

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

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SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 9.3 – Public Exhibition – Planning Proposal – City Architect and City Landscape Architect Heritage Items – Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 Amendment

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide additional information in relation to Quarry Green Park, Ultimo.

Background

At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 16 February 2026 further information was sought on the following:

Maintenance schedule and Plan of Management for the park in Quarry Street, Ultimo

The land Quarry Green is situated on comprises Quarry Street, being the majority of the park area, and a smaller area of community classified land to the south. As the park area corresponding to the footprint of Quarry Street is a road section, the City is not required to classify this land. The community classified land is managed under the Generic Plan of Management and comprises 2 lots that are categorised as a park as required under the Local Government Act 1993.

The maintenance of Quarry Green is defined by the service levels for Pocket Parks in the City's Parks and Street Greening Maintenance Services Specification (the Specification). Typically, maintenance is informed by the original design intent of a park. Over time as the changing climate impacts specific plant species and park use, and communities also change, a considered and flexible approach is taken where required to respond to these changing circumstances and community needs.

To meet the Specification outcomes maintenance of Quarry Green involves:

- Daily cleansing and resource recovery including removal of litter and graffiti and emptying park bins.
- Fortnightly horticultural maintenance including weeding, pruning and mulching.
- Fortnightly summer and monthly winter turf maintenance including weeding, mowing and edging.
- Biannual infrastructure maintenance for treating and oiling timber benches.

In addition to these minimum frequencies, services are delivered when required to meet the Specification outcomes, such as responding to increased park use or vandalism, fertilising, infill planting, aerating turf and lifting and relaying pavers.

Details on usage of the park, including by commercial operators

The Lord Wolseley has approval for the use of 72.5sqm of Quarry Green for outdoor dining and live entertainment. The hours of operation for this outdoor dining area are restricted to between 12.00pm and 8.00pm Friday to Sunday. The hours of operation for live music and performance are between 12:00pm and 6:00pm Friday to Sunday only and limited to no more than 2 hours a day.

The Lord Wolseley has a separate approval for the use of 5.6sqm of the Bulwara Road roadway for outdoor dining between 12 midday and 8pm Monday to Sunday. In total the hotel's 2 outdoor dining areas have a total area of 78.1sqm.

For reference Quarry Green has a total area of approximately of 3,000sqm between Jones Street and Ada Place.

The use of Quarry Green for outdoor dining and entertainment is consistent with the requirements under clause 46 of the Local Government Act 1993 which allows for a person to engage in a trade or business on Community Land subject to prior approval of Council. Additionally, external seating is permitted under the adopted plan of management of the park which allows a range of uses that enhance the level of activation and enjoyment of the space.

The provision of outdoor dining and entertainment by The Lord Wolseley within Quarry Green is consistent with Council's planning controls and Outdoor Dining Guidelines which seek to encourage the activation of the public domain in appropriate locations, while not interfering with the intended public use and enjoyment of the space, and the NSW Government's vibrancy reforms seeking support artists and licensed venues.

In relation to the Lord Wolseley, noise impacts have been mitigated by managing the scale of the entertainment and duration of entertainment being provided. The current approval limits entertainment to between 12:00pm and 6:00pm Friday to Sunday only with no more than 2 hours of live performance a day.

Status of updates to plantings in the park

Infill planting of Fig Lane Park was completed in December 2025 as committed. The infill planting species reflected the park's original design intent and included agapanthus and flax.

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