

Meeting # 10, 6 May 2020, 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm - via Technology

IN ATTENDANCE			
Margaret Harvie (MH - Chairperson)			
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES			
Chelsea Ford (CF)	Linda Gosling (LG) – Paddington Society	Tom Harley (TH)	Sofie Mason-Jones (SMJ)
Julie Osborne (JO)	Robert Postema (RP)	Steve Rankin (SR)	Vivienne Skinner (VS)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES			
Mayor Danny Said (Randwick City Council) until 6.57 pm (DS)	Cr Philip Thalys (City of Sydney Council) until 6.57 pm (PT)		
SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM REPRESENTATIVES			
Peter Hynd , SFS Project Director (PH)	Paul Cassel , Project Director, John Holland (PC)		
GUESTS			
Erica van den Honert , Director, Infrastructure Management, Planning and Assessment - Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) (EVDH)		Vlad Popovski , Infrastructure NSW (VP)	Russell Lee , Director, Cox Architecture (Presenter) (RL)
Tiffany Jones , Communications and Stakeholder Manager, John Holland (TJ)	Jessica Hodge , Aspect Studios (JH)	Kit Bullas , Aspect Studios (KB)	Wayne Hutchinson , Design Director, John Holland (WH)
APOLOGIES			
Kerrie Mather , Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust			
MEETING NOTES			
Leanne Smith , Governance House Pty Ltd			

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Margaret Harvie Acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which attendees meet and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. AGENDA ITEM # 1: OPENING & QUORUM

Margaret Harvie Welcomed all attendees to the tenth meeting of the Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment Community Consultation Committee and declared meeting open at **5.33 pm**.

Discussed the requirement to meet via technology due the COVID-19 restrictions, noting that attendees may wish to use the mute functionality when not speaking, turn their video off during the presentations to maximise bandwidth, and use chat to table questions during the presentation (to be addressed at its conclusion).

Introduced Leanne Smith to the meeting, noting that she has taken over the role of Note Taker following Sandra Spade's retirement, and highlighted instructions to amend the template record to reduce direct attributions, with a focus on information, community feedback, decisions and actions.

DISCUSSION Committee members and guests introduced themselves to the meeting and provided a brief synopsis of their learnings / observations during the lock down period. Discussions ranged from enjoyment of a more peaceful environment conducive to walking; opportunity to spend more time with family; reflection on the tragic loss of life; acknowledgement of the way people have united; wanting to get back to a workplace as soon as possible and noting the major impact on the arts and retail sectors.

3. APOLOGIES

Kerrie Mather, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust.

4. AGENDA ITEM # 3: CONFLICT OF INTEREST CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE DECLARATIONS

No new actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest (pecuniary or other) were tabled.

5. AGENDA ITEM # 4: ACTION ITEM REGISTER

Margaret Harvie Clarified that the first four action items would be addressed during the presentation by Cox and Aspect.

Noted that Russell Lee is seeking clarification of the third action item regarding the impact of changes to the upper tier restricting all round movement that is to be addressed during his Presentation. That is he indicated that this is not the case.

Reported that Denise Ora (Centennial Parklands Trust) would be invited to attend the July meeting, noting the item tabled by Vivienne Skinner in relation to parking, is for discussion tonight as per the agenda.

6. AGENDA ITEMS # 5 & 6: PROJECT & DESIGN UPDATES

Peter Hynd Commenced a Project Update noting completion of Stage 1 by Lendlease on 28 February 2020, with John Holland taking over. The full update was delayed until later due to sound issues.

