

Item 5

Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Conduct will be laid on the table.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

5.2 Petitions

(a) **Petition to Extend Shared Traffic Zones and Implement Traffic Calming Measures in West Redfern and Darlington**

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on 29 March 2021, she will table and speak to a petition (containing 204 signatures) with the following terms:

On 1 February 2021 we started an online petition to improve the safety and amenity of our local area by extending shared traffic zones in west Redfern and Darlington. In less than a month, we have collected over 200 signatures of residents, businesses and other stakeholders and supporters.

The streets in our local area are used by an increasing number of pedestrians travelling to and through the area to reach Sydney University, Eveleigh and Central Station. The imminent redevelopment at Central Station will further increase patronage of the local streets by pedestrians.

This part of the city, bound by Cleveland, Lawson and Ivy Streets, west of the rail tracks, features limited shared traffic zones and obsolete traffic calming measures. Speeding on local streets is an issue reported by many signatories of this petition.

We ask Council to promptly review traffic on and around Abercrombie, Vine, Hugo, Caroline, Eveleigh, Edward, Thomas and adjacent streets with the aim to extend shared zones, lower speed limits and implement traffic calming measures.

(b) **LT Joint Venture – Objections from Wilton, Goodlet, High Holborn, Marlborough, Crown and Lansdown Street Community**

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on 29 March 2021, she will table and speak to a petition (containing 66 signatures) with the following terms:

We refer to the Cleveland Street safety improvements Community Update 2021. This is the first update that residents have received in the Goodlet Street, High Holborn Street, Lansdown Streets, Crown and Marlborough Street area. We note the advanced stage of this traffic planning for Cleveland Street and note this is the first communications we are aware of in relation to the works in Cleveland Street.

We represent a large number of residents including property owners, businesses and tenants in the Wilton, Goodlet, High Holborn, Marlborough, Crown and Lansdown Street area.

The traffic in this area of Surry Hills has caused us great concern over many years; the City of Sydney has been unable to attend to safety issues due to the Light Rail and traffic conditions have worsened in the area due to the Light Rail.

Furthermore, the future shopping and residential development on the corner of Baptist and Crown Street was in our opinion based on flawed traffic information which we wrote to council about and without response, other than the traffic study was correct that conditions will not worsen.

The Cleveland Street safety program might be a good plan for Cleveland Street. However, the removal of the right hand turn NB from Cleveland into Crown Street, is causing us extreme concern. It is our assessment that the diversion of traffic into Wilton Street and the associated rat run through Wilton, Goodlet, Marlborough and High Holborn Streets have not been addressed in the safety plan. Traffic from Cleveland Street forced into the back streets of Surry Hills (through Wilton / Goodlet and High Holborn Streets) where children and pets currently share the narrow footpaths with active transport users is not acceptable to us as a community.

The modifications you present suggest that along with increased traffic we will experience an increase in parking in local streets. Our streets already experience high levels of parking inconvenience in the evening and on weekends due to shopping and catering offers in Crown Street and the narrowness of the streets.

The community has invested considerable time and effort into improving the landscaping initiatives started by Council along High Holborn and Goodlet Streets to improve safety and amenity. We object to the proposals to divert traffic into the suburban areas simply to facilitate better traffic flows along Cleveland and Crowns Streets at the expense of our residential amenity.

The traffic congestion at the intersection of Crown and Devonshire Streets is a major concern to us, we believe this must be addressed before improving traffic flows along Cleveland Street is considered.

The traffic lights at Crown and Devonshire Streets are causing major traffic and active transport disruptions. The sequencing of those traffic lights and the LRV needs to be re-sequenced; there are long pauses in the traffic light configuration which is causing congestion into Cleveland Street. We look forward to amendments to your plans that improve safety in the whole area not only along Cleveland Street. Please let us know if you wish to have individual complaints, or you prefer to deal with us together; we are in touch with each other on a daily basis, we are a very strong community.

(c) Hewit Avenue, Glebe, Petition March 2021

Councillor Jess Scully gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on 29 March 2021, she will table and speak to a petition (containing 31 signatures) with the following terms:

The local community surrounding Hewit Avenue, Glebe, have established a social laneway gardening initiative over the last few months, which includes donated pot plants, hanging plants and potted trees.

The purpose of the Hewit Avenue garden is to build social connectedness and community resilience in an inclusive green space. The proposed improvements to the garden will increase greening, urban cooling and biodiversity. It will provide access to locally grown produce and offer opportunities for learning and sharing of knowledge. It will reclaim underutilised urban space and discourage rubbish dumping through laneway activation and beautification, creating a safer thoroughfare.

(d) Request for Assistance from the City of Sydney to Support the Revitalisation of Hayden Lane

Councillor Jess Scully gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on 29 March 2021, she will table and speak to a petition (containing 180 signatures) with the following terms:

Hayden Lane in Darlinghurst has recently been getting the love it deserves, but more needs to be done to this incredible underutilised space in the middle of our great city. Since plants in pots and street art have been added, Hayden Lane has had a remarkable change. We are now requesting some support from the City of Sydney to take the Lane to the place it deserves.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Petitions be received and noted.

S044250