

RE: REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION PROJECT APPROVAL MP07_0158 16 November, 2012
Condition A7

Further to the telephone discussion between Peter McManus and Stephane Kerr from the University of Sydney regarding a request for an extension to the deadline of 30 June 2013 to the 30 August 2013 for the submission of the Draft Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Strategy required by the Planning Assessment Commission as an approval condition of the Abercrombie Redevelopment Project, please find below a status report on the progress of the preparation of draft Strategy to date.

Following the issuing of the Project Approval, the University internally determined the scope to allow Traffic consultants to be briefed and procured resulting in the appointment of Parking and Traffic Consultants (Mr Andrew Morse) earlier this year.

The consultant undertook a review of the study area as advised by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (Darlington precinct) during April 2013 and met with the City of Sydney Council's traffic engineers to collect information on their proposed future works for the area. From this initial work, the major pedestrian and cyclist road safety issues were identified and a number of opportunities for upgrades suggested.

Advice was provided to the community on the preparation of the Access Strategy via the Vice Chancellor's Column that appeared in the local news publication the South Sydney Herald in April 2013.

As part of the community consultation process two workshops have been held for the community (Wednesday 1 May 5.30 - 7.30 pm at the University of Sydney Darlington Campus and Saturday 4 May 9.00 am - 12 noon at the Eveleigh Market).

Information on the identified issues, suggested opportunities, advice on what the upgrades would achieve and how they would look as well as the estimated pedestrian volumes that may be generated by the Business school were presented on display panels (see attachment). Participants were able to have one on one discussion with the consultant and University representatives regarding their concerns and suggestions. Approximately 60 people attended the events.

A form has been developed to capture feedback on the matter for further consideration. The feedback form is provided in hard copy and is also available on line. The deadline for feedback is 20 May 2013 and the information panels are on public display in the foyer of the University's Services Building located at 22 Codrington Street, Darlington until this time.

Advice regarding the workshops and invitation for participation was extended to the community via a 900 flyer letterbox drop to residents and businesses giving at least two week's notice of the events. Email correspondence was sent to an existing database of interested community and the events were also promoted through the University's webpage that is dedicated to the Abercrombie Redevelopment Project.

Local community groups such as Residents Acting In Defence of Darlington (RAIDD) and REDWatch have been consulted regarding the strategy and have requested a briefing following the collation of the feedback forms and any other written submissions received.

Specific meetings to discuss the proposed upgrade opportunities have been held with Urbangrowth Development Corporation (6 May 2013) and the City of Sydney's Transport and Access Unit (8 May

2013) as well as the consultant meeting with Council's Traffic Engineers in the initial stages of data collection and following the development of the proposed upgrade works.

The parents from Darlington Public School have requested a briefing and the opportunity to provide input and a meeting has been arranged for this to take place on Thursday 16 May, 2013.

The next stage of the project is for the consultant to review the feedback received, cost the proposed upgrades, prioritise works and present this information in a draft report. Following the completion of this, further discussions will be required with the City of Sydney to ensure a coordinated approach to works in relation to the area, and with the community, particularly the community action groups to advise on the outcomes of the draft strategy and the proposed way forward.

Due to the remaining work required to develop the strategy and to ensure that the University can continue to engage with the community in an effective manner on this matter, the University requests an extension to the deadline of 30 June 2013 to the 30 August 2013 for the submission of the draft strategy for the satisfaction of the D-G, Dept. Planning and Infrastructure.

Should you require any additional information in relation to this request please do not hesitate to contact me.

Submitted for your consideration and advice.

Best wishes,

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