

MEETING NOTES

Meeting # 12, 21 October 2020,

John Holland Offices on the SFS site, 6.30 pm

PRESENT			
Margaret Harvie (MH - Chairperson)			
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES			
Chelsea Ford (CF)	Linda Gosling (LG)	Tom Harley (TH)	Sofie Mason-Jones (SMJ)
Robert Postema (RP)	Steve Rankin (SR)	Vivienne Skinner (VS)	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES			
Mayor Danny Said (Randwick City Council)			
SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM REPRESENTATIVES			
Peter Hynd, SFS Project Director, Infrastructure NSW (PH)			
PRESENTERS AND GUESTS			
Paul Cassel, Project Director, John Holland until 7.23 pm (PC)	Tiffany Jones, Communications and Stakeholder Manager, John Holland (TJ) until 7.23 pm	Erica van den Honert, Acting Executive Director, Infrastructure Assessments, Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (EVDH)	Vlad Popovski, Senior Communication Officer, Infrastructure NSW (VP)
APOLOGIES			
Mayor Paula Masselos (Waverly Council)	Cr Phillip Thallis (City of Sydney Council) (PT) – PT attended the site tour but was unable to remain for the meeting	Kerrie Mather, CEO, Sydney Cricket Ground and Sports Trust	Julie Osborne
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Leanne Smith, Governance House Pty Ltd			

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Margaret Harvie Acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on Aboriginal lands and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. AGENDA ITEM # 1- WELCOME & OPENING

Margaret Harvie Welcomed all attendees to the twelfth meeting of the Sydney Football Stadium (SFS) Redevelopment Community Consultation Committee (CCC) and declared proceedings open at **6.51 pm**.
Asked for any outstanding questions arising from the tour of the site? (*none tabled*).

DISCUSSION Committee members and guests introduced themselves to the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

The Committee noted apologies from Paula Masselos, Phillip Thallis (who was present for the tour), and Kerrie Mather.

4. AGENDA ITEM # 2: CONFLICT OF INTEREST - CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE DECLARATIONS

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

5. AGENDA ITEM # 3: PROJECT UPDATE / CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Tiffany Jones

Provided a [Project Update](#) via PowerPoint Presentation, highlighting:

- A visual overview of the site to date (noting the tour that the Committee had immediately prior to the meeting and the locations visited during the tour);
- Near completion of the piling (with a couple remaining on the far South Eastern corner);
- Completion of 200,000 tonnes of earthworks;
- Oversight of the Remediation Action Plan by the occupational hygienist;
- Completion of the Paddington Lane retaining wall;
- Commencement of the tower crane erection;
- In-ground services are 80% complete;
- Pouring of concrete slabs on the ground continuing;
- Vertical form works as commenced on the Western side;
- Receipt of Construction Certificate 4 private certification for Levels 1 to 5 on 24 August 2020;
- Construction Certificate 5 is to include the fit-out and roof design etc.

Provided a [Community Update](#) highlighting:

- Complaint relating to contractor marshalling on Moore Park Road, noting reiteration of the protocols via a Toolbox talks conducted as part of the project start up each day;
- A truck was reporting in a residential area - found not to be associated with the project;
- There was a concern raised related to noise at night (a humming noise) – it was noted that no machinery is used on site during the evening, so it was not related to the project;
- Issue relating to a drone flying over unauthorised space (Fox Studios and the SCG) - again not related to the project;
- Complaint about cables making noise in the wind – these were associated with piling rigs;
- Toolbox talk to employees in response to issues raised about tradespeople parking on the street;
- There was a query regarding penalties for repeat offences. TJ noted that access to the site can be removed;
- Complaint relating to a truck (sub-contractor delivery) using a superseded driving route (information about the latest updated route had been provided);
- A heavy vehicle driver was seen using a mobile phone whilst driving (noting this as a Workplace Health and Safety issue) – workers were reminded about this behaviour via a toolbox talk.

