

Response to District Plan Actions

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COLLABORATION		
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Planning Priority C1 – Planning for a city supported by infrastructure		
<p>A1. Prioritise infrastructure investments to support the vision of <i>A Metropolis of Three Cities</i>.</p>	<p>The LSPS outlines Council's priorities for infrastructure including investigation of the following projects:</p> <p>North South Rail link – Schofields to St Mary's corridor to be finalised within 1-10 years. Would like to see this as a greater priority as it will be the key public transport link from the Hills to the Western Sydney Airport.</p> <p>Outer Sydney Orbital – the LSPS recommends early identification of the remainder of the Outer Sydney Orbital Corridor to improve passenger and freight movements and support our growing agricultural and industrial enterprises by providing a connection to key markets and the new Western Sydney Airport.</p> <p>Norwest to Parramatta Mass Transit Link – Identification of this corridor is a priority for the Hills to support both population and economic growth and provide a direct connection to Sydney's 2nd CBD.</p> <p>It is noted that whilst Opal data for the metro has been made available for the purposes of developing the LSPS, Council has chosen not to access the data at this time for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The confidentiality agreement attached to the data would have limited the usefulness of the data to Council for this review and subsequent reviews; and • The metro has not been in operation long enough for the available data to reflect 'usual operating conditions' and therefore is unreliable for forecasting future use and growth implications. 	<p>PP2 PP4 PP11</p>
<p>A2. Sequence growth across the three cities to promote north-south and east-west connections</p>	<p>The LSPS identifies key infrastructure improvements to support growth.</p> <p>Recommendations are framed round expected growth in release areas and station precincts and include:</p> <p>CITY SHAPING:</p> <p>Annangrove Road – upgrade to arterial status (east west) and connect to Dural, with associated upgrade to New Line Road and Old Northern Road intersection.</p> <p>CITY SERVING:</p> <p>Old Northern Road and Seven Hills Road - Grade separation at Baulkham Hills. This could assist in facilitation of a future mass transit link from Norwest to Parramatta</p>	<p>PP2 PP11 PP14</p>

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	<p>Old Northern Road - finalisation of a bus strategy between Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill</p> <p>Bus priority measures;</p> <p>Public Transport Corridor –Rouse Hill to Box Hill to connect town centres.</p>	
A3. Align forecast growth with infrastructure.	<p>The LSPS identifies the challenges associated with aligning growth with infrastructure in The Hills.</p> <p>The Sydney Metro Northwest is fuelling unprecedented growth in station precincts, which in turn is creating immediate demands for infrastructure and services including public open space, libraries and community services and local and regional transport network improvements.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies local, Regional and State transport priorities including preferred investigation and delivery timeframes to best align with expected growth.</p> <p>In addition, the LSPS identifies the requirements for provision of open space and recommends a level of service dependant on residential density as well as identifying opportunity sites and possible mechanisms for providing new open space.</p>	PP2 PP4 PP7 PP9 PP10 PP11 PP13 PP14 PP15
A4. Sequence infrastructure provision using a place-based approach.	<p>Provision of infrastructure to create great places requires commitment and funding from relevant agencies at the appropriate time. This may require a greater level of collaboration across all levels of government.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies key infrastructure priorities as well as suggested investigation and delivery timeframes to align with expected growth.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies areas which will be subject to further precinct planning and master planning which will enable finer grained place based planning for infrastructure.</p>	PP6 PP7 PP11 PP13 PP14 PP15
A5. Consider the adaptability of infrastructure and its potential shared use when preparing infrastructure strategies and plans.	<p>The LSPS identifies a number of opportunities for adaptable infrastructure and shared use. These include a future trial for 'pop-up' satellite commuter car parking, utilising car parking areas which are typically not required during peak commute periods, such as sporting fields, to facilitate additional commuter car parking</p> <p>Key places that will have specific infrastructure needs include station precincts – these areas are a significant opportunity to implement innovative approaches to infrastructure provision in partnership</p>	PP12 PP14

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	with State government and other industry bodies including co-sharing of open space such as is already occurring between Council and Bella Vista Public School.	
A6. Maximise the utility of existing infrastructure assets and consider strategies to influence behaviour changes, to reduce the demand for new infrastructure, including supporting the development of adaptive and flexible regulations to allow decentralised utilities.	<p>As per the previous action, the LSPS considers adaptive use of existing underutilised car parking facilities to potentially act as satellite commuter car parking as well as shared infrastructure in regards to utilising school fields for active recreation outside of school hours.</p> <p>The LSPS references targeted parking strategies such as reduced car parking requirements in strategic centres, timed or metred parking within close proximity to rail stations, satellite commuter parking and improvements to the active transport network.</p>	PP12 PP13 PP14