Russell Lee Presented a PowerPoint Update to the Committee highlighting:

- A meeting of the [Design Integrity Panel](#) on 24 April 2020, reporting that they are generally happy with the way the design has developed, noting review of the current design for both the building and public domain areas;
- Referred to the [four questions raised](#) at the previous meeting in relation to providing: a summary of the SGSA (Sports Ground Safety Authority) elements used in the design; updated cross section diagrams including the urban context of Moore Park Road and the height of the previous stadium; changes to the upper tier and any restriction on all round movement; and the latest design and any changes since last presented to the Committee, noting that all would be addressed during his Presentation;
- Summarised recent [design changes](#) including: precinct paving; South West stair abutments; the structural grid to achieve efficiencies; the façade and curtain wall system; the South West mezzanine; and the podium precast;
- Reported on [safety](#) elements including code compliance, noting that they are continuing to work through the Sports Ground Safety Authority guidelines and highlighted the considerations of this including stairs, load on handrails, emergency egress systems etc.
- Consideration given to other codes including the Football Stadia Advisory Design Council and recommendations in relation to best practice across design elements such as toilets, food, and beverage areas etc. (exceeding the requirements of the national construction code);
- Reported desire to “take the highest requirement and apply it to the project”;
- Compliance with a range of other standards including DDA requirements (Disability Discrimination Act requirements).

Reported on the [Public Domain](#) including:

- Four components incorporating the roof, veil, stadium, and public domain plinth, with all remaining the same as the SSSA Stage 2 submission;
- Provided an aerial view to detail reported minor changes mostly at the plant room level and stadium base. Also view across Kippax Lake, clarifying no intention to remove any trees (not present in the view);
- Provided a view including from along Moore Park Road, updated to reflect the current design;

- Provided a view of the Driver Avenue main entry, noting that the main difference being to the mezzanine floor (that was in the picture above the entrance).

Jessica Hodge Reported further on the [Public Domain](#) including:

- Key changes since the last meeting: South West abutment works, ground plan, furniture in the precinct, and the North East Corner;
- Presentation addressed:
 1. Entry wall refinement;
 2. Ground plain materiality;
 3. Furniture palette; and the
 4. Sports and Community Precinct;
- Noted the changes as clarifications and refinements to ensure that the original principles established at the beginning of the project are still relevant (connection between the entities by context; opening of the site to the public by creating new and usable spaces; and unification of the stadium and public domain through materials);
- Showed the colour palette: highlighting warm tones and champagne colouring, complemented by brick paving and timber, as key elements of the furniture items;
- Discussed the Driver Avenue Entry Walls, using planting to soften, and noting accommodations within, for example, the ticket office (with materials relating directly to the adjacent context);
- Noted the brick abutment wall tilted at a 15-degree angle and reduced to provide a more human scale;
- Desire for use of the entry stairs outside of game days as a gathering and exercise area;
- Location of the ticket window in the South abutment and articulation of the walls towards the public domain (to reduce scale).

Reported on the [Ground Plane](#) including:

- Unification of the public domain and stadium building;
- Requirement for durability and buildability of the ground pavers (noting requirement to accommodate large trucks), suggesting the paving as a backdrop for the stadium;
- Noted smaller inserts and interlocking paving to provide texture;
- Discussed stadium entry point and intuitive way finding, able to respond to the ebbs and flows across the concourse.

Discussed the [Furniture](#), highlighting:

- Simplification as a driver for change;
- Noted advice from the security consultant regarding hostile vehicle management;
- Reported the scaling of furniture and use of pre-cast concrete molds (noting the benches as modular);
- Demonstrated a graphic of the timber deck at the North West corner of Oatley Road, built around the fig tree, as a passive gathering space;
- Simple concrete bench seating at the Driver Avenue entry steps;
- Location of the Sports and Community precinct at Busby's Corner (i.e. the North East Corner);
- Discussed functional challenges regarding egress and safety during emergency egress, which requires clear zones and restricts where furniture can be placed;
- The intent to provide something for the community including a gathering space during game day with pop-up events, food trucks etc. (balancing sport and playful elements) i.e. platforms, exercise/monkey bars, and exercise nodes.

Russell Lee Finalised the Update by discussing:

- The [Roof Grid](#): been focussed on finalising the details, noting minor adjustments including a change to the pattern of the roof and the structural grid (to allow for a reduction in the number of columns within the stadium);
- Presented a view from [inside the stadium](#), noting minor façade adjustments, including the vertical curtain wall system and bronze aluminium louvres, with the finishes under review;
- Highlighted no change to the actual envelope / dimensions, and reported completion of the load analysis;
- Provided a visual comparison to the earlier design, noting changes at the North end;
- Noted that amendments were the result of comments on the Stage 2 SSDA application;

- Reduction in height at the North end (scaling down to compare with residencies and buildings on Moore Park Road);
- Provided a graphic of the previous Stadium to demonstrate the difference.

