

## **Attachment B**

**Summary of and Responses to Matters  
Raised in Submissions**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Details of submission</b>	<b>City's response</b>
Local resident	<p>Sydney Morning Herald notifications are useful, as they inform community on a range of important issues. Prevents community having to visit the City's website out of necessity or reliance on a notification being issued. Stated as a less convenient and time-consuming method to search through Council's website.</p> <p>Sydney Morning Herald print notifications are useful for those who aren't confident internet users</p> <p>Notification letters mailed to neighbours about planning matters may not be received.</p>	<p>The Council has an accessible and dedicated digital platform to inform the public of notifications - 'Sydney your Say'.</p> <p>There is also an option to subscribe to a weekly newsletter on recent development applications.</p> <p>In addition, the City's RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed provides updates on development applications as soon as they are published.</p> <p><b>Recommended action:</b> No change.</p>
Local resident	<p>Finds that public notices appearing on the same page of the Sydney Morning Herald every day as convenient. Finds Council's website less convenient and time consuming.</p> <p>Notification letters mailed to neighbours about planning matters may not be received.</p> <p>Assumes that the cost of placing planning notices in newspaper is small in the context of Council's budget.</p>	<p>The Council has an accessible and dedicated digital platform to inform the public of notifications - 'Sydney your Say'.</p> <p>There is also an option to subscribe to a weekly newsletter on recent development applications.</p> <p>In addition, the City's RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed provides updates on development applications as soon as they are published.</p>

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		<p>See discussion in report on the cost the City incurs to undertake print notifications. These funds could be better utilised towards community infrastructure, programs and initiatives.</p> <p><b>Recommended action:</b> No change.</p>
Local resident	States "if it aint broke, don't fix it" and that having access to information shouldn't be left for googling.	<p>The amendments to newspaper notifications is responding to changes in regulations, readership, distribution and digitisation made more apparent through Covid-19.</p> <p>The Council has an accessible and dedicated digital platform to inform the public of notifications - 'Sydney your Say'.</p> <p>There is also an option to subscribe to a weekly newsletter on recent development applications.</p> <p>In addition, the City's RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed provides updates on development applications as soon as they are published.</p> <p><b>Recommended action:</b> No change.</p>
Local community group	Questioned the delay and why it was ever necessary to publish newspapers at a high cost.	<p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Recommended action:</b> No change.</p>

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Local community group	Suggest that notification emails be more frequent and the exhibition periods only commence on the date of the notification emails.	Council has further option to subscribe to the City's RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed for updates on development applications as soon as they are published.  <b>Recommended action:</b> No change.
Local community group member	Suggest that notification emails be more frequent and the exhibition periods only commence on the date of the notification emails.  State that community should be able to subscribe to a process where they can see postcode specific DA's when they go on exhibition.	Council has further option to subscribe to the City's RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed for updates on development applications as soon as they are published.  The City's website shows a map of DAs on exhibition and allows for them to be searched by suburb.  <b>Recommended action:</b> No change.