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Draft Westmead South Master Plan



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Frequently Asked Questions

Have any decisions been made yet?

Phase 2 community engagement is focused on receiving feedback from the community on the draft Master Plan alongside a range of technical studies. Refer to the timeline on the Have Your Say webpage (<https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/westmead-south-masterplan-2023>) to see where we are at in the process.

What am I commenting on and why? / What are the different phases of community engagement?

Council wants to hear from the community throughout the development of the Master Plan for Westmead South to help guide its progress and ensure it is appropriate for the long-term future of Westmead. Early community engagement is to be undertaken in the following phases:

Phase 1 community engagement, which was undertaken in late 2022, sought feedback from the community on the draft Concept Land Use Plan. It was used to understand what people like about the Westmead South area as well as some of the challenges facing the community and local businesses. A range of community feedback was received and it gave us insight into the local community's aspirations for Westmead South, which has been considered in this draft Master Plan.

The current Phase 2 community engagement seeks community feedback on the more detailed draft Master Plan to support future planning works in Westmead South.

How will my feedback be considered?

Feedback from early community engagement activities will be used to understand community feedback on the draft Westmead South Master Plan, as well as some of the challenges facing the community and local businesses.

Online tools such as interactive map and in-person sessions will provide us insights into the community's aspirations. Feedback received during the community engagement period will help us further refine the draft Master Plan.

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a document that guides future growth and in a specific area in the coming decades.

A Master Plan has an important role in determining the look, feel and function of a specific area by covering elements like building heights, design, land use zones, new open space, community facilities, infrastructure, environment and heritage.

Once adopted, a Master Plan guides changes to the planning controls that apply to properties in this area.

A Master Plan can also act as an important advocacy tool to the NSW Government. It can inform the NSW Government of the upcoming changes in our community for them to consider and deliver new and upgraded community infrastructure, on a State level.

Why has Westmead South been chosen for a Master Plan?

In 2022, the Department of Planning and Environment released the Westmead Place Strategy 2036. This document provides a vision for Westmead Precinct to be Australia's premier Health and Innovation District – an ecosystem for new discoveries, economic growth and global recognition.

Westmead South is one of seven (7) sub-precincts within the Westmead Place Strategy 2036 area.

Council is also preparing Master Plans for our Cumberland City's key centres and corridors. The intent of the Master Plans is to locate a mix of homes close to jobs and high-frequency transport services.

Westmead South is one of the first centres to commence in the new program of Master Plans across Cumberland City as it is poised to transform over the coming decades in response to the significant infrastructure investment in the area and its proximity to Parramatta CBD and the Westmead Health and Innovation District.

A Master Plan for Westmead South is an essential part of managing change while preserving character and delivering amenity. If we plan for these things now, with good urban design principles and a clear strategy for growth we can ensure that Westmead South continues to be a place with the right balance of community, business, growth and culture. Without a Master Plan, growth occurs in an uncoordinated way.

How will a Master Plan improve Westmead South?

For Westmead South, delivering a Master Plan is an important step that can help plan for future population growth, housing options, employment opportunities, transport connections and other local social and community infrastructure and amenities.

Without a Master Plan for Westmead South, future growth would likely occur in an ad hoc way. Through this process, we are able to identify the infrastructure needs for the local area alongside future growth.

This planning work will also provide Council with a strong strategic basis to reject ad-hoc proposals that do not align with Council's planning controls.

The draft Master Plan also aims to support improvements to Westmead South by:

- Providing a range of housing options close to jobs and transport
- Raising the design standards of new buildings
- Improving the quality of the public domain
- Improving the way waste is managed and collected
- Enhancing open spaces and increase tree canopy
- Celebrating heritage and character

Will there be a new school in Westmead South?

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW), which is an NSW Government agency, delivers and looks after public schools in NSW.

Planning is underway for a new primary school in Westmead South. Further details will be shared with the community by School Infrastructure NSW as planning progresses. For enquiries, please contact School Infrastructure NSW at 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

How will the Master Plan be implemented? / What are the next steps in developing the Westmead South Master Plan?

The Master Plan will set the vision for the future of Westmead South and is the first step in a longer planning process.

The Master Plan will inform future changes to planning controls in Westmead South. The Master Plan vision and planning control changes will be implemented through a formal Planning Proposal process, which will include additional opportunities for community consultation.

The timeline outlined on the Have Your Say webpage (<https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/westmead-south-masterplan-2023>) provides more detail on the next steps of planning for Westmead South. For more information on the Planning Proposal Process, please visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Local-Planning-and-Zoning/Making-and-Amending-LEPs.