

**Item 19.****Traffic Treatment - Proposed Streetscape Improvements - Custom House Lane, Loftus Lane and Loftus Lane (South), Sydney**

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**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic treatments in Sydney:

- (A) Permanently close Loftus Lane, between Custom House Lane and Loftus Lane (South), to vehicular traffic;
- (B) Installation of Shared Zone treatments in Custom House Lane, between Young and Loftus Streets, and Loftus Lane (South), between Young and Loftus Streets.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Sydney City PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

## Background

Custom House Lane, Loftus Lane and Loftus Lane (South) are local laneways within the AMP 'Quay Quarter' Precinct – bounded by Loftus and Young Streets, Custom House Lane and Loftus Lane (South).

Approval has been granted to redevelop the precinct (D/2015/930) including consideration to permanently close Loftus Lane, between Custom House Lane and Loftus Lane (South) (Condition 67).

The developer has applied to permanently close Loftus Lane to vehicular traffic to create a pedestrian only space that will activate the lane and provide pedestrian links through the precinct.

Additional improvements for the precinct include the introduction of shared zones in Custom House Lane and Loftus Lane (South).

## Comments

The proposed traffic treatments would improve general safety in the area by calming traffic and improving pedestrian access.

On 16 December 2019, Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) approved a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to permanently close Loftus Lane, between Custom House Lane and Loftus Lane (South), to vehicular traffic.

TfNSW has given in-principle approval to install Shared Zone treatments in Custom House Lane and Loftus Lane (South).

## Consultation

Under Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, a notice for the proposed traffic changes was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on Monday 9 March 2020 for a period of 28 days. 216 letters were also sent out to local residents and businesses in the area.

At the end of the consultation period, there were no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

## Financial

All costs associated with the permanent closure of Loftus Lane and the Shared Zone treatments in Loftus Lane (South) will be borne by the Applicant.

Appropriate funding for the Shared Zone in Custom House Lane will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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