

MINUTES

of the **City Planning & Environment Committee**
held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
1423 Botany Road, Botany
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)
on **Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 6:38 PM**

Present

Councillor Scott Morrissey, Chairperson
Councillor Liz Barlow, Deputy Chairperson
Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Soraya Kassim
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Peter Strong

Also present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Peter Barber, Director City Futures
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk (via Audio-Visual Link)
Mariam Fares, Manager City Projects (Acting)
Louise Farrell, Manager City Infrastructure
David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning
Maritza Abra, Coordinator City Design
Anne Suann, Governance Officer
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Wolfgang Gill, IT Service Management Officer

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:38pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Apologies

There were no apologies received.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Douglas

That Councillor Bredehoeft's attendance at tonight's meeting via audio-visual link be granted.

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

[4.1 Minutes of the City Planning & Environment Committee Meeting - 2 April 2025](#)

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Barlow

That the Minutes of the City Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025 be noted.

4.2 Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Planning & Environment Committee of Wednesday 2 April 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 23 April 2025.

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

6 Public Forum

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

7 Reports

CPE25.010 Bexley Heritage Survey

Note: A presentation was given by David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Douglas and Kassim

- 1 That Council receives and notes the additional information provided in relation to the Bexley Heritage Survey.
- 2 That Council adopts Option 2 based on the additional information provided being:

Option 2

Council does not proceed with further investigations at this time, based on:

- Previous Heritage Studies not identifying the subject area for conservation or more detailed assessment;
 - Community feedback in response to the recent survey;
 - Council's resolution of 26 March 2025 requesting a future report for *Heritage Review – A preliminary investigation into the identification and assessment of significant heritage sites, structures, and precincts across Bayside.*
- 3 That the future report for Heritage Review referenced in Option 2 also include the area within Bexley previously identified.

CPE25.011 Planning Proposal to Introduce an Additional Permitted Use to 1 Highworth Avenue, Bexley (For Existing McDonald's Restaurant)

Note: A presentation was given by David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and Morrissey

- 1 That Council notes the advice of the Bayside Local Planning Panel.
- 2 That Council does not endorse the draft Planning Proposal to Introduce an Additional Permitted Use to 1 Highworth Avenue, Bexley noting that community engagement did not occur.

CPE25.012 Planning Proposal to Reclassify Community Land as Operational Land at 5A Waldron Street, Sandringham

Note: A presentation was given by Peter Barber, Director City Futures.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Douglas

- 1 That Council notes the advice of the Bayside Local Planning Panel.
- 2 That Council endorses the draft Planning Proposal for amendments to Schedule 4 of the Bayside LEP 2021 to reclassify the land at 5A Waldron Street, Sandringham from 'Community' to 'Operational' land within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 3 That Council endorses to forward the draft Planning Proposal and supporting documents to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway determination.
- 4 That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to make any amendments to the draft Planning Proposal and supporting documents required prior to public exhibition.
- 5 Subject to receiving a Gateway determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, and satisfying any conditions, that Council endorse to proceed to public exhibition for community and stakeholder input.
- 6 That Council endorses holding a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure's *LEP Practice Note PN 16-001: Classification and Reclassification of Public Land through a Local Environmental Plan*.
- 7 That Council endorses the consideration of a further report following the results of public consultation to consider any submissions received, and any changes to the draft Planning Proposal arising from the exhibition process and public hearing.

8 Confidential Reports / Matters

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Chairperson invited members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

There were no representations.

Closed Committee Meeting

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Douglas and Morrissey

- 1 That, in accordance with section 10A (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Committee considers the following items in closed Committee Meeting, from which the press and public are excluded, for the reasons indicated:

CPE25.013 CONFIDENTIAL - Development of Draft Rockdale Centre Masterplan

In accordance with section 10A (2) (c) and (e) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. It is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with and information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law. It is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with.

- 2 That, in accordance with section 11 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the reports, correspondence and other documentation relating to these items be withheld from the press and public.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Douglas and Morrissey

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to deal with CPE25.013 - CONFIDENTIAL - Development of Draft Rockdale Centre Masterplan at the conclusion of the City Works & Assets Committee Meeting, the time being 7:12pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Douglas and Morrissey

That Standing Orders be resumed, the time being 8:30pm.

Note: The meeting moved into closed Committee Meeting, the time being 8:31pm.

CPE25.013 CONFIDENTIAL - Development of Draft Rockdale Centre Masterplan

Note: Presentation by Peter Barber, Director City Futures.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Douglas and Curry

That feedback provided by Councillors on the Draft Rockdale Centre Masterplan be incorporated, and a refined Draft be reported back to a meeting of the City Planning and Environment Committee for further consideration.

Resumption of Open Committee Meeting

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Morrissey and Curry

That, the closed part of the meeting having concluded, the open Committee Meeting resume and it be open to the press and public, the time being 9:25pm.

The Chairperson made public the Committee Recommendations that were made during the closed part of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall on Wednesday, 4 June 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:27pm.