

Liverpool LEP Review Project: Engagement Action Plan

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Overview of LEP Review Project

Background

Council has recently received funding from the NSW Government to undertake a comprehensive review of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 which will include a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and a Planning Proposal to amend the LEP. In addition, numerous studies are being prepared to provide an evidence base to inform the process.

The LSPS and LEP will guide land use planning across the Liverpool LGA, balancing the need for housing, jobs and services as well as parks, open spaces and the natural environment.

This action plan is intended to help guide the community engagement process. The actions identified go above and beyond the legislative consultation requirements to ensure that our diverse community and stakeholders have a genuine opportunity to have their say and contribute to the process.

LEP Review Project

Following the release of the Greater Sydney Commission's Greater Sydney Region Plan ([A Metropolis of Three Cities](#)) and [Western City District Plan](#), Liverpool City Council has a legal obligation under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to review its LEP to ensure that it aligns with the priorities listed in these plans.

While this is a statutory requirement, it is a great opportunity for Council to examine what is working well in the current LEP, and what may need to change in order to realise our collective vision for the Liverpool of the future. It also gives Council the opportunity to collaborate with the community and incorporate their ideas, priorities and concerns into the new LEP.

Preparation of a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)

One of the major opportunities for the community to be involved in the LEP review process is through the development of a Local Strategic Planning Statement, or LSPS. The creation of an LSPS is a new requirement for councils following the NSW Government's amendment of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in March 2018.



Figure 1 – Planning framework

An LSPS is designed to be a simple-to-understand document that sets out a 20-year vision for land use in local areas, and planning priorities for those areas. Through comprehensive community engagement, the LSPS will describe how particular areas should develop over the next 20 years, the characteristics and values that are important to maintain, and in which places growth will be focused.

Local strategic planning statements have been introduced with the intention to shift the NSW planning system into a strategic-led planning framework. The LSPS will inform the review of the LEP, and will also need to align with Greater Sydney Commission’s Regional and District plans.

Through the development of the LSPS, the following questions will need to be considered:

- Where are we now?
- Where are we going?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

To help answer these questions and to prepare the LSPS, early community consultation will be undertaken. This consultation will collect feedback to inform the long term vision as well as the priorities and actions in the LSPS. The consultation will also help inform any future changes to planning controls.

The exhibition of the LSPS provides a further opportunity for the wider community to have their say and identify any changes needed to finalise the LSPS.

Key Engagement Touchpoints

Community consultation will occur throughout the entire LEP Review project, however there are three major touchpoints which are outlined in Figure 2 below.

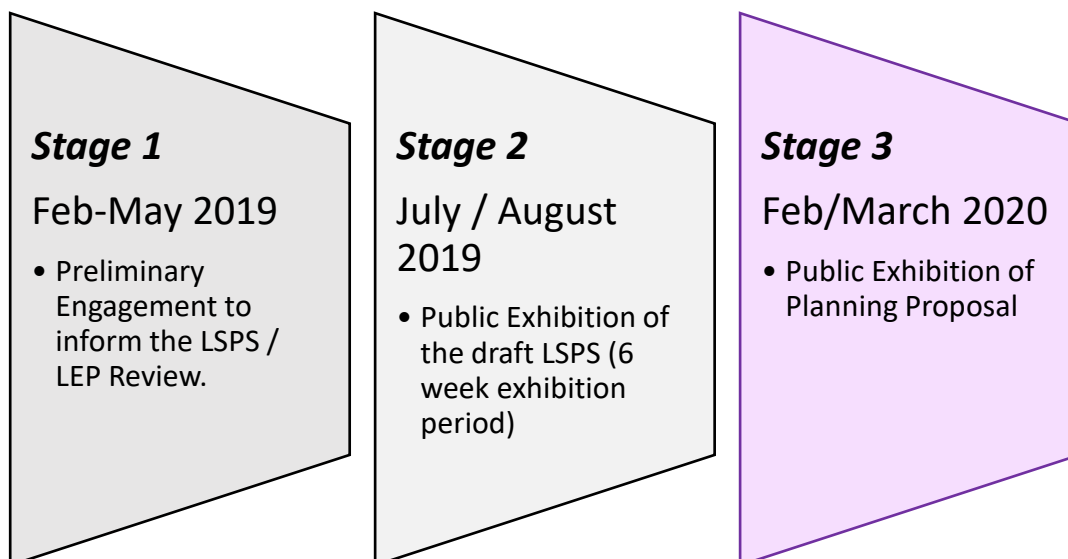


Figure 2 – Engagement Touchpoints

Action Plan

Stage 1a – Preliminary Engagement

Objectives

1. Generate awareness of the project in the wider community and gather feedback to inform the preparation of the LSPS.
2. Introduce the project to interested community members.
3. Engage with young people to collect their ideas about the long term vision for the Liverpool LGA.