Provided a [Communication Update](#) highlighting:

- A Project Update was distributed in late September;
- An online community forum / webinar was held in October;
- A Q&A session was held in July 2020;
- Monthly updates are provided via the website on noise, vibration and dust;
- The Complaints Register is uploaded to the website at the end of each month.

Reported on [Past Events](#), progress including:

- The first concrete building slab was completed on 5 August 2020;
- Production of the first precast slabs;
- A NSW Government “NSW Powering Construction” media event on 27 September featured the Sydney Football Stadium. It highlighted the synergy with the local business community and reported the story of a family business (S&L Steel) that was involved in fabrication of the roof for the previous stadium.

Discussed [Upcoming Events](#), look-ahead including:

- A *name the crane* colouring competition run in conjunction with local schools;
- In response to a question about placing the winning name on the crane, TJ noted that this was not possible due to loading restrictions. Investigations into flags is also problematic so the intention is to print and display the winning posters at an awards ceremony for the children next week;
- The site construction hours are according to the Ministerial Order regarding weekend work (same hours as Monday to Friday). Some additional hours are worked on Saturday and less frequently on Sunday, to accommodate COVID-19 requirements and allow for split shifts and staggered starts;
- TJ showed the links to the latest Construction Updates on the website.

Peter Hynd Made reference to the comments provided to the Auditor by Robert Postema, noting that the Report would be published (it was submitted earlier that morning). The Audit will pick up and address the matters raised by Robert.

In response to a query regarding what is being audited, PH reported that the audit relates to compliance against the Conditions of Approval and the Management Plans to operationalise the works.

Noted that the latest Audit Report will be uploaded onto the INSW website shortly in accordance with the relevant Conditions of Approval.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS & RESPONSE

Lynda Gosling Queried the completion date?

Tiffany Jones Reported that completion will be in time for the NRL Grand Final in 2022.

Peter Hynd Clarified that it is unlikely that the stadium would open with a significant event such as this, noting the need for a number of test events, including regular season games and concerts in order to stress test the facility.

Danny Said Asked if the project was on track and whether there are any major COVID-19 related delays?

Peter Hynd Responded that the project is on track, despite the heavy rain in June and July.

Paul Cassel Noted work has been undertaken both on and offsite, with some disruption related to COVID-19 in March 2020, balanced by the ability to progress offsite work.

Lynda Gosling Queried whether there have been any material shortages from overseas suppliers?

Paul Cassel Confirmed that there has been no impact on the supply chain to date, including key construction materials, with the John Holland business as a whole is undertaking work across all projects to understand any impacts on the global supply chain.

Peter Hynd Indicated that as a result of the lack of events at the SCG there has been the ability to progress other work, for example, the Paddington Lane retaining wall and asphalt.

Margaret Harvie Thanked the John Holland representatives for the tour of the stadium site.

Paul Cassel Suggested another tour in a few months' time (noting the holiday shutdown from 23 December 2020 to 11 January 2021).

Paul Cassel and Tiffany Jones left the meeting at **7.23 pm**.

6. AGENDA ITEM # 4: ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Margaret Harvie Referred to the attachment to the Meeting Agenda responding to questions raised by the Committee.

Tom Harley Responded to the question from Vivienne Skinner relating to codes requirement for car parking on public grasslands and what the codes are doing to encourage supporters to arrive on game day via other transport methods as follows: (Note that some of the information below is derived from discussion during the meeting and some information was derived from a prepared statement submitted by TH)

- Noted that private vehicle usage represents a reliable and consistent mode of transport for fans and supporters attending games at both the SCG and the former SFS;
- Reported that private vehicle utilisation for events ranges between 34% and 65%. Typically contests involving two Sydney teams (for example Sydney FC and the Western Sydney Wanderers or Sydney Roosters and the St George Dragons) have the highest percentage of private vehicle usage;
- Indicated that in 2018 to 2019, 34.2% of Sydney Swans attendees travelled by car. The high percentage of attendees travelling by car is reflective of the geographic spread of attendees and the varying timeslots of the events.
- The lack of viable alternative solutions mean parking within Moore Park is required.
- Suggested that mooted alternatives such as “park and walk” do not appeal to patrons as the options that have been trialed or discussed greatly exceed the walking threshold of attendees;
- Noted that Alliance of Moore Park Sports (AMPS) has long advocated for a precinct wide transport solution;

