Attachment C

Community Engagement Report – Chapman Road Closure

Engagement report

Permanent road closure – Chapman Road, Annandale

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Background

The City proposes to permanently close a portion of Chapman Road, Annandale to traffic to create an extra 1,500 square metres of open space for community sports and recreation.

This redevelopment is part of the Johnstons Creek parklands masterplan, which includes a new sports field and recreation precinct in the area.

The design for this new facility involves closing the road and removing 45 car spaces.

Engagement summary

From 9 November to 27 December 2020, we asked the community for feedback on a plan to close a portion of Chapman Road.

Consultation on the plan provided an opportunity for stakeholders and the community to review and comment on the design.

Consultation activities included online engagement, a letter to residents and email sporting groups as well as a notice in the Sydney Morning Herald.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place to support the consultation and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

Purpose of the engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

– gather feedback from stakeholders and the community about the proposed closure

– determine the level of satisfaction with the proposal.

Outcomes from the engagement

Submissions received during consultation

We received a total of 61 submissions (via Survey Monkey and email) during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 763 times during the consultation period.

Key findings

Online feedback form

Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to provide feedback on the proposal to close a portion of Chapman Road to traffic.

The consultation generated sixty-one public submissions. Of the responses, twenty-four were in support of the proposal.

The submissions that supported the proposal focused on the benefits of creating new open space for public use as well as for organised sports. The Glebe District Hockey Club were particularly vocal in their support.

Thirty-one submissions did not support the removal of the parking. The key issues raised when opposing the removal was:

- the precinct is already heavily utilised by the community which will increase upon completion of surrounding significant projects; and
- Removal of these bays will instigate overspill parking and congestion in the surrounding residential streets,

These submissions were received from residents in surrounding streets as well as people currently using the park for organised sports.

Six of the submissions were neutral on the proposal.

Subjects/topics raised in submissions

Several subjects/topics were raised in the feedback received. These were presented as concerns, suggestions and/or requests and are summarised below.

General	
Comments raised	**Total**
Support of the concept: • **"**I fully support the proposal for more open space, and less road space / car parking.**"** • "I support the planned road closure 100% • "I think this is brilliant. I think all of it should be closed from the roundabout. I support all measures to make our public spaces more pleasant for cyclists and pedestrians."	24
Oppose the removal of parking	36
Support for the creation of new open space if parking losses are offset nearby	7
There is no need for new sporting facilities in the area	5
2P/resident parking should be implemented in Trafalgar Street, so residents are not impacted by the parking removal	4
Dedicated spaces for day care drop off and pick up should remain in Chapman Street	2
Empty block between Pet-O and day care centre should be converted to parking to offset losses	2
Toilet and change facilities in the park should be upgraded	1

Inner West Council

A submission was also received from Inner West Council. Inner West are supportive of a new car park along The Crescent, as proposed in the 2013 Master Plan and would be happy to work with the City and RMS to address pedestrian safety in this location.

There is concern regarding the potential relocation of parking demands into adjacent streets in their LGA. This is of concern during weekends and summer holidays.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

A Sydney Your Say webpage was created, along with an online survey. 600 letters were sent to residents in the area and key stakeholders were contacted.

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/vision-setting/proposal-close-part-chapman-road-annandale was created. The page included an electronic copy of the revised concept design, survey and other key information about the consultation.

2. Online feedback form via Survey Monkey

The community and stakeholders were able to give feedback using an online feedback form. A link to the feedback form was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

3. Sydney Your Say e-News

The consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say November 2020 e-Newsletter (4,070 subscribers).

4. Consultation letter

A letter was posted to residents, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 600 letters were distributed.

