



St Leonards South Master Plan Update

Where are we up to in the process?

Council's exhibition and consultation process for this plan has finished.

If Councillors vote to proceed with the plan, paperwork must be with the Department of Planning at least 6 weeks before 2 June 2018.

This means Council will need to make a decision by **mid-April**.

This is Lane Cove Council's plan. If Councillors vote "no", Council's re-zoning plan will cease and the focus will switch to the Department of Planning.

On this note, where is the sinister Department of Planning plan we hear about that is far worse than the Master Plan? Council has not produced this, despite our many requests.

What is happening right now?

The Department of Planning says that Council received over 400 submissions about the plan.

Councillors should be reading these submissions before they vote, so they should have copies now.

If the NSW Department of Planning was running this process, it would have placed all submissions online for public perusal.

But Lane Cove Council has confirmed that it will not do this.

The Greenwich Community Association (GCA) has lodged a GIPA (freedom of information) request with Council to secure access to these submissions.

Have Councillors seen the reports from infrastructure agencies about the impacts of the plan?

Council went ahead with exhibition of the plan before it had heard what infrastructure agencies think of it.

We understand that Council has not yet received all the required reports.

Isn't this all the wrong way round?

What is driving Council to make East Ward do the "heavy lifting"?

In December 2017 Lane Cove Council said that it had met the government's 5 year housing target.

Furthermore, over 1269 units are under construction and DAs have been lodged for over 758 units.

All in East Ward.

So why is Council pushing hard on St Leonards South? Is it because developers have jumped the gun and completed purchases for 54 properties in St Leonards South for more than \$365 million - with more just or about to be settled - before Council has even voted on the re-zoning? Isn't Council's job to look after the community, not the developers?

The GCA will update in detail in its forthcoming newsletter

The next GCA meeting is **Wednesday 21 February**.

Please keep the date free and watch out for our newsletter or go to www.greenwich.org.au for further updates.

Council meets for the first time this year on Monday 19 February.

If you want to let Councillors know how you feel about the St Leonards South proposal, let them know on the night. Members of the public can address Council at the start of the meeting at 7pm.

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