

Bondi Junction Proposal - Bondi & Districts Chamber of Commerce Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Stakeholder Briefing – Bondi & Districts Chamber of Commerce
Date:	Wednesday, 11 December 2019
Location:	Mill Hill Community Centre – Meeting Room 1 31-33 Spring St, Bondi Junction NSW 2022
Time:	2.30 – 3.30 PM
Attendees:	Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emmanuel Constantinou (president) Project Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel Condon – Willowtree Planning (Associate) Greg Gilyou – Evolve Consulting (Director) Peter Murray - Roberts Day (Senior Urban Planner) Sara Wilson – KJA (Program Director) Patrick Connor - Waverly Council (Strategic Planner)
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim Sneesby - Waverly Council Stephen Moore – Roberts Day (Director)

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Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive sentiment toward the creation a buffer zone between existing heritage buildings and the newer medium rise buildings in the area – mid-rise building with open space around
Transport / Cycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive sentiment toward proposed connection with existing cycling routes and Council's cycling strategy Noted that improving cyclist safety is important Noted that shop owners may be annoyed with loss of parking as a result of Council's proposed cycling lanes along Denison Street and Oxford Street Noted the benefit of a Coogee to Bondi Beach bus that is not just provided in the summer months but services the area all year round.
Public Domain, Community and Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive sentiment toward 6m setback Expressed support for the active ground floor frontages proposed in Bondi Junction, as this would create better safety on the street

- Noted that public domain along Oxford Street would be highly valued by Council and the business community
- Suggested that Council is keen on encouraging an arts, culture and innovation precinct.
- Suggested that the development seems to be in keeping with Council's general direction
- Suggested that there is an opportunity for the proposal to leverage Council's desire to provide more spaces in the LGA for start-up / shared work spaces, along the lines of an innovation hub already proposed for Bondi Beach
- Suggested that Council, particularly the Mayor, would be supportive of the proposed 'start-up' hubs and open space
- Expressed desire for growth of a creative hub that could accommodate events like a vivid inspiring light
- Positive sentiment towards the development creating more of a community feel in Bondi Junction, which will attract more people to the area
- Expressed concern regarding the proposal establishing a 'night time' culture with activities that may attract the 'wrong types' and with it the risk of creating an 'unsafe' culture
- Need to ensure any activities undertaken on the site will add to, not detract from the local community feel, and safety, for local residents
- Noted desire for Bondi Junction to become more 'loveable' and 'interesting' – need people to come to BJ and stay, not just transit through on the way to the beach.

Architectural Design

- Described development as 'refined' and showed positivity toward the general design and diversity of housing

Sustainability

- Noted the need for more 'green' in Bondi Junction
- Emphasised the importance of creating open space.

Other

- A Chamber of Commerce board presentation in first week of January. Project team is open to present at this meeting