

Local Planning Panel

3 September 2025

Application details

Address: 136 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

Application: D/2025/386

Applicant: Choulartons Australia Pty Limited

Owner: Council of the City of Sydney

Proposal

- use of Taylor Square North to operate weekly organic food markets on Friday nights and Saturday mornings
- hours of operation:
 - Friday night 5.00pm – 10.00pm
 - Saturday morning 8.00am – 2.00pm
- bump in/out to occur 2 hours before and after trading hours
- entertainment to be provided during both days comprising of live music
- seating areas and licensed area to be provided for Friday night market
- no seating areas or licensed area during Saturday market
- total of 41 stalls on each day

Recommendation

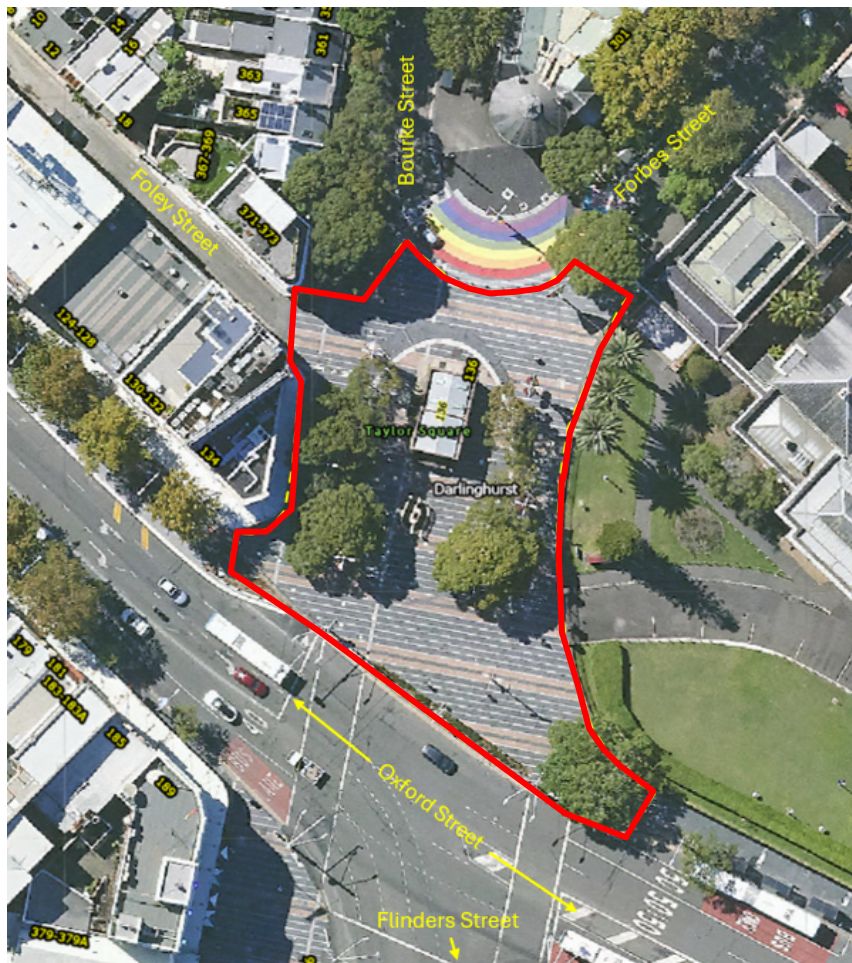
Approval subject to conditions – 5 years

Reason reported to LPP

The application is reported to the LPP for determination as:

- Council is the landowner

Site



Notification

- exhibition period from 19 June to 18 July 2025
- 681 owners and occupiers were notified
- 8 submissions received:
 - 4 comments
 - 1 objection
 - 3 in support

