



THE PADDINGTON SOCIETY Inc.  
For Community and Heritage  
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Department of Housing, Planning and Infrastructure

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**Attention:** Megan Fu

Dear Megan,

**Modification Application MOD 9 for Sydney Football Stadium SSD-9835  
Precinct Village and Carpark Proposal: Staging of Construction**

Thank you for inviting our response to a revision to the construction staging time of this proposal from 3.5 to 2.5 years. The work is now proposed to be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2026, with no temporary parking to be provided during construction.

The proposal is broadly supported by the Society as it has the following benefits:

- The sooner removal of on-grass parking on the remainder of EP2 in Moore Park for events, which will return this area to public benefit.
- A cost saving to the applicant, Venues NSW

However, since the temporary carparking on MP1 is proposed to be removed, we have the following concern and suggestions for what is a substantial construction period:

- The Construction Impacts described in the Application's Section 6.2 and Appendix B do not address the non-event day impact on nearby residents of SFS members and construction workers parking in local streets.  
The former construction of the Stadium in 2019-2022 did at first result in many construction workers and Stadium precinct employees illegally parking in local South Paddington streets, which are already at parking capacity, causing much grief to residents and many complaints. In response the then contractor, John Holland, did hold information sessions, known as 'toolbox talks', with their subcontractors to discourage such parking, inspected and noted illegally parked vehicles and imposed penalties, and arranged for subsidised parking rates at nearby commercial carparks – with some success.

Though the applicant maintains that parking outside the SFS project site is not their concern, we assert that DA approval should include the management of the wider impacts of construction on the nearby dense residential neighbourhood.

- The proposal needs to include for the construction period a subsidy arrangement made with commercial parking providers, and needs to include policing and clear messaging to both construction workers and current MP1 users, to discourage non-resident parking in local streets. Any costs can be off-set by the savings from the shorter construction period.

We ask the Department of Housing, Planning and Infrastructure to condition the proposal accordingly.

Esther Hayter  
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