Highlighted that the current public transport solutions do not provide adequate accessibility however the introduction of Light Rail providing for a material shift albeit not the entire solution. The following issues exist:

- Carrying capacity of the light rail;
- Not easily accessible from all geographic areas in Sydney, especially for families, the elderly and other accessibility impaired patrons;
- Further removal of parking will lead to greater parking congestion in the surrounding streets (on top of reduced on street parking because of the new cycle way).

It should not be in any group’s interest to create barriers for patrons to attend the new stadium and broader precinct.

What actions are the codes taking to encourage supporters to arrive on game days via a transport mode other than private cars?

Tenants of the SCG and future Football Stadium (save Cricket) have or will implement integrated ticketing to encourage the use of public transport to attend events in the SCG precinct. It is important to note that each club can only communicate with their respective members and ticket buyers and not the SCG members. 2020 loomed as a year of “test and learn” for the light rail and the impact of integrated ticketing on transport modes. Given COVID-19 and subsequent health orders, all tenants were denied this opportunity and as such any assessment of the impact an integrated ticketing system had on shifting transport behaviour was lost. Furthermore, given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 impact on health orders for 2021, it is imperative that transport solutions outside of public transport (car parking) are retained.

Each AMPS member that has an integrated ticketing solution is committed to advocating and promoting the positive benefit of the offering.

AMPS reiterates that public transport should only be considered part of the transport solution for the SCG precinct.

Sofie Mason-Jones

Highlighted that for a Sydney Swans sell-out crowd, 35% of 40,000 attendees driving to the event, demonstrates that a majority are using alternative arrangements. Suggested messaging required to those codes with higher percentages of patrons travelling by car.

Tom Harley

Noted that while Kerrie Mather’s assertion is correct (that Central Station is closer to Moore Park than Flinders Street Station is to the MCG in Melbourne), he highlighted the need for consideration of proximity to train and / or Light Rail stations for other stadiums, noting that:

- Both Jolimont Station and Punt Road Station are less than 500 metres from the MCG and are more utilised than Flinders Street Station for MCG patrons;
- Southern Cross Station is less than 500 metres to Marvel Stadium;
- Perth Stadium Station is less than 500 metres to Optus Stadium;
- Adelaide Railway Station is 550 metres to the Adelaide Oval;
- The Current Woolloongabba Station is 200 metres from the Gabba; and
- Homebush Station is less than 500 metres to ANZ stadium.

DISCUSSION

Robert Postema

Noted that if given a choice, patrons will always opt to park as close as possible to the facility (over a park and ride solution).

Steve Rankin

Clarified that it was the parking on the grass that is a primary concern.

Danny Said

Discussed options around Light Rail coordination and frequency, noting the impact of COVID-19 restrictions. Options may include parking at Kensington and Kingsford. He indicated that it seems there is insufficient exploration of how to remove cars from the greenspace.

Tom Harley

Reported that all tenants have done work to implement integrated ticketing - 2020 was to have been a test and learn year (hampered by the Public Health orders).
Reiterated requirement for a viable solution to satisfy the members.

