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Dear Sir / Madam,

SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN PREFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT PUBLIC EXHIBITION - SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF VICINITY CENTRES

This letter is prepared on behalf of Vicinity Centres, in response to the public exhibition of the Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) for the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro upgrade proposal, which has been lodged by Transport for NSW. The PIR is on exhibition until 18th July 2018.

Vicinity Centres (Vicinity) is currently working on a Masterplan of the Bankstown Central site. Throughout this process there has been significant and ongoing engagement with various Council departments within the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

The Masterplan scheme will bring forward a comprehensive, mixed-use redevelopment of the centre, which aligns with the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, published by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The Masterplan will, amongst other benefits, promote urban activation and new development in a sustainable location close to public transport infrastructure. This will help to renew Bankstown centre by promoting additional amenities, upgraded public domain and pedestrian linkages.

The evolving Masterplan is looking to deliver a vibrant, diverse and productive place, which is situated in the Bankstown Collaboration Area as identified by the Greater Sydney Commission within the Greater Sydney Region Plan. The Collaboration Area will serve to provide a co-ordinated planning approach to the delivery of growth in Bankstown, and serve to increase productivity, employment and enhance liveability.

Vicinity is supportive of the proposed upgrade works to the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham to Bankstown, and the delivery of a world-class metro system for Sydney. Within the PIR Overview Report (June 2018), it is identified that Transport for NSW, DPE and Canterbury Bankstown Council will work together to develop an integrated Town Centre Masterplan to improve pedestrian access and amenity through the precinct. Vicinity have already undertaken significant design concept work to ensure street activation around the Bankstown Central site, along with connectivity to the existing Town Centre to ensure there will be good pedestrian access and amenity for the Bankstown Central site.



Given this, Vicinity would welcome the opportunity as key stakeholder with Bankstown Central to participate in the future stages of preparation of the Integrated Town Centre Masterplan. This will help to achieve the most appropriate and beneficial outcome for the Bankstown Station, Bankstown Central and the wider town centre.

Vicinity takes seriously its role in contributing to the revitalisation of Bankstown Town Centre, and is seeking to ensure that its future development aspirations respond to the City of Canterbury Bankstown and the broader infrastructure upgrades anticipated for the locality.

I trust that the content of this letter is self-explanatory and the above comments can be appropriately considered. We look forward to further engagement in the next stage of the process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nik Wheeler", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nik Wheeler
Associate Director