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Councillor Workshop	Introduce the LEP and LSPS consultation and tasks to the elected Council.	24 November 2018 – 26 November 2018
Community Survey	Collect community feedback to inform the LSPS and LEP Review.	1 February 2019 – 1 May 2019
Distribute flyer across the LGA	Generate awareness of the project and invite community to have their say via various channels.	March – April 2019
Social Media posts / video	Generate awareness of the project and promote survey.	February – April 2019
Presentation and Q&A at each District Forum	Introduce the LEP and LSPS to interested community members.	19 February 2019 - Eastern District 25 February 2019 - New Release/Established Forum 11 March 2019 - 2168 Forum 9 April 2019 – Rural Forum
Updates at Community Forums	Provide an update to the community about the progress of the project.	May – June 2019
Youth Engagement Session (Primary schools – Year 5 and 6)	Engage with young people to collect their ideas about the long term vision for the Liverpool LGA.	31 May 2019

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Interactive Mapping Tool	Provide an opportunity for the community to identify their big ideas for the Liverpool LGA.	April – August 2019

Stage 1b – Preliminary Engagement (Moorebank)

Background

On 6 February 2019, Council considered a Notice of Motion regarding the R4 (High Density Residential) zone in Moorebank, where it was resolved that Council immediately start separate consultation with the residents of Moorebank with a view of reducing density in the R4 zone.

Objectives

1. Generate awareness of the project in the Moorebank community and gather feedback to inform the LEP Review.
2. Provide opportunities for community feedback on the unique issues and concerns for the Moorebank community.

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Presentation at Eastern Community Forum	Generate awareness of the project in the community and gather feedback to inform the LEP Review.	19 February 2019
Letter to Moorebank residents	Provide opportunities for community feedback on the unique issues for the Moorebank community.	19 February 2019
Moorebank Community Survey	Provide opportunities for community feedback on the unique issues and concerns for the Moorebank community.	February – March 2019
Moorebank Pop Up event	Provide opportunities for community feedback on the unique issues and concerns for the Moorebank community.	7 March 2019
Council Meeting	Elected Council to consider community feedback.	27 March 2019

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Update at Eastern Community Forum	Report back on the outcomes of the community engagement and outline next steps.	16 April 2019

Stage 2 – Exhibition of Local Strategic Planning Statement

Objectives

1. Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback.
2. Engage with Council's culturally diverse community and seek feedback on the draft LSPS.
3. Engage with key interest groups, Government and Non-Government organisations.
4. Inform the business community and development industry and collect feedback on the draft LSPS.

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Councillor Workshop	Brief Council on the draft LSPS and consultation process.	7 June 2019
Council Meeting	Council to consider and adopt draft LSPS before public exhibition.	26 June 2019
Display of draft LSPS and applicable technical studies (in Council libraries and Council's customer service centre).	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback. Engage with Council's culturally diverse community and seek feedback on the draft LSPS.	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019)
Draft LSPS on Council's website	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback.	28 June 2019
Draft LSPS and FAQs available on Council's Liverpool Listens page with	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019)

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
online survey/feedback option.	and provide opportunities to provide feedback.	
Draft LSPS promoted / explained on social media and in local newspapers.	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback.	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019)
Consultation with Warwick Farm residents, including community meeting.	Engage with the Warwick Farm community on the LSPS and the future of the Warwick Farm equine precinct.	First two weeks of exhibition
Distribute flyer or letter	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback.	First two weeks of exhibition period (July 2019)
FAQ (On Council's website, sent to call centre etc.).	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback.	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019)
Pop ups at various shopping centres / malls across the LGA. Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas Wall (sticky notes) - Map your ideas (local aerial map) 	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback. Engage with Council's culturally diverse community and seek feedback on the draft LSPS.	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019)
Community Drop in sessions at local libraries	Provide an in-depth overview of the draft LSPS and invite feedback.	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019).
Targeted stakeholder letter (offering option for face to face briefing).	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the draft LSPS and provide opportunities to provide feedback. Engage with Council's culturally diverse community and seek feedback on the draft LSPS.	During the first week of the exhibition period (July 2019)

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Online Ideas board using Liverpool Listens.	Provide an interactive space for the community to discuss issues and ideas.	During the exhibition period (July – August 2019)
Online Interactive Mapping Tool	Provide an opportunity for the community to identify their big ideas for the Liverpool LGA.	April – August 2019
Industry information session / workshop (Business community and development industry).	Inform the business community and development industry and collect feedback on the draft LSPS	July 2019 (TBC)
Council Meeting	Council consideration of all feedback and revised LSPS.	TBA (Following the Exhibition period).

Stage 3 – Exhibition of LEP Review Planning Proposal

Objectives

1. Inform land owners and residents who are directly affected by any changes and gather feedback and invite submissions.
2. Inform the wider community and gather feedback and invite submissions.

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Council meeting	Council to consider draft Planning Proposal before gateway determination and public exhibition.	25 September 2019
Formal Exhibition / invite formal submissions. (Information on Council's website, newspaper advertisements, information displayed in libraries etc.)	Inform the wider community and gather feedback. Comply with legislative / Gateway Determination requirements.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Distribute flyer or letter	Inform the wider community and gather feedback.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)

Action	Purpose	Timeframe
Write to land owners and residents who are directly affected by any changes proposed and gather feedback.	Inform landowners and residents and invite feedback.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Letter to key stakeholders	Inform key interest groups, Government and non-government organisations.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Draft Planning Proposal promoted / explained on social media and in local newspapers.	Raise awareness in the community about the public exhibition of the planning proposal.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Fact Sheet / Q&A on Council's website.	To provide a clear source of general information regarding the project.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Pop Up / information session for any areas directly impacted by proposed changes.	Inform landowners and residents who are directly affected by the Planning Proposal and invite feedback.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Presentation / Q&A at Community Forums (where scheduled).	Inform the community and gather feedback.	During exhibition period (Feb/March 2020)
Council meeting to consider submissions.	Council to consider feedback and submissions.	TBA (Post Exhibition)