

**Avalon Community Reference Group Meeting No. 9
Wednesday 18 November 2020 – Via Microsoft Teams**

Attendance	Avalon Community Reference Group Members: Cr Ian White Cr Kylie Ferguson Cr Alex McTaggart Richard West Ros Marsh Peter Mayman Billy Bragg Robert Hopton Catherine Kerr
Apologies	Tracey Whitney Alvaro Del Campo Sandra Morgan Sue Boaden Matthew Fallon Vanessa Tiernan Simon Sinclair
	Northern Beaches Council: Ray Brownlee PSM - CEO Louise Kerr – Director Planning and Place Andrew Pigott – Executive Manager Strategic & Place Planning Anne-Maree Newbery – Manager Strategic & Place Planning Phil Devon – Manager, Transport Network Jeremy Smith – Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery Brendan Gavin – Principal Planner Jeanne Thuez – Planner Trish Chaney – Community Liaison Coordinator Annie Laing – Community Liaison Officer

Introduction and Acknowledgement of Country	
Update on the Project Status.	Andrew Pigott, Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning gave a brief introduction and update on the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan.
Discussion	
Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submissions received on the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan from CRG 	<p>The presentation concentrated on the main issues raised in the submissions received from ACRG Members on the draft Avalon Place Plan that was distributed to the group on 25 May 2020. The main issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian and Bike Path – Avalon Beach Town Centre Intersection Sydney Buses - Bus Stop Interchange (Old Barrenjoey Road) and Bus Stop on Barrenjoey Road Gateway Entrance Changes/updates to the Plan.

An Alternative Pedestrian Bike Path endorsed by APA, CAPBRA and PBWBA, was submitted to Council on 6 October 2020 and distributed to ACRG Members on the same day.

Discussion Following Presentation

Loss of Car Parking Spaces

The loss of parking spaces as a consequence of footpath widening and to a lesser extent the shared zone, was discussed by the ACRG.

Council Response:

Potential for 14 parking spaces to be lost, however 8 of these would be lost irrespective of the changes due to the required upgrade of the existing non-compliant pedestrian crossings that are required to undertaken to comply with the relevant Australian standards (Phil Devon confirmed that once Council is aware of a hazard it is under duty of care to amend and remove the hazard)

Loss of Trees

Another major concern raised was the number of trees that would be removed to accommodate the design proposals.

Staff confirmed that 6 trees have been identified for removal in relation to the proposal for Old Barrenjoey Road (south) and approximately 5-6 shrubs on the corner of Avalon Parade and Barrenjoey Road intersection, due to the Beach Gateway design.

Council ensures every attempt will be made to protect and preserve mature trees during streetscape improvement works.

Intersection

The perceived safety of the Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade intersection was discussed with some members of the ACRG questioning the trial of the one-way shared zone and the cost for the works. Other options such as decreased speed zones throughout the Avalon Beach Town Centre was discussed.

Costings and Project Timeframe

Some member of the ACRG voiced their concerns on the timeline and costings.

Council Response:

The ACRG were reminded that the costs outlined in the draft Place Plan are indicative and priorities allocated to actions have been done in line with the Place Score data. Place Score data established what the community cared about and identified priorities for actions.

Sydney Bus Stop and Layover (Old Barrenjoey Road)

Update on the Sydney Bus Stop and layover (Old Barrenjoey Road):

No decision made at this point. Transport for NSW progressing through preferred provider process.

Relocation of the Bus Stop on Barrenjoey Road

Some ACRG Members have suggested that the Bus Stop on Barrenjoey Road (Beach Gateway) should be relocated north of its current location:

Council Response:

Relocation of the bus stop to the north of the current site is not supported by Transport for NSW.

Forward Path

Andrew Pigott reminded the ACRG Members that the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan is still a draft document and has not yet been placed on broader public exhibition. The public exhibition process will allow the broader Avalon Beach community to review the document and provide comments.

Ray Brownlee confirmed that the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan should proceed to Council for endorsement to allow it to be placed on public exhibition and gauge the opinion of the broader Avalon Beach community.

The following points were supported:

- That the Alternative Pedestrian Bike Path submission endorsed by APA, CABPRA and PBWBA be placed on public exhibition with the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan.
- The draft Place Plan will not be placed on public exhibition over the Christmas holiday period.
- Avalon Beach residents will be sent a letter informing them of the exhibition of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan.
- Hard copies of the Avalon Beach Place Plan will be made available for the community to view at Avalon Beach Customer Service Centre or Avalon Beach Library.
- Full details of the bike paths are included in the draft Place Plan prior to going to Council.
- ACRG Members are to be notified of any changes to the draft Place Plan prior to the Place Plan going to Council.
- Paving and lighting is moved up the list of priorities and budget identified in the 2022/2023 Delivery Plan.

Ray Brownlee and Andrew Pigott, thanked the Avalon CRG Members for their hard work over the last 3 years in developing the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan with Council Staff.

Meeting closed at 6:50pm.