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Planning Priority C3 Providing services and social infrastructure to meet people's changing needs		
A8. Deliver social infrastructure to reflect the needs of the community now and in the future.	<p>The LSPS identifies likely demand for public open space and recreation facilities and discusses challenges and options for provision of sufficient open space and recreation facilities to support our growing community.</p> <p>The LSPS requires the preparation of a library and community facilities strategy that will address demand and supply over the next 20 years.</p> <p>Detailed consideration of social infrastructure is undertaken at precinct planning or master planning stage. The LSPS identifies areas which are subject to future planning to support growth.</p>	PP9 PP10
A9. Optimise the use of available public land for social infrastructure.	<p>The LSPS identifies and challenges and opportunities for new social infrastructure including playing fields to service growth.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies existing cultural infrastructure including the publically owned Bella Vista Farm Park which hosts numerous cultural events for the benefit of residents and visitors.</p>	PP10 PP15
Planning Priority C4 – Fostering healthy, creative, culturally rich and socially connected communities.		
A10 Deliver healthy, safe and inclusive places for people of all ages and abilities that support active, resilient and socially connected	The LSPS commits to the preparation of a Shire wide Public Domain Strategy which will provide a set of cohesive public domain elements for use throughout the shire as well as providing guidance for the preparation of public domain plans for areas of	PP4 PP5 PP6 PP7 PP8

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<p>communities by:</p> <p>a. providing walkable places at a human scale with active street life</p> <p>b. prioritising opportunities for people to walk, cycle and use public transport</p> <p>c. co-locating schools, health, aged care, sporting and cultural facilities</p> <p>d. promoting local access to healthy fresh food and supporting local fresh food production</p>	<p>significant change.</p> <p>The approach to growth in the LSPS supports the adoption of transit oriented development around station precincts, with a view to creating walkable, liveable communities.</p> <p>The LSPS considers options to better activate street frontages including a review of land use tables to ensure permissible land uses reflect zone objectives and provide flexibility of compatible uses. These amendments have been included in subsequent proposed amendments to LEP 2012.</p> <p>Council has an existing bike plan and network of existing and planned active transport links. A review of this Bike Plan is listed in the action in the LSPS.</p> <p>The LSPS promotes the co-location of social infrastructure including schools, libraries, parks and recreation facilities. Barriers including uncertainty surrounding locations for infrastructure planned and delivered by State Government bodies.</p> <p>Council facilities including the Showground at Castle Hill are regularly used for farmers markets, giving access to fresh, locally sourced food.</p>	<p>PP9 PP13</p>
<p>A11. Incorporate cultural and linguistic diversity in strategic planning and engagement</p>	<p>Council's Community Participation Plan was prepared and exhibited in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and will be reported to Council with the LSPS.</p> <p>Council also provides translation services to any customer who requires it.</p>	<p>Context</p>
<p>A12. Consider the local infrastructure implications of accommodating large migrant and refugee populations.</p>	<p>Approximately 35% of the population of The Hills was born overseas. Of this group the three highest countries of origin are China, the UK and India. Part of the attraction of the area particularly to residents originating from China and India is the availability of large dwellings capable of accommodating larger family groups. Nearly 2% of all households accommodated family members other than parents and children according to the most recent census.</p> <p>The housing diversity clause in The Hills LEP seeks to ensure that larger dwellings continue to be available in high densities areas to ensure families are able to be accommodated.</p>	<p>PP6 PP7 PP8</p>
<p>A13. Strengthen the economic self-determination of Aboriginal communities by engagement and consultation with Local Aboriginal Land</p>	<p>Council consulted with the local Land Council as part of the LSPS. One submission was received which was generally supportive of the LSPS and did not mention any specific development opportunities or</p>	