Discussed [access](#) around the stadium noting:

- North section, Level 1 is the general access level for patrons and provides for 360-degree movement inside the building and noting no movement at 360 degrees on any other level as per the original application.

Reported on the [Curtain Wall](#) system highlighting:

- The façade as having deep recesses and providing a balance of light and shadow;
- The color range as bronze tones and proposed use of a powder coated paint finish (similar to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Building at Parramatta that has been well received);
- Discussed the selection process to finalise the colour choice, demonstrating both light and dark options - the likely final selection to be the lighter tone.

Highlighted the [mezzanine level](#) including:

- the pre agreed variation to this had been accepted;
- Noted the South West stairs entry and provided images with and without the mezzanine and highlighting changes to as a result to the entrance;
- The Podium Precast concrete panels will provide rich detail to the wall;
- The colour of the wall and paving will help to make them interesting.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS & RESPONSE

Robert Postema	Sought clarification of changes to the original planting and stair scale, particularly in relation to the Driver Avenue stairs? Further expressed concern that the lowering of the stadium roof and movement of the stairs did not appear in the montages.
Response	JH reported that there is no change to the size since the last presentation (that is dimensions related to egress and she highlighted the generous egress point at the base of the stairs). Indicated variations in the planting height, with higher shrubs located towards the central zone to mirror the trees at the other entry points. Highlighted use of local species and Australian natives, noting that the computer-generated images do not capture the exact species of the proposed planting.
Philip Thalys	Suggested that the intrusion of the Rugby League building still compromises the public domain. Highlighted that the placement of the staircase in relation to the Rugby League building, with a minor shift of two to three metres to address this issue. Highlighted that there was still visual impact for residents. Enquired about the likelihood of removal of the Rugby League building as it compromises the overall design?
Response	JH responded that the Rugby League building is outside of scope. RL discussed the placement of the stairs was to access the podium from the carpark.
Philip Thalys	Expressed concern that the answer did not address his question.
Vivienne Skinner	Sought clarification on the lift location and size, including capacity for access by prams and wheelchairs.
Response	RL identified the lift location in a section of the South abutment. There are two lifts at the North abutment, with no change in size since the last presentation (later confirmed by WH as 26 person lifts of 1200 x 2400 dimensions).
Robert Postema	Asked about the distance from the ticket window to the Driver Avenue curb and expressed concern about long ticket lines.

Response JH reported the ticket window is 5.5 to 6 metres from Driver Avenue, suggesting that Driver Avenue will be closed to traffic on game day (based on advice received). RL noted that location of window and detail is informed by pedestrian modelling which considers queuing lengths.

DISCUSSION Members of the CCC expressed concern that the distance may not be adequate if Driver Avenue is open for traffic, given it is not clear if this will be the case.

ACTION # 1 **Jessica Hodge** to confirm closure of Driver Avenue to traffic on game day and to report back to the CCC.

Robert Postema Expressed concern that the vertical curtain wall will emphasise the height of the building.

Sofie Mason-Jones RP and SMJ both asked about the progress on the recognition and inclusion of Aboriginal heritage/art.

Response PH talked about the creation of a public art panel, a public art strategy and plan required as part of the conditions of consent.

Suggested that he would come back to a future meeting with additional details about this.

ACTION # 2 **Peter Hynd** to report back to a future meeting with details of the public art strategy and plan.

Danny Said Wanted to know the rationale for use of Driver Avenue stairs as the main entrance.

Response RL spoke about the changes in level across the site, noting the location was about safe and easy management of movements in and out of the stadium.

There is significant change in levels at Driver Avenue, with the stair operating according to safety guidelines and benchmarks similar to other facilities.

Philip Thalys Queried the roof being set well away from the bronze façade and suggested that a change in angle would provide more continuity in the flow of the roof.