5. Notice in the Sydney Morning Herald

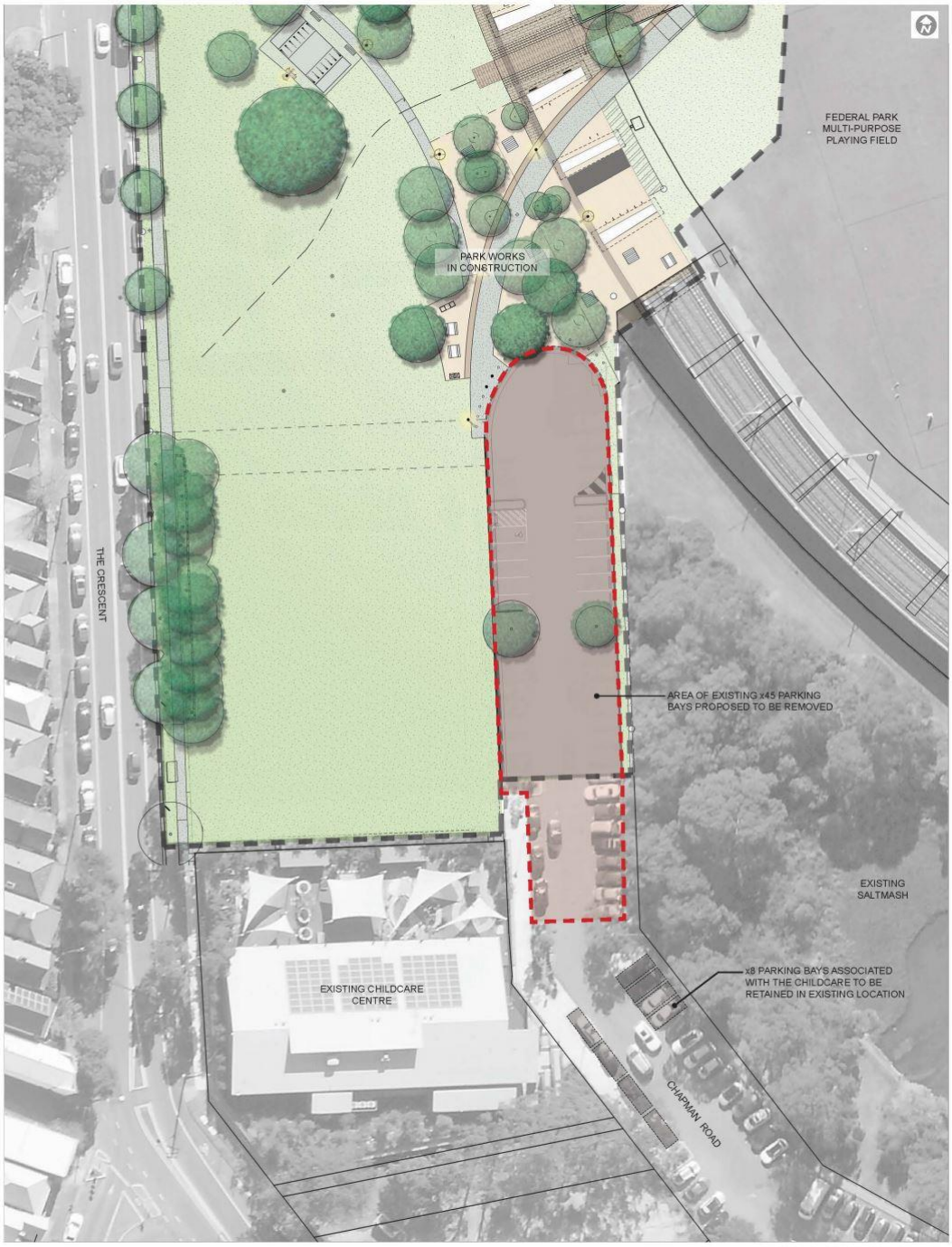
A Section 38B notice was placed in the Sydney Morning Herald notifying people of the proposed road closure.

6. Notification email

An email was sent to key stakeholders including Glebe District Hockey Club, Glebe Wanderers, Urban Rec, Glebe Greyhounds JAFC, Inner West Council, PetO Annandale, The Crescent Early Learning Centre and Webber's Carpet Warehouse.

Appendix

Appendix A: concept design



Appendix B: Consultation letter

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Your feedback on a proposal to close Chapman Road, Annandale

The City of Sydney invites your feedback on a proposal to permanently close a portion of Chapman Road in Annandale to traffic.