Vivienne Skinner	Summarised the issue as <i>where</i> the cars are parking. Noted proximity to two high schools who would benefit from the additional parking revenue and the empty spaces at the Entertainment Quarter. Asked what the codes are doing to ensure that the alternative parking that is available is fully utilised?
Tom Harley	Reported this period as presenting the opportunity for a material shift in behaviour.
Sofie Mason-Jones	Requested detail of the numbers that trigger North Park East being open?
Peter Hynd	Responded that these questions would be a matter for the Trust.
Tom Harley	Queried whether it is the remit of this Committee to discuss parking at every meeting and whose responsibility it is to resolve the issue?
Peter Hynd	Highlighted that the operations phase traffic and event parking management plans must consider the Moore Park Master Plan including the long term phasing out of parking. Discussed the role of INSW to manage construction of the project with no control over lands that are under the control of the Centennial and Moore Park Trust. Further clarified that while the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust controls the land on which the SCG and the future Sydney Football Stadium are based, they do not control the park.
Tom Harley	Reported the amalgamation of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust with a number of other government agencies to form the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust.
Peter Hynd	Discussed the boundaries of responsibility of the various bodies.
Sofie Mason-Jones	Indicated that people will continue to rely on parking on the grasslands if it is available. There is the need to change the way people behave through integrated ticketing and alternative parking options. SMJ noted that the angst of the Committee around the parking issue arises from this discussion over a 12-month period and not yet arriving at a resolution.
ACTION # 1	Peter Hynd is to request an update including high level timeline on the operational phase transport and event parking management plan from the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust at the next Committee Meeting.
Steve Rankin	Suggested that the matter may be the remit of another Committee.
Margaret Harvie	Clarified that the Conditions of Approval include the Long-Term Master Plan and therefore in this sense it falls within the remit of this Committee.
Peter Hynd	Clarified that the Master Plan for Moore Park is a separate matter, with the consent for this project being unable to influence that Master Plan (an important distinction). He noted that the conditions state that they must “give consideration to the Master Plan” in preparing the operations phase traffic and event parking management plans.
Steve Rankin	Noted that the entire Moore Park Master Plan is of interest to the group (it is not just limited to the greenspace).
Tom Harley	Indicated that he felt investment in a world class stadium without a significantly improved strategy for transport is flawed.
ACTION # 2	Margaret Harvie and Vivienne Skinner to invite Sue-Ellen Fitzgerald (Parklands Trust) to attend the next Committee Meeting to try to progress this discussion / understanding of the current situation with regards to the implementation of the Moore Park Masterplan.
Peter Hynd	In response to a query from Vivienne Skinner about the reference to the increased publicly accessible space around the precinct (in the response to the questions). He clarified that this refers to the public domain areas including Busby’s Corner and the basketball courts etc. that will be created as part of the stadium redevelopment and would be accessible to the public during non-event days.
Erica van den Honert	Provided a report on the DA Modification Process highlighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That when any project is approved with conditions of consent, the applicant (in accordance with the provisions of <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> (EP&A Act)) is able to lodge a Modification;

- The formal process includes discussions with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE);
- the Modification Report may be made available for public comment / submissions – this is on a case by case basis;
- If exhibited, it may be for a period of 7 to 28 days (usually 14 days) depending on the significance of the change;
- In response to the submissions received, the Applicant may rework / redesign aspects of the proposal as part of the Response to Submissions document which is then submitted to the Department for consideration;
- Once the Department has finalised its assessment and the modification is determined by the Delegate, the modification instrument is published on the Department’s website, and changes are incorporated into a consolidated consent, **which is also** published on the website;

Peter Hynd

Discussed MOD 5 noting that there were two modifications for the proposed stadium fitness facility, one modification relates to the adjustment to the project boundary and the other relates to the approval of the fitness facility itself (including recognition of the land ownership).

Linda Gosling

Asked who was the Minister’s delegate for this approval?

Erica van den Honert

Noted that authority for the approval rests with DPIE. Erica confirmed that she is not the decision maker for this modification. She confirmed that the usual timeframe for approval is two weeks.

ACTION # 3

Erica van den Honert to report back to the Committee on the decision maker for the MOD 5 application.

Lynda Gosling

Enquired about the submissions in response to the modification that included DPIE as a government agency.

Peter Hynd

Explained that modifications are referred to different government agencies such as Transport, Environment, Heritage etc. to get the views of these agencies on the impact of the modification.
Reported that the changes to the mezzanine in the Western stand, with the West Stand office space for the Cricket Ground Trust being moved to one end (a locational change). There is no impact from the external view as it is wholly within the existing approved stadium building.