Response RL confirmed that the use of the space underneath was for amenities such as bars. This is as per the design in place since last June - with the roof receding in relation to the façade.

Linda Gosling Pointed out the vertical pillars and the 3D illuminated signage on those pillars with concern about their dominance.

Response JH responded that the details are yet to be worked through.

PH indicated that the Design Integrity Panel was also seeking additional information on these, particularly around the utility of these versus potentially detracting from the structure.

He noted that the comment will be taken on board and considered in the context of the need to also provide additional information to the Panel.

Meeting break The meeting adjourned for a short break at **6.57 pm** and resumed at **7.07 pm**.

Philip Thalys and **Danny Said** left the meeting at **6.57 pm**.

Linda Gosling Was interested if there are planned changes to paving, walls or seating resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic. Clarification requested as to whether the proposed paver was a concrete unit paver.

Response PH reported that there were no proposed changes to date as result of COVID-19, highlighting the watching brief in relation to NSW state and federal government public health directives which would be considered if and when any change was made that had an effect on public building design.

PH confirmed that the proposed paver was a concrete unit paver and that these would perform better than brick paving under heavy vehicle passage, while the proposed aggregate and tonal range would provide equivalent contrast to the originally proposed brick paving.

7. AGENDA ITEMS # 7: CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Paul Cassell Provided an update on [construction progress](#), highlighting:

- Formal possession was at the end of February 2020;
- Ongoing procurement and design work (including with the original architect);
- Showed an image showing the earthworks at the North East corners of the site;

- Also showing the mobilisation of two piling rigs;
- Noted the need for maintenance of noise levels;
- Reported work in the next few weeks including continued piling and bulk earthworks and movement of building spoil;
- Discussed the out of session correspondence that was sent about small amounts of asbestos contamination, introduction of an independent site auditor and placement of a marker layer across the site for containment purposes.

Reported on the [John Holland COVID-19 response](#) including:

- Working according to State and Federal Government requirements;
- Additional site sheds have allowed for continued work on site with maintenance of the four square metre rules;
- Introduction of additional hygiene and cleaning regimes;
- The design team and design work continuing from home or from remote location/s;
- They are designated as an essential service (noting changing responses to COVID-19).

Tiffany Jones

Discussed the [Stage 2 Dilapidation Reports](#) and work to progress this and the challenges of implementation with COVID-19 measures. Report to be complete in the coming weeks and with parts of this report able to be made available.

Discussed three [complaints](#) received since the last meeting: one relating to vibrations and two relating to truck movements on Moore Park Road. Notifications have been issued regarding entry and exit points with directives to truck drivers to not to use residential streets / reminder regarding correct traffic routes and restrictions on oversize / mass vehicles and overnight deliveries.

Extension of construction hours as per Government approval was noted.

Robert Postema

Clarified that community concern was about vibrations from the site (as opposed to noise from piling), and concern that these fall outside of levels of tolerance.

ACTION # 3

Tiffany Jones to request that the John Holland Environmental Team to check the vibration monitoring equipment and logs and provide a response.

8. AGENDA ITEM # 9: CORRESPONDENCE

Margaret Harvie

Reported the following correspondence received by the Chair and distributed to the Committee out of session:

- 22 March 2020 – project update from John Holland and asbestos factsheet;
- 1 April 2020 - Wolf Peak regarding input into the independent audit;
- 6 April 2020 - Information from Infrastructure NSW (INSW) regarding extension of construction hours.

The circulated correspondence was taken as read with no discussion.

9. AGENDA ITEM # 8: PARKING PLANNING / TIMETABLE

The correspondence from Vivienne Skinner dated 28 April 2020, as circulated to the Committee.

Peter Hynd

A plan is required at the back end of construction in late 2021 ahead of operations commencing. Peter acknowledged the desire to bring this planning forward as expressed at the last CCC meeting and the planned action to scope and engage a specialist traffic adviser is to respond to this request.

As per the indication in the email to the CCC a Transport Study and scoping for the Transport Plan would be a focus for the July 1 meeting.

