

Attachment B

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

Respondent	Details of submission	City's response
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>Recommended action: 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>Recommended action: 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>Recommended action: 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>Recommended action: 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.	<p>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.</p> <p>Recommended action: No change.</p>
Local community group member	<p>Suggest that notification emails be more frequent and the exhibition periods only commence on the date of the notification emails.</p> <p>State that community should be able to subscribe to a process where they can see postcode specific DA's when they go on exhibition.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The City's website shows a map of DAs on exhibition and allows for them to be searched by suburb.</p> <p>Recommended action: No change.</p>