The closure of Chapman Road will create an extra 1,500 square metres of open space for community sports and recreation.

This redevelopment is part of the Johnstons Creek Parklands Masterplan, which includes a new sports field and recreation precinct in the area.

The design for this new facility involves closing the road and removing 45 car spaces.

We are developing the concept design for the proposed sports field and will consult on the plans in early 2021.

We are working to build new and upgraded active sports fields across our local area to meet the needs of our communities. Our current population is over 250 000 people and has increased by 39.1% since 2009.This means we need to increase the number and capacity of our sports fields to meet the needs of our growing population.

A sketch showing the proposed road closure is on the back of this page.

How you can give feedback
You can find out more and provide feedback at **sydneyyoursay.com.au** until **5pm Monday 7 December 2020.**

Next steps
We will consider all submissions and report the results to the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee. We will notify all people who provide feedback as part of this process.

More information
For more information about the project, please contact Adam Lander, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator on 02 9265 9333 or email sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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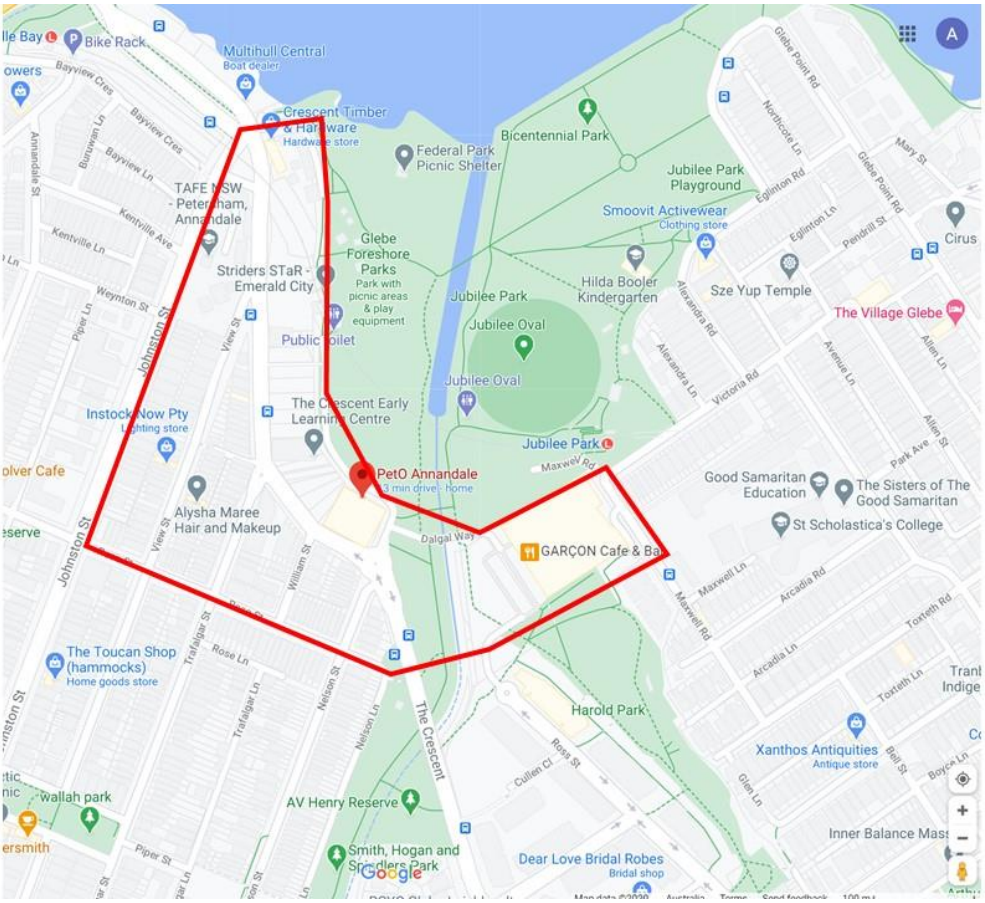
Appendix C: Notification distribution map