PH notes that there was some work undertaken by the trust in relation to mode sharing, following the opening of the Light Rail as outlined by Kerrie Mather at the last meeting.

Vivienne Skinner

Indicated that parking on Moore park has been a prevailing theme at meetings of the CCC over the past 18 months. The community has requested a timetable for the permanent removal of parking on Moore Park, but this is yet to be addressed.

She noted that again the issue is deferred for consideration until the July meeting (acknowledging the plan for its consideration at that time) and referred to the tabled motion requesting a response to the CCC from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

Tabled the following Motion for consideration by the CCC:

- *That this meeting calls on the Minister to confirm a timetable for the permanent removal of cars from the Moore Park public green space for presentation to the CCC in July.*

VS noted that there have been improvements to the quality of the grass given the lack of sporting games and therefore use of Moore Park for parking. As a result the community has been able to access the green and public space and there is evidence of its use.

Requested that a response and timetable be presented at the next CCC Meeting.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed:

- The importance of considering how transport / traffic movements inter-relate with the whole precinct and in the context of the Moore Park Master Plan 2040;
- There was suggestion that this commence with the removal of parking from Moore Park and then widening of the focus incrementally to include consideration of transport options and offsite parking;
- Reference was made to the previous suggestion to utilise the Australian Turf Club (ATC) at Randwick as a Park and Ride option, noting its proximity to the Light Rail stop;
- It was suggested that the role of the traffic expert is to explain the various options and to recommend solutions;
- Future transport options to also include consideration of Uber, Taxis and Hire Cars.

Peter Hynd

Suggested that the issue of parking on Moore Park is not a matter that INSW can implement as it is not part of the project scope and that the request to make representations to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces would be best responded to by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment. He reiterated that INSW is taking action to bring forward the scoping of the transport plan for the operational phase following feedback from the CCC, including consideration of overall transport solutions and policy issues including consideration of the Moore Park Masterplan.

He reiterated the boundaries for INSW which does not control implementation of the Moore Park Master Plan. The scoping work for the operational phase Transport Plan will progress the discussion and debate with the CCC and other community members and stakeholder as event parking should be considered as part of a broader transport planning exercise.

Erica van den Honert

Reported that the Conditions of Consent requires an Event Parking Strategy, supporting commencement of operation. She also noted Denise Ora input to the next CCC meeting.

Noted that anyone is able to write to the Minister's office to request action in relation to the parking issue.

Vivienne Skinner

Reiterated the importance of the CCC being heard in this discussion.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed:

- Discussion about presentation of VS motion to the CCC.
- VS suggested that it should be made clear in these notes that the CCC community members are "calling on the Minister to confirm a timetable for the permanent removal of cars from the Moore Park public green space for presentation to the CCC in July".
- It is suggested that the Minister's office is provided /accesses a copy of these meeting notes and should be in a position to act accordingly
- INSW role is to oversee compliance with the standards and the conditions of consent provided by DPIE;
- The Transport Plan / scope will be a means to engage with the community around the parking issue;
- There is a requirement for further interaction between the sporting codes in relation to the parking issue;

Tom Harley Reported the need to take into account the impact of the Light Rail, with the tenants to consider a multi-modal transport solution. He noted that public transport was previously seen as being inadequate. He highlighted the work with Transport NSW around fully integrated ticketing solutions.

Confirmed the data that suggests that a large number of patrons drive to games.

Highlighted requirement to assess the Park and Ride option at the ATC. He has a desire for a multi-transport solution including cars.

Robert Postema Suggested that if parking is essential, the clubs must take the matter seriously and offer a solution. Further suggested that reliance on historical data may not be appropriate, with the current situation presenting a once in a lifetime opportunity to address traffic in the area.

Noted that as the Sports Clubs will have free access to the stadium, they have an obligation to be proactive in solving the parking problem.

DISCUSSION The Committee discussed:

- Requirement for all codes to embrace integrated ticketing solutions;
- The sporting codes' desire to remove barriers to entry and to review the timeline to allow for communication and advocacy with consumers.