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Councils to better understand and support their economic aspirations as they relate to land use planning.	<p>plans on behalf of the Lands Council.</p> <p>Whilst the local Lands Council has significant land holdings within The Hills, most of the land is located in the Metropolitan Rural Area, is densely vegetated and highly constrained with limited development potential.</p> <p>Should the Lands Council wish to discuss development opportunities Council offers both strategic and statutory planning advisory services which can be accessed by appointment.</p>	
<p>A14. Facilitate opportunities for creative and artistic expression and participation, wherever feasible with a minimum regulatory burden, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creative arts and cultural enterprises and facilities • creative interim and temporary uses • appropriate development of the night-time economy. 	<p>The LSPS includes actions to investigate mechanisms to support a growing night time economy, particularly in strategic centres.</p> <p>Temporary uses clause within the LEP provides flexibility for uses which facilitate creative or artistic expression.</p>	<p>PP2 PP9</p>
<p>A15. Strengthen social connections within and between communities through better understanding of the nature of social networks and supporting infrastructure in local places.</p>	<p>The LSPS supports the creation of great places which consider the social, transport, housing and employment needs of residents and workers.</p> <p>Public Domain Strategy will provide a set of cohesive public domain elements for use throughout the shire as well as providing guidance for the preparation of public domain plans for areas of significant change.</p> <p>The LSPS considers the integration of technology and place making and how this may impact on the way we use places and connect with each other.</p>	<p>PP2 PP9 PP22</p>
<p>Planning Priority C5 – Providing housing supply, choice and affordability with access to jobs, services and public transport</p>		
<p>A16. Prepare local or district housing strategies that address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the delivery of five-year housing supply targets for each local government area • the delivery of 6-10 year (when agreed) housing supply targets for each local government area • capacity to contribute to the longer term 20-year strategic housing target for 	<p>Council's draft Housing Strategy was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the District Plan. The strategy demonstrates how the five year housing targets can be met, establishes 6-10 year housing targets and determine that there is sufficient capacity to meet 20-year housing targets listed in the District Plan under existing zoned or land under LEP 2012 as well as planned growth areas.</p> <p>The LSPS reiterates the findings of the housing strategy and details Council's strategies for locating housing in the right places, with a focus on delivering high quality, diverse housing options to suit the needs of our growing community.</p>	<p>PP2 PP6 PP7 PP8</p>

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<p>the District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing strategy requirements outlined in Objective 10 of the draft Greater Sydney Region Plan that include: • creating capacity for more housing in the right locations • supporting planning and delivery of priority growth areas and precincts as relevant to each local government area • supporting investigation of opportunities for alignment with investment in regional and district infrastructure supporting the role of centres. 	<p>A Housing Market Demand and Diversity Analysis is currently being prepared to further build on and refine the Housing Strategy.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies key regional and State infrastructure needed to support expected growth and reinforce the role of centres. Of particular importance in this regard is the investigation of a corridor between Norwest and Parramatta.</p>	
<p>A17. Prepare Affordable Rental Housing Target schemes.</p>	<p>The LSPS outlines Council's approach to housing affordability including a discussion on the provision of managed affordable rental housing.</p> <p>Council is currently preparing a Housing Market Demand and Diversity analysis which will provide additional detail in regards to demand for affordable rental housing and options to meet anticipated need.</p> <p>The LSPS does not contain a target for affordable rental housing at this time. Council is awaiting further direction from State Agencies on the formulation of affordable housing targets.</p>	PP 8
<p>Planning Priority C6 – Creating and renewing great places & local centres and respecting the District's Heritage</p>		
<p>A18. Using a place-based and collaborative approach throughout planning, design, development and management deliver great places by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prioritising a people-friendly public realm and open spaces as a central organising design principle • recognising and balancing the dual function of streets as places for people and movement • providing fine grain urban form, high amenity and walkability • integrating social 	<p>The Hills LEP currently facilitates the operation of two Design Panels which ensure development applications positively contribute to the public domain. This action will be further facilitated through master planning and development control plans.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies the need to protect local character, both existing and desired and recommends the development of local character statements.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies areas which have either undergone or are proposed to undergo detailed precinct planning or master planning.</p>	PP6 PP7 PP8 PP9

