan, we look to them to resolve to put the plan to the community for GENUINE consultation.

What's next?

The GCA is analysing the reams of information on Council's website and will circulate a summary of the proposed plan (and the changes, if any, to the original plan) no later than Thursday 7 May.

We urge you to look at the documents as well

http://ccweb.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bps/Open/2020/CNL_11052020_AGN_EXTRA_WEB.HTM

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL YOUR COUNCILLORS TO ASK THEM TO VOTE TO PUT THE NEW SLS PLAN OUT FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - DETAILS BELOW.

And please spread the word!

Councillor Contacts

Email: ppalmer@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Deputy Mayor Councillor Daniel Strassberg (West Ward)

Ph: 0407 898 224

Email: dstrassberg@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Councillors Councillor David Brooks-Horn (East Ward)

Ph: 0450 288 072

Email: dbrookshorn@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Councillor Frances Vissel (East Ward)

Ph: 0400 891 895

Email: fvissel@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Councillor Karola Brent (Central Ward)

Ph: 0438 546 662

Email: kbrent@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Councillor Deborah Hutchens (Central Ward)

Ph: 9911 3541

Email: dhutchens@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Councillor Katherine Morris (Central Ward)

Ph: 0425 233 099

Email: katherinemorris@hotmail.com

Councillor Scott Bennison (West Ward)

Ph: 0402 406 241

Email: sbennison@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Councillor Andrew Zbik (West Ward)

Ph: 0422 038 253

Email: azbik@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Merri Southwood

President

Greenwich Community Association Inc.

M: 0412 361 331

Copyright © 2020 Greenwich Community Association Inc, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

Greenwich Community Association Inc

PO Box 5057

Greenwich, NSW 2065

Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

