

ATTACHMENT E–Council’s Response to the Public Listening Sessions

On 18 February 2016, an independent facilitator hosted two Public Listening Sessions. The purpose of the sessions was to provide an alternative forum for members of the public to have their say on the Draft Local Area Plans, within an independent forum, and to verbally provide their feedback to Council in front of members of their community. The table below summarises Council’s response to the matters raised in the Public Listening Sessions that are specific to the South West Local Area Plan.

Morning Session

Speakers	Issues	Council Response	Actions
Speaker 9 [Resident] East Hills Neighbourhood Centre	This speaker raises concern about the level of proposed rezonings in East Hills which seems high in comparison to the proposed rezonings in Panania, Revesby and Padstow.	In response to community feedback, Council reviewed the structure plan to ensure the neighbourhood centre is a compact place. The structure plan identifies the neighbourhood centre boundary as a 5 minute walking distance measured from the railway station. This distance provides an adequate level of containment for a centre of this size, and is an appropriate fit within the centres hierarchy. This distance is also less compared to Panania (small village centre) and Padstow and Revesby (village centres). The review process recommends continuing with low–rise buildings in the Residential Frame precinct. The intended outcome is to provide an appropriate built form that responds to and reflects the village feel. Based on the key considerations around building heights, 4 storeys is considered appropriate to achieve a design outcome that is compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood. The Residential Frame precinct also avoids rezoning properties that have direct vehicle access to Henry Lawson Drive.	No change is proposed.

Evening Session

Speakers	Issues	Council Response	Actions
Speaker 6 [Resident] Panania Small Village Centre	This speaker raises concern about the future of the Panania local area and that the proposed changes will change the character of the community. The proposed 4–6 storey blocks are excessive, and will result in traffic congestion. There is not enough social infrastructure (e.g. schools) to support the increased development, and it will reduce quality of life.	In response to community feedback, Council reviewed the structure plan to ensure the small village centre is a compact place, whilst responding to and reflecting the small village feel and unique characteristics of the place. The review process identifies: • The small village centre boundary as a 5–10 minute walking distance measured from the railway station. This distance provides an adequate level of containment for a centre of this size, and is an appropriate fit within the centres hierarchy. • There is the potential for the Residential Frame precinct to be a place of well-proportioned, human scale buildings and streets to contribute to the sense of comfort and village feel. The intended outcome is to provide a mix of low and medium-rise living choices within a short walking distance of the railway station, commercial core and local services. In terms of infrastructure, Council consulted government agencies. The government agencies such as Transport for NSW, Roads & Maritime Services, Ausgrid, NSW Health–South Western Sydney Local Health District, Sydney Water and Department of Education did not identify any significant impact on services as a result of the proposed changes in the Local Area Plan.	No change is proposed.