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<p>infrastructure to support social connections and provide a community hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging contemporary interpretation of heritage where possible using a place-based and collaborative approach throughout planning, design, development and management. 		
<p>A19. Identify, conserve and enhance environmental heritage by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaging with the community early in the planning process to understand Aboriginal, European and natural heritage values conserving and interpreting Aboriginal, European and natural heritage to foster distinctive local places. 	<p>The LSPS acknowledges the areas rich cultural history including both Aboriginal and European cultural heritage and how this has influenced the way The Hills has developed.</p> <p>The LSPS recommends a review of Schedule 5 of LEP 2012.</p> <p>Aboriginal Heritage concerns in existing release areas were thoroughly investigated prior to re-zoning. As there are no additional release areas planned, there is no need to undertake any wide spread investigations at this time.</p>	PP9
<p>A20. Use place-based planning to support the role of centres as a focus for connected neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Council's draft Productivity and Centres Strategy informed the Local Strategic Planning Statement.</p> <p>The LSPS adopts a place-based approach to exploring the role and function of existing and planned Centres, identifying the unique characteristics of each centre, what their strengths are and setting a vision for their growth and development, including strategies to attract the right uses to the right centres.</p>	PP1 PP2 PP9
<p>A21. In Collaboration Areas, Priority Precincts and planning for centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigate opportunities for precinct-based provision of adaptable car parking and infrastructure in lieu of private provision of car parking ensure parking availability takes into account the level of access by public transport consider the capacity for places to change and 	<p>The LSPS includes preliminary structure plans for strategic centres which will be subject to future detailed precinct planning.</p> <p>Structure plans include indicative phasing.</p> <p>The LSPS includes actions relating to parking including investigation of parking rates in strategic centres, including consideration of adaptable parking, electronic vehicles and infrastructure for car sharing schemes</p>	PP2 PP12 PP21 PP22

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Planning Priority C8 – Delivering a more connected and competitive GPOP Economic Corridor		
A30. Prioritise transport investments that enhance access to the GPOP Economic Corridor between centres within the GPOP Economic Corridor	The LSPS identifies the Norwest to Parramatta link for prioritisation. This link will provide The Hills with a direct connection to the GPOP corridor. The District Plan identifies Norwest as having the highest jobs targets outside of Parramatta, but Norwest is not considered part of the GPOP Corridor.	PP1 PP2 PP11
Planning Priority C9 – Delivering integrated land use and transport planning and a 30-min city		
A32. Integrate land use and transport plans to deliver the 30-minute city	<p>Council's draft Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy informed the development of the Local Strategic Planning Statement. A key focus of the strategy and the LSPS is on delivering the 30 minute city vision.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies priorities and actions related to local, regional and state infrastructure necessary to align with growth and support the development of the 30 min city.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies appropriate areas and strategies for growth in order to ensure existing and future residents have access to housing, services, recreation and employment opportunities to enable them to benefit from the 30min city model.</p>	PP1 PP2 PP4 PP7 PP8 PP9
A33. Investigate, plan and protect future transport and infrastructure corridors	<p>The LSPS identifies local, regional and state infrastructure priorities including the identification and preservation of important corridors including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outer Sydney Orbital • Norwest to Parramatta mass transit link • Public transport corridor between Rouse Hill and Box Hill. 	PP2 PP4 PP11
A34. Support innovative approaches to the operation of business, educational and institutional establishments to improve the performance of the transport network	The LSPS commits to the development of an economic growth plan and is currently undertaking a Commercial and Retail Floor Space Analysis.	PP1 PP21
<p>A35. Optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of the freight handling and logistics network by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting current and future freight corridors • balancing the need to 	<p>The LSPS discusses the impact of the changing freight task. Mapping nominates existing freight routes.</p> <p>Key future freight routes include the outer Sydney orbital.</p> <p>A key action of the LSPS is to review planning</p>	PP2 PP4 PP14 P19

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<p>minimise negative impacts of freight movements on urban amenity with the need to support efficient freight movements and deliveries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifying and protecting key freight routes limiting incompatible uses in areas expected to have intense freight activity 	<p>controls in employment zones to support freight operations and businesses whilst minimising negative impacts on urban amenity.</p>	
<p>A36. Protect transport corridors as appropriate, including the Western Sydney Freight Line, North South train link from Schofields to Western Sydney Airport as well as the Out Sydney Orbital and Bells Line of Road – Castlereagh connection</p>	<p>The LSPS identifies key strategic transport connection for which preserving a corridor is a matter of key importance including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outer Sydney Orbital Norwest to Parramatta mass transit link North South rail link 	<p>PP2 PP11 PP14</p>
<p>Planning Priority C10 – Growing investment, business opportunities and jobs in strategic centres</p>		
<p>A37. Provide access to jobs, goods and services in centres by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attracting significant investment and business activity in strategic centres to provide jobs growth diversifying the range of activities in all centres creating vibrant, safe places and quality public realm balancing the efficient movement of people and goods with supporting the liveability of places on the road network improving the walkability within and to the centres completing and improving a safe and connected cycling network to and within the centres improving public transport services to all strategic centres creating the conditions for residential development within strategic centres and within walking distance, but not at the expense of attraction and 	<p>The LSPS provides an overview of existing capacity and expected demand for jobs growth in The Hills Shire. More detailed data and analysis is included in the Productivity and Centres strategy.</p> <p>The LSPS provides structure plans and suggested phasing for strategic centres.</p> <p>The statement investigates how best to provide access to the right jobs, goods and services within both centres and employment areas. As well as giving consideration to the composition of the workforce and its implications for the provision of appropriate housing.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, the LSPS details key local, regional and state infrastructure required to support growth. Of key importance to supporting jobs growth is the early delivery of a mass transit link between Parramatta and Norwest.</p>	<p>PP1 PP2 PP3 PP7 PP8 PP9 PP11 PP12 PP13 PP14</p>