SUMMARY of RESOLUTION The community representatives on the Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment Community Consultation Committee *call on the Minister to confirm a timetable for the permanent removal of cars from the Moore Park public green space, for presentation to the CCC in July 2020.*

10. AGENDA ITEM # 10: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK (ROUND TABLE)

Vivienne Skinner Reported the prevailing issue of parking and saving Moore Park. Further noted contact from a community member expressing the view that the COVID-19 emergency was being used as a covert way to increase hours of construction activity on the stadium.

Robert Postema Noted that he had no additional matters to raise for the meeting and expressed his thanks for being kept aware of issues by those closest to the project.

Linda Gosling Raised commentary in the media (by the Lord Mayor) regarding the funding of cultural institutions and whether the SFS project should be cancelled and the funding redirected. Also she noted the importance of green space in these times, with consideration of the parking issue being urgent. There is need for spaces to allow people to wander.

She also asked how the stadium will operate if current social distancing provisions are retained.

Peter Hynd PH in response highlighted government focus on the current public health crisis, noting the priority had been for government to address the health advice including places where people congregate such as sporting venues. The priority consideration had been the health and wellbeing of all people working on the project and the surrounding community. The government is also focused on supporting the NSW economy via its infrastructure pipeline and that the project is an essential construction project that will ultimately employ up to 800 people.

Highlighted consideration given to all advice from NSW Health, with the operational overlay to be discussed with the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust. It is difficult to predict if the current health crisis will influence operations at sporting venues in 2022.

Referred to comments made regarding extra construction hours, the Factsheet circulated regarding the Ministerial Order which applies to all development in NSW. Noted that the SFS project is only undertaking works for a couple of additional hours on a Saturday (generally to 3pm) as outlined in the project fact sheet.

Chelsea Ford Noted the importance of liaison between the codes in relation to parking, suggesting that the Sydney Swans may be more progressive regarding integrated ticketing options, and requesting advice from Tom Harley at the July meeting around any discussion between the codes.

Julie Osborne Reported discussion around whether or not the stadium should be going ahead due to the state of the Codes. She suggested that there might be feedback from Kerrie Mather on this matter.

- Tom Harley** Highlighted the survival of the codes as an area for discussion. He noted that he is unable to speak on their behalf, but he desired for a solution that works for everyone.
Expressed thanks for the opportunity to participate in the discussion and this meeting.
- Steven Rankin** Highlighted the impact of the future Transport Plan on the Paddington community and the need for additional information, with detail of how it any plans will affect the local community being required early in the process.
Further reported a power outage at 5.30 am morning that seemed associated with the stadium works.
- Paul Cassel** Responded that he was not aware of any issues and noted that works do not commence until 7am and so it was unlikely to be associated with the site.
- Sofie Mason-Jones** Discussed the numbers of people utilising the green space in Moore Park at this time and desire to see cars permanently removed, consistent with the Moore Park Masterplan and the commencement of the light rail.
Highlighted difficulties for all stakeholders in not having a plan, as to when the phasing out would occur, and the importance of progressing this. The plan should be in place prior to the completion of construction (ready for the operational phase of the stadium).
- Robert Postema** Tabled a question for TH in relation to the Swans lease of the Hall of Industries and future intention to remain within the SCG.
- Tom Harley** Discussed the 27-year lease, the impact of the COVID-19 situation, and the current focus on the balance sheet and sustainability.

ACTION # 4 Tom Harley to report to the July meeting on any discussion with the codes about integrated ticketing.

11. AGENDA ITEM # 11: NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the CCC will held on **Wednesday 1 July 2020**, with any matters arising to be addressed between meetings.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at **8.03 pm**.

ACTIONS ARISING

01_05/20	Jessica Hodge	To confirm closure of Driver Avenue to traffic on game day and to report back to the Committee.
02_05/20	Peter Hynd	To report back to a future meeting with further details of the Public Art Strategy and Plan.
03_05/20	Tiffany Jones	To request that the Environmental Team look into vibrations at nearby properties and provide a response.
04_05/20	Tom Harley	To report to the July meeting on any discussion with the codes about integrated ticketing.