

Submission for NeW Space Project

Congratulations to the Architects for a highly innovative and creative design. One slight reservation is the effects of earthquakes and mine workings on the main building.

However the Public Transport section shows the lack of independent professional research.

First, this section is based on a transport network of the present and not of the future which will be chaotic for the next 3 years and inconvenient for students and staff in the years ahead.

Secondly, 21st Century cities are wholly dependent on public transport. The quicker the movement of people the better.

Cars are discouraged from parking for more than 1hr, preferable not at all, in CBD's of all cities. So, no car spaces, means no cars. Therefore students must be encouraged to travel by public transport or bikes and this project satisfies this requirement.

However, as travel time is very important, especially for students, your view does not satisfy the quickest and the most convenient method of public transport - train.

There will be University students travelling between the main campus and the city campus, because of their chosen subjects. How convenient would it be to travel by train in 10 mins between Warabrook and Civic stations? So a large multi-storey parking station is needed at Warabrook station on the University side. A win-win situation, one for fewer cars in the city, more parking sites for all students, and a quicker journey between campuses.

No matter what happens with the rail line to Newcastle, "Park and Ride" from Warabrook is extremely important, and the parking station must be built before the New Campus is finished.

I consider this development, NeW Space Project is appropriate for this site and should be approved, except there must be proviso that the direct line stays as it is to Civic Station.