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growth of jobs, retailing and services; where appropriate, strategic centres should define commercial cores informed by an assessment of their need.		
A38. Create new centres in accordance with the Principles for Greater Sydney's Centres	<p>The LSPS does not recommend the creation of any new centres, however it does identify a number of centres which are transitioning to higher order centres including Circa and Rouse Hill.</p> <p>In Rouse Hill, a key focus of the LSPS is in ensuring that it can fulfil its intended role as a strategic centre</p> <p>The hierarchy of centres contained in the Productivity and Centres Strategy details typologies assigned to existing centres.</p>	PP2
A39. Prioritise strategic land use and infrastructure plans for growing centres, particularly those with capacity for additional retail floor space	<p>The LSPS gives an overview of retail demand, with further detailed analysis provided in the Productivity and Centres Strategy.</p> <p>Structure plans and phasing have been provided for the three strategic centres, two of which are major retail hubs.</p> <p>In addition to identified demand. Council are undertaking further investigations as part of retail and commercial floor space analysis. Specific focus will be placed on Norwest, Castle Hill and Rouse Hill to determine what may be needed to support growth in these strategic centres.</p>	PP1 PP2 PP10
<p>A41. Strengthen Castle Hill through approaches that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide capacity to achieve the centre's jobs targets • align State priorities for expenditure on regional roads, schools and utilities to support growth forecasts and to address current deficits • complete the upgrade of Showground Road and the Castle Hill Ring Road System • develop public domain 	<p>The LSPS provides a structure plan and suggested phasing for Castle Hill Strategic Centre.</p> <p>Precinct planning has commenced for Castle Hill, with the expected finalisation of Castle Hill North precinct planning proposal.</p> <p>Precinct planning of remaining land within the Castle Hill Station Precinct will be completed by 2021.</p>	PP2

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plans to enhance identified pedestrian linkages to the future Castle Hill transport hub		
<p>A45. Strengthen Norwest through approaches that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> retain and grow commercial capacity to achieve the centre's job targets encourage complementary retail services around Norwest Lake and the station precinct work with NSW Government to identify a potential future corridor for mass transit links to Greater Parramatta. 	<p>The LSPS provides a structure plan and suggested phasing for Norwest Strategic Centre.</p> <p>Precinct Planning for Norwest will be informed by infrastructure capacity investigations, the retail and commercial floor space analysis being undertaken and previous work undertaken by Landcom and the Department of Planning and Environment as part of the rail Corridor Strategy.</p>	PP2
A46. Work with NSW Government to identify a potential future corridor for mass transit links to Greater Parramatta	Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the NSW Government in identifying a corridor.	PP2 PP11
<p>A47. Strengthen Rouse Hill through approaches that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigate opportunities for future expansion of the centre enhance pedestrian and cycleway linkages, particularly across Windsor Road promote complementary business uses on land adjacent to the Rouse Hill Town Centre leverage government owned land around Caddies Creek to provide additional active sporting opportunities 	<p>The LSPS provides a structure plan and suggested phasing for Rouse Hill Strategic Centre.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies a potential health precinct and includes an action to collaborate with State Government in delivering a health precinct within close proximity to the new public hospital.</p> <p>Precinct planning is identified for completion in 2021.</p>	PP2
Planning Priority C11 – Maximising opportunities to attract advance manufacturing and innovation in industrial and urban services land		
A49. Review and manage industrial and urban service land in line with the principles for managing industrial and urban services land, in the identified government areas by	<p>A review of industrial and urban services land was undertaken in the preparation of the LSPS. The result of which was a decision to retain and manage existing industrial and urban services land.</p> <p>The LSPS details existing capacity within these lands</p>	PP3