ACTION # 4

Peter Hynd / INSW to notify the Committee when future Project Modifications are submitted.

7. AGENDA ITEMS # 6: CORRESPONDENCE

Margaret Harvie

Reported that all correspondence received was dealt with in the attachment to the Meeting Agenda.

8. AGENDA ITEM # 7: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK (ROUND TABLE)

Margaret Harvie

Requested final thoughts / comments and the tabling of any other feedback from the community.

Vivienne Skinner

Discussed positive feedback in relation to the interaction with the community.
Reiterated desire for integration with the Moore Park Master Plan.

Linda Gosling

Noted a complaint (informal neighbor discussion not forwarded to the project team) about noise from a Renny Street resident (possibly related to the cranes), clarifying that she was unable to hear it from her location.

Robert Postema

Reported that you can hear the tower crane on the North East corner.

ACTION # 5

Peter Hynd to confirm that the JHG Environmental Manager to review noise monitoring data in relation to the Tower Crane on the North East Corner.

Sofie Mason-Jones

Requested an update on the Aboriginal Heritage Plan? Further asked if the stadium has been named?

Peter Hynd

Reported:
▪ That the Heritage Interpretation Plan had been submitted to the Department of Planning and would be added to the INSW website once approved;

- That the Public Art Plan is in development, noting that he would alert the CCC when this is submitted and uploaded onto the INSW website;
- In response to the naming of the stadium, he clarified that this has not (as far as he is aware) occurred, with request for a condition to be added to the consent via modification regarding submission of the final signage for approval by the Secretary of the Department of Planning;
- In response to a question about whether the stadium would have a corporate name, he indicated that he did not know whether this was the case or not and was a matter for the SCG Trust.

The remaining Committee members present confirmed that they had nothing more to table as issues from the community or questions.

9. AGENDA ITEM # 8: NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee discussed the next meeting date and agenda including:

- A proposed date of 3 February, a number felt that the desire for an earlier meeting date (by some) would be impacted by the holiday period;
- Requirement to discuss the state of the development / progress of the traffic and event parking management plans and their timeline at the next meeting;
- Proposal that the SCG Trust provide a written update in December (prior to the next meeting), with potentially a short Zoom meeting to be convened for this update if required;
- It was noted that the requirement of the conditions of consent, was for the submission of the Long-Term Traffic Management Plan and Event Car Parking Management Plan to the Department of Planning three months prior to commencement of operations. It was noted that this did not mean that they are prepared three months in advance.

Chelsea Ford

Wanted to know who the ultimate decision maker is?

Peter Hynd

Indicated that the Transport Plan is prepared in consultation with various parties and approved by the Coordinator General of Transport NSW (finalised three to six months before opening).

The Committee reiterated desire to understand when / if planning has commenced.

ACTION # 6

Peter Hynd to request from the Trust a written update on the status and program for development of the operations phase traffic and event parking management plans, for distribution as soon as possible (it was requested that this occur within four weeks of this meeting if feasible).

Chelsea Ford

Suggested that the Director General of Transport attend a Committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be 3 February 2021.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at **8.31 pm**.

ACTIONS ARISING

01_10/20	Peter Hynd	To request an update on the Long-Term Management Plan and Event Car Parking Management Plan from the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust at the next Committee Meeting.
02_10/20	Margaret Harvie & Vivienne Skinner	To invite Sue-Ellen Fitzgerald (Parkland Trust) to attend the next Committee Meeting.
03_10/20	Erica van den Honert	To report back on the decision maker for the MOD 5 application
04_10/20	Peter Hynd / INSW	To notify the Committee when MODS (Project Modifications) are submitted
05_10/20	Peter Hynd	To organise an Environmental Technician to review the Tower Crane on the North East Corner for noise monitoring
06_10/20	Peter Hynd	To request from the Trust a written update on the status and program for development of the Plans, for distribution as soon as possible (requested within four weeks).