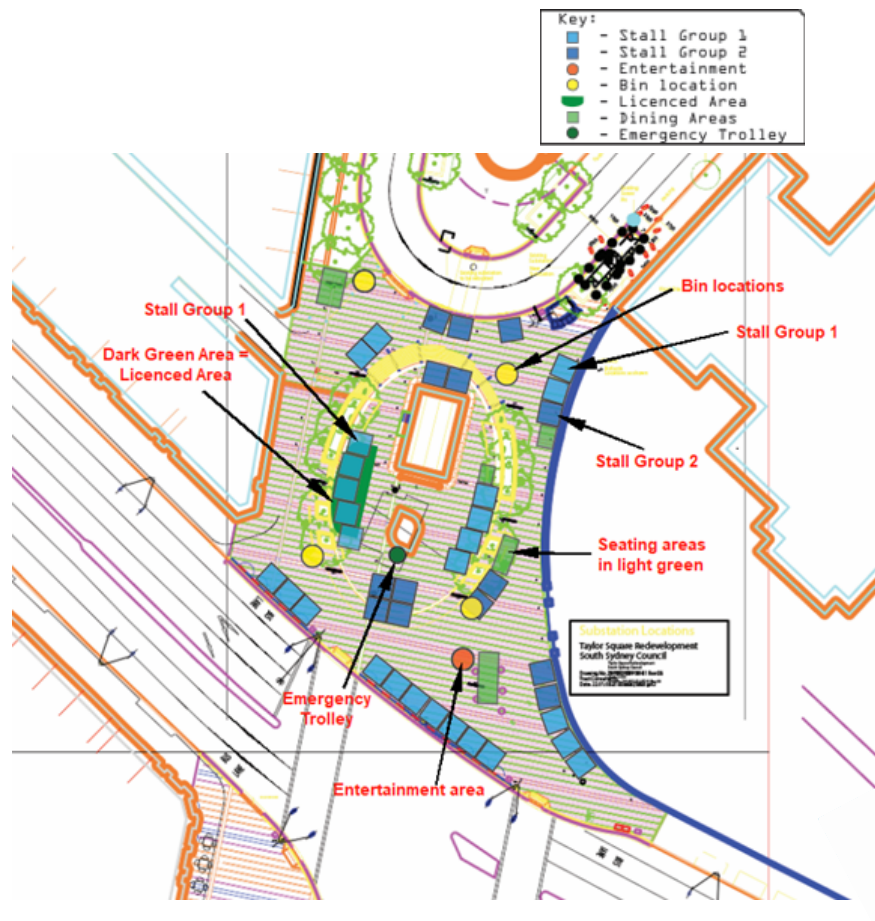
Submissions

- noise during early morning bump in on Saturday
- parking impacts on access to businesses
- lack of ambition
- conflict with LGBTIQ+ Oxford Street Strategy and lack of engagement with LGBTIQ+ community
- impact on access to QTOPIA use in substation
- lacking due diligence in documentation relating to flooding, number of stalls and financial viability

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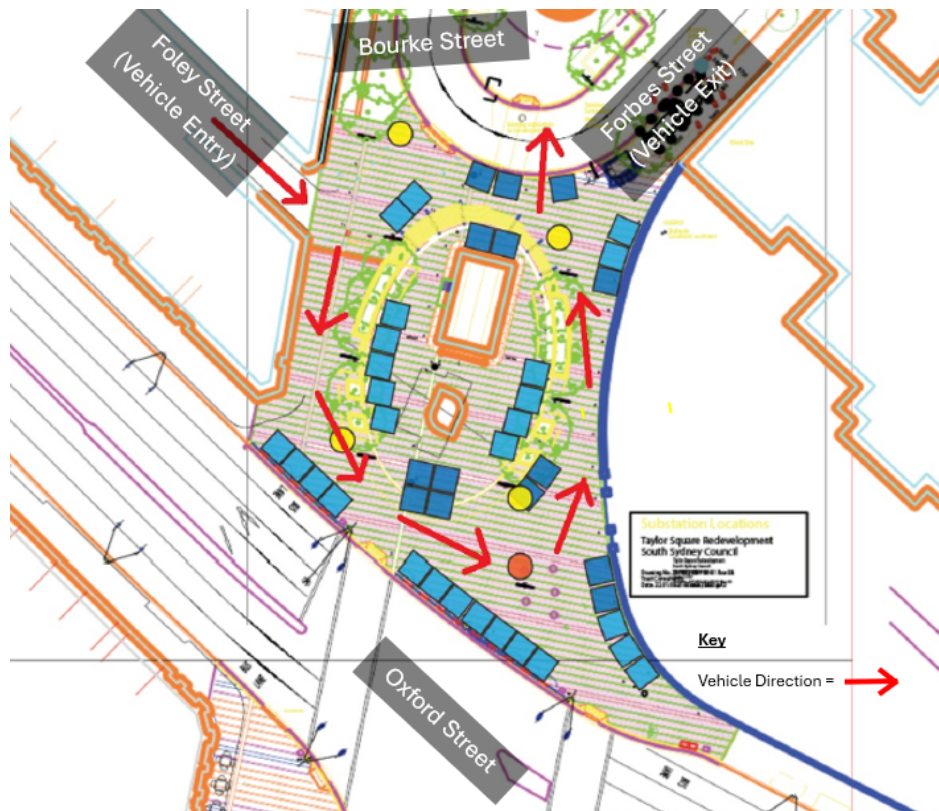


Saturday Morning



Friday Night

Traffic Management



Site



Taylor Square North – looking north to substation building



looking north to vehicle exit point



looking south to substation



north section of site



vehicle entry point from Foley Street

Compliance with Heritage Act 1977

- Substation and toilet identified as State Heritage items (item 01700)
- Site also located within the 'Sydney Mardi Gras Parade Route' (item 2068)
- General Terms of Approval granted by Councils Heritage Specialist as the delegate for the Heritage Council

Issues

- length of consent
- noise impacts and amplified music
- traffic management

Length of consent

- application seeks permanent approval or minimum of 5 years
- recommended for 5-year approval using provisions of Sydney DCP 2012 as a guide for the issue of trial periods
- use will also require a separate Roads Act approval which can only be issued on a which are issued on a time-limited basis of up to 7-years

Noise impacts and amplified music

- amplified live music to be provided on both days, typically comprising of solo and duo artists
- to function as background music and played from a pre-determined location on site
- recommended condition of consent: noise limit for amplified music
- noise impacts during set up / down will be managed by site managers to minimise noise as per plan of management and traffic management plans

Traffic management

- no parking on-site except for some food-trucks
- cars will enter from Foley Street, load on-site and exit via Forbes Street in a one-way direction
- site managers will be present at all times and will manage all bump in/out
- no more than 10 stallholder vehicles will arrive at one time

Recommendation

Approval subject to conditions – including 5 year time limit