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undertaking a review of all industrial land to confirm their protection or transition to higher order uses (such as business parks) and prepare appropriate controls to maximise business and employment outcomes, in light of the changing nature of industries in the area. In limited cases, where conversion to other uses is identified as appropriate to the needs of the city, take a more tailored approach	and discourages planning proposals which seek to re-zone land for higher order purposes.	
50. Retain and manage industrial land in the identified local government areas by creating additional industrial and urban services land where required in land release areas to service the growing population	The LSPS identifies that there is sufficient industrial and urban services land to support growth beyond 2036. Land has been reserved in Council's major urban release area around Box Hill. The LSPS identifies key infrastructure projects which will be required to support the ongoing growth and viability of industrial areas.	PP3
A51. Facilitate the contemporary adaptation of industrial and warehouse buildings through increased floor to ceiling heights	Whilst no changes to existing heights are proposed at this time, a review of planning controls in employment zones as outlined in PP3 may inform future changes	PP3
A52. Manage the interfaces of industrial areas, trade gateways and intermodal facilities by: Land use activities a. providing buffer areas to nearby activities, such as residential uses, that are sensitive to emissions from 24-hour freight functions b. retaining industrial lands for intermodal and logistics uses from the encroachment of commercial, residential and other non-compatible uses which would adversely affect industry viability	The LSPS details Council's position to retain and manage industrial and urban services land. This land is already appropriately zoned and located to avoid and minimise land use conflict. The LSPS identifies key transport corridors requiring identification to support growth.	PP3

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<p>to facilitate ongoing operation and long-term growth</p> <p>c. identifying and preserving land for future intermodal and rail infrastructure</p> <p>d. accommodating advanced manufacturing where appropriate by zoning that reflects emerging development models</p> <p>e. ensuring adequate land is available for transit uses, for example, bus layovers</p> <p>Transport operations</p> <p>f. providing the required commercial and passenger vehicle, and freight and passenger rail access</p> <p>g. improving freight connectivity by both road and the proposed Western Sydney Freight Line from Villawood to Eastern Creek, via Yennora, Smithfield and Wetherill Park to improve business-to-business and supply chain connectivity along this industrial corridor.</p>		
Planning Priority C12 – Supporting growth of targeted industry sectors		
<p>A53. Facilitate health and education precincts that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create the conditions for the continued co-location of health and education facilities, and services to support the precinct and growth of the precincts • have high levels of accessibility • attract associated businesses, industries and 	<p>Schools and hospitals are permissible through State Policies in most Rural, Residential, Business and Industrial zones.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies two potential health precincts at Norwest and Rouse Hill.</p> <p>Norwest is home to an emerging health precinct. Further investigation is required to determine the best ways to encourage growth of this precinct and protect it from competing or non-complimentary land uses.</p> <p>It is noted that a hospital has been earmarked for</p>	<p>PP1 PP2</p>

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commercialisation of research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> include housing opportunities for students and workers within 30 minutes of the precinct 	future construction in Rouse Hill. Land opposite the hospital site is identified in the LSPS as an emerging health precinct.	
A54. Provide a regulatory environment that enables economic opportunities created by changing technologies	An action listed in LSPS is to prepare and endorse a Policy to guide the delivery and use of evolving technologies in the urban environment.	PP22
A55. Consider the barriers to growth of internationally competitive trade sectors, including engaging with industry and assessing regulatory barriers	Whilst not specifically focussed on international trade, the LSPS discusses barriers to growth in our agricultural sector as well as challenges associated with a transitioning economy and encouraging growth in knowledge intensive industries. The LSPS commits to the development of an economic growth plan to further investigate and guide economic growth in The Hills.	PP1
A56. Protect and support agricultural production and mineral resources (in particular, construction materials) by preventing inappropriately dispersed urban activities in rural areas	Review of rural zoned land was undertaken as part of a review of Council's Rural Lands Strategy and development of the LSPS. The LSPS identifies an urban growth boundary, restricting urban development and limiting incompatible land uses in the rural area.	PP4 PP5
A57. Consider opportunities to implement place-based initiatives to attract more visitors, improve visitor experiences and ensure connections to transport at key tourist attractions	The LSPS discusses opportunities for growth in the local tourism industry, with a focus on growing tourism in our rural areas. Amendments to permissible land uses in the rural zones are included as part of planning proposal to amend LEP 2012.	PP5
A58. Consider opportunities to enhance the tourist and visitor economy in the district, including a coordinated approach to tourism activities, events and accommodation	See above	PP5
A59. When preparing plans for tourism and visitation, consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging the development of a range of well-designed and located facilities enhancing the amenity, vibrancy and safety of 	The LSPS does not include a specific tourism and visitation plan at this time. However, the LSPS does consider a number of factors which influence tourism and visitation including amenity and vibrancy of places, improving active transport and wayfinding, protecting heritage and biodiversity and growth in the night time economy.	PP1 PP2 PP9 PP10 PP13

