



Dear Community Member

We have an update on our April newsletter.

**Council's decision on its preferred SLS Plan is imminent.  
But there is no clarity around whether there will be community consultation about the plan.**

The Mayoral Minute for Council's meeting on Monday night (20/4) gives us a clue as to what is ahead. REFER BELOW.

In summary:-

- Council's finalisation of the SLS Plan is close
- We have no sense of what this SLS plan will look like but it is heartening to see that Council will respond to the IPC advice. The IPC advice includes the fact that SLS represents over-development
- An Extraordinary meeting of Council will be called to discuss the Council report on the SLS and it is presumed that Council will vote on its preferred plan that night
- We will have a minimum of 7 days notice of the meeting
- There will no public forum facility for the meeting so all communication with Councillors will be via email or phone.

The Minute affirms Council's commitment to community engagement and consultation but **NO ASSURANCE IS GIVEN THAT THE SLS PLAN WILL GO TO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

**GIVEN THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY CONCERN AROUND THE SLS PLAN AND THE DISAPPOINTING COUNCIL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION TO DATE, WE LOOK TO OUR COUNCILLORS TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION HAPPENS.**

The GCA has written to our East Ward Councillors (Mayor Pam Palmer, Cllr Frances Vissel and Cllr David Brooks-Horn) seeking their assurance that they will vote to put the SLS Plan to community consultation.

If you want to have a say in the future SLS Plan, please write to Councillors seeking their support for a genuine consultation process around any SLS plan approved at the Extraordinary meeting.

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#### **MAYORAL MINUTE**

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Council continues.

In this regard, The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has emphasised in their communication to all Councils that the planning system must continue to function (refer **AT-1**).

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

### **Where are we up to with planning for St Leonards South?**

In basic terms, the IPC's main recommendations in relation to St Leonards South were to:-

- Reduce the density in the precinct; and
- Increase open space in the precinct.

In early February 2020, Council received the Charrette Report produced by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in collaboration with the Government Architect's Office, which gave recommendations for Council to consider in its response to the IPC advice. I note that while the Charette Report addressed the issue of increased open space, it appears to have maintained the density in the precinct but with modifications to the built form.

Council staff are currently preparing an analysis of the Charrette Report to ensure there is enough information for Council to respond to the IPC's recommendations. When that is complete, it will be included in a report to a Council Meeting. This report will bring together all information not formally tabled to date, including the original public consultation in 2017/18 and subsequent studies. As I have commented previously, I expect this will be an Extraordinary Meeting.

While I anticipate a further round of community consultation could still be required, Council is definitely close to finalising its future plans and vision for this area.

### **Next steps**

The IPC's Report and the Charrette Report are already on Council's website at <http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CurrentIssues/Pages/StLeonardsSouth.aspx>

I expect that we will let the community know when Council proposes to conduct the Extraordinary Meeting at a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Report be received and noted.

Councillor Pam Palmer

**Mayor**

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