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<p>centres, places and precincts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting the development of places for artistic and cultural activities • improving public facilities and access • protecting heritage and biodiversity to enhance cultural and eco-tourism • supporting appropriate growth of the night-time economy • developing industry skills critical to growing the visitor economy 	<p>The LSPS commits to the development of a Shire wide public domain strategy as well as an economic growth plan which will influence tourism development.</p>	

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Planning Priority C13– Protecting and Improving the health and enjoyment of the District's waterways		
A60. Protect environmentally sensitive waterways	<p>The LSPS identifies the three major catchments which land in The Hills drains to, being the Upper Parramatta River, South Creek and Hawkesbury Nepean.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies actions including updating existing waterways health mapping as well as ongoing participation in collaboration projects centred around catchment management</p>	PP17 PP20
A61. Enhance sustainability and liveability by improving and managing access to waterways and foreshores for recreation, tourism, cultural events and water-based transport	<p>The LSPS identifies urban green grid priorities which will provide opportunities for improved access to waterways for recreation and active transport.</p>	PP13 PP15 PP17
A62. Improve the health of catchments and waterways through a risk-based approach to managing the cumulative impact of development including coordinated monitoring of outcomes	<p>Catchments in The Hills include the Hawkesbury River, Parramatta River and South Creek catchments.</p> <p>Council has not undertaken a specific program of risk assessment to waterway health, though waterways have been mapped and an assessment of waterway health undertaken Shire wide.</p> <p>Water Sensitive Urban Design features in the Development Control Plan and Box Hill and North Kellyville have established water management</p>	PP17 PP19 PP20

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	<p>strategies.</p> <p>The LSPS commits to updated waterways health mapping which will inform Councils works program.</p> <p>Amendments to the Development Control Plan will be made as required</p>	
A63. Work towards reinstating more natural conditions in highly modified urban waterways	<p>Council's capital works program includes works to natural waterways in public ownership. Additional programs have been designed for man-made waterways to improve amenity and public experience of waterways.</p> <p>The LSPS identifies urban green grid priorities for waterways improvements.</p> <p>Updated waterways health mapping will inform future works programs.</p>	PP17
Planning Priority C14 – Creating a Parkland City urban structure and identity with South Creek as a defining spatial element		
A64. Implement the South Creek Corridor Project and use the design principles for South Creek to deliver a cool and green Western Parkland City	<p>A small section of the South Creek Corridor is located in the Hills around Box Hill. Consideration has been given to the catchment through the development of the Box Hill Water Management Strategy. The LSPS identifies the portion of Box Hill within the catchment. The waterway has been protected through environmental zoning and no further works are proposed at this time</p>	PP17
Planning Priority C15 – Protecting and enhancing bushland, biodiversity and scenic and cultural landscapes		
A65. Protect and enhance biodiversity by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting landscape-scale biodiversity conservation and the restoration of bushland corridors • managing urban bushland and remnant vegetation as green infrastructure. • Managing urban development and urban bushland to reduce edge-effect impacts 	<p>The LSPS commits to a revision of Council's Terrestrial biodiversity map and specifies the criteria to be considered in that review.</p> <p>In addition, the LSPS initiates the urban growth boundary, restricting growth to within the existing urban boundary to reduce pressure on sensitive environmental lands.</p>	PP16
A66. Identify and protect scenic and cultural landscapes	<p>The LSPS discusses the existing identified view corridors which have been protected using an E4 zoning. Investigation of options for protection of scenic and cultural landscapes is ongoing and may include a review of existing E4 zoning as well as potential inclusion of scenic landscapes as character</p>	PP16 PP17

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	areas in a future local character clause.	
A67. Enhance and protect views of scenic and cultural landscapes from the public realm	See above.	
Planning Priority C16 – Increasing urban tree canopy cover and delivering Green Grid connections		
A68. Expand urban tree canopy in the public realm	The LSPS identifies challenges and opportunities for improvements to urban tree canopy	PP18
A69. Progressively refine the detailed design and delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Greater Sydney Green Grid priority corridors and projects important to the District b. opportunities for connections that form the long-term vision of the network c. Create Greater Sydney Green Grid connections to the Western Sydney Parklands 	The LSPS details challenges and opportunities for delivery of the Green Grid. This includes identification of priorities for urban green grid projects	PP17
Planning Priority C17 – Delivering high quality open space		
A71. Maximise the use of existing open space and protect, enhance and expand public open space by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating opportunities to expand a network of diverse, accessible high quality open space that responds to the needs and values of communities as populations grow • investigating opportunities to provide new open space so that all residential areas are within 400 metres of open space and all high density residential areas are within 200 metres of open space • requiring large urban renewal initiatives to demonstrate how access to high quality and diverse local open space is 	<p>The LSPS discusses demand for open space, challenges and opportunities for provision.</p> <p>The draft Recreation Strategy which supports the LSPS contains additional data and analysis to support Council’s proposed levels of service, expected demand and response to growth.</p>	PP15

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintained or improved planning new neighbourhoods with a sufficient quantity of new open space delivering shared and co-located sports and recreational facilities, including shared school grounds and repurposed golf courses delivering on, or complementing, the Greater Sydney Green Grid. 		
Planning Priority C18– Better managing rural areas		
A73. Maintain or enhance the values of the Metropolitan Rural Area using place-based planning to deliver targeted environmental, social and economic outcomes, including rural residential development	<p>The LSPS discusses the values of our rural area including economic, scenic and residential. The LSPS identifies a number of projects and actions in the rural areas including investigations into limited growth potential around existing rural villages.</p> <p>The adoption of the urban growth boundary seeks to protect our rural areas from development which would limit their potential to innovate and grow.</p>	PP4 PP5 PP16
A74. Limit urban development to within the Urban Area	See above	PP16
Planning Priority C19– Reducing carbon emissions and managing energy, water and waste efficiently		
A75. Support initiatives that contribute to the aspirational objective of achieving netzero emissions by 2050, especially through the establishment of low-carbon precincts in Priority Growth Areas, Priority Precincts, Collaboration Areas, State Significant Precincts and Urban Transformation projects	<p>The LSPS discusses the Shires environmental impact and methods of reduction including public and active transport priorities, encouraging mode shift and development of station precincts to create an urban form which encourages walking and cycling.</p> <p>Further consideration or detailed opportunities to reduce emissions will be undertaken as part of precinct planning.</p>	PP7 PP8 PP9 PP19 PP22
A76. Support precinct-based initiatives to increase renewable energy, and energy and water efficiency, especially in Priority Growth Areas, Priority Precincts, Collaboration Areas, State Significant Precincts and Urban Transformation projects	<p>As above</p> <p>Additional consideration may be given to planned precincts through the development of plans for those areas.</p>	PP7 PP8 PP9 PP19 PP22
A77. Protect existing, and identify new, locations for	Council does not have any existing waste management facilities, relying on transfer of waste to	N/A

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waste recycling and management	facilities outside of the LGA. There are currently no plans for installation of any major waste facilities	
A78. Support innovative solutions to reduce the volume of waste and reduce waste transport requirements	The LSPS identifies opportunities to support improved waste practices, particularly in high density residential areas.	PP19
A79. Encourage the preparation of low-carbon, high efficiency strategies to reduce emissions, optimise the use of water, reduce waste and optimise car parking provision where an increase in total floor area greater than 100,000 square metres is proposed in any contiguous area of 10 or more hectares	Detailed consideration to be undertaken as part of precinct planning.	PP19
Planning Priority C20– Adapting to the impacts of urban and natural hazards and climate change		
A81. Support initiatives that respond to the impacts of climate change	The LSPS identifies Council's involvement in collaborative projects including the Hawkesbury Nepean flood strategy, and commits to providing a suite of updated information to residents on building resilience into their homes and preparing for emergency events.	PP 20
A82. Avoid locating new urban development in areas exposed to natural and urban hazards and consider options to limit the intensification of development in existing urban areas most exposed to hazards.	The areas of the Hills which are expected to accommodate the majority of growth are centred in areas where natural hazards are generally low or controlled. Further intensification outside of these areas, other than incidental infill, is unlikely to be supported into the future.	n/a
A83. Mitigate the urban heat island effect and reduce vulnerability to extreme heat	The LSPS identifies actions relating to urban tree canopy improvements to tackle the impacts of urban heat. In addition, the LSPS details actions to improve community awareness of building resilience into their home.	PP18 PP20
A84. Respond to the direction for managing flood risk in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley as set out in Resilient Valley, Resilient Communities – Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy	Council has been activity involved in the Flood management project for the Hawkesbury Nepean Valley.	PP20

