Community Consultation Report

Concept Master Plan and Stage 1 Detailed Consent for Stage 1 Works to the Therry and O’Neil Wings

Saint Ignatius College Riverview
2 – 60 Riverview Street and Tambourine Bay Road – Riverview (Lot 10 DP 11422773)

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Executive Summary

This Community and Stakeholder Consultation Report was prepared on behalf of Saint Ignatius College Riverview (the College), and is related to a Concept Master Plan and Stage 1 Detailed Consent for Stage 1 Works to the Therry and O’Neil Wings at the College site known as 2 – 60 Riverview Street and Tambourine Bay Road – Riverview.

The subject site is legally described as Lot 10 DP 11422773, and is currently owned by Trustees of the Jesuit Fathers – Saint Ignatius College Riverview.

Consultation was undertaken with community, individuals and organisations with an interest in the project.

To date this Project was supported by a dedicated program of communication including both local government and a community briefing session.

This process has been useful in identifying key community issues to be considered when undertaking the various technical studies, whilst ensuring broad awareness of the proposed development. Although feedback has predominantly focused on a desire to be kept informed about the proposal, comments and enquires have included:

- What the proposed planning approvals pathway will be;
- Traffic improvements and future traffic management;
- Improvements to car parking provision and car parking arrangements on special event days;
- Excavation and building works disturbances;
- Will improvements be made to Regis Campus;
- Proposed time to implement Stage 1 and the concept master plan;
- Access and pedestrian safety along Tambourine Bay Road.
- Potential loss of tennis courts and play areas;
- Noise disturbance to residents from construction; and
- Requirement to use demountable classroom during construction.

The feedback outlined in this report should not be interpreted as representing the full range of views from all stakeholders, however it is an accurate assessment of the feedback recorded to date.

In line with the Colleges commitment to open, transparent and ongoing community engagement a range of additional communication activities will be undertaken throughout the duration of the master plan.
1.0 Consultation Overview

This Community Consultation Report was prepared on behalf of Saint Ignatius College Riverview (the College), and is related to a Concept Master Plan and Stage 1 Detailed Consent for Stage 1 Works to the Therry and O’Neil Wings at the College site known as 2 – 60 Riverview Street and Tambourine Bay Road – Riverview.

In preparing the master plan, the College has undertaken proponent led, early key stakeholder and community engagement. The Consultation Process was developed to:

- Encourage community and stakeholder feedback at the early stages of investigations;
- Inform and educate stakeholders and the community on the key objectives and community benefits of the proposed master plan development and vision;
- Demonstrate that the College is a responsible and responsive organisation committed to listening to the community and stakeholders; and
- Ensure effective coordination between different elements of the communications and engagement tasks, encompassing the full range of stakeholders.

The Consultation approach sets about informing and educating people on the proposed development through various communication tools and activities. It is crucial that open, transparent and ongoing (key stakeholder and community) engagement continues to occur as this Project progresses through the subsequent master plan stages.

Note: At the time of writing this report communication and consultation with community groups, individuals and organisations is up to lodgement of the Environmental Impact Statement as per the requirements of the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued 14 August 2015. The engagement undertaken to date has not intended to provide a statistical analysis of support or objections.
2.0 Site Description

The College site comprises some 40 ha, including the Main Campus (Senior School) and the Regis Campus (Junior School). The site is legally described as Lot 10 Deposited Plan 1142773 and is owned by The Trustees of the Jesuit Fathers incorporated under the Roman Catholic Church Communities’ Lands Act 1942 No 23 (NSW).

The site is located in the suburb of Riverview within the Lane Cove Local Government Area. The site is bounded by Riverview Road to the north, Tambourine Bay Road to the east and the Lane Cove River to the south and west which has a prime waterfront position on the Lane Cove River.

Figure 1 below provides an aerial photograph of the College and the extent of its boundaries.

Figure 1: Subject Site (SixMaps, 2015)

Saint Ignatius College Riverview was established by the Jesuit Fathers in 1880 from the Estate of Fr John Joseph Therry. The school first opened as a secondary boarding school with a total of 4 students. The school was initially housed in the existing cottage on the site ‘Ormeau View’. In July 1880 Saint Michaels House was Completed as the first pulpous built school building. The Main Building was built between 1889 and 1938 followed by the Dalton Chapel 1909.

Since then the School has evolved into one of Sydney’s leading private boys Educational Establishments.
3.0 Stakeholder Identification

Consultation with community groups, individuals and Government organisations has focused on providing general project information on the proposed development.

Stakeholders in the following list were identified as key groups and organisations that the College considered it would be appropriate to engage with.

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A detailed record of meetings held with the above stakeholders is included at Appendix 1 of this report.

A map that identifies the local resident’s catchment that was engaged as part of the Colleges Consultation Process is included at Appendix 2.
4.0 Consultation to Date

Commencing in June 2014 the engagement tools and activities have been specifically directed toward the local consultation with an emphasis was on different target groups with an interest in the project.

Given the range of stakeholders, a coordinated program of communication and engagement was developed to support the master planning process. This involved providing a range of open consultation sessions to enable feedback and input from the different stakeholders, community groups and individuals.

The consultation undertaken to date has been designed to inform and build awareness of the proposed master plan development on the site, as well as identify key issues and opportunities and establish a framework for ongoing dialogue.

To date this Project has included a dedicated program of communication including meeting with Lane Cove Council, and a community briefing session with local community members.

Letter Notification and Community Briefing Sessions

One letter box drop was undertaken to inform the nearby residential areas in the suburb of Riverview about the project. The surrounding catchment that received invitations to attend dedicated community briefing session is included at Appendix 2. Appendix 3 of this report provides the invitation that was letter box dropped.

The letter box drop as undertaken 14 September 2015.

The Community Briefing Session was held 24 September 2015 (6pm to 7.45pm) and was held at Companions’ Room – Ramsay Hall, St Ignatius’ College Riverview. The briefing session was attended by representatives of the College and their specialist consultant team including town planner and urban designer.

A record of comments received from community members is included at Appendix 2.

Attendance at the community briefing session was low with only five (5) residents attending.

At the Briefing the College and their project team delivered a presentation that provided a range of information in relation to the proposed master plan that included:

- Details about the site and its location;
- Local site context;
- The project process to date, and future planning approvals pathway;
- The master plan evolution for the site;
- The current preferred master plan concept;
- Key features of the current master plan; and
- Perceived public benefits of the proposal.

A copy of the presentation on display at the Briefing is included in Appendix 4.

Briefings

In addition to the community briefing sessions, briefings were offered to Lane Cove Council staff and Councillors. The briefings were viewed as an opportunity to give a thorough overview of the proposed development. To date, briefings have been undertaken with the following stakeholders:
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- Lane Cove Council Executive Staff (General Manager, Executive Manager of Environmental Services, and Acting Manager of Development Assessment) – 2 June 2015
- Lane Cove Councillors – 14 September 2015

Meeting notes from each of the above briefings are included at Appendix 1.
5.0 Feedback

A key objective of the consultation to date has been to educate and facilitate engagement between the project team and the key stakeholders. This process has been useful in identifying key community issues to be considered when undertaking the various technical studies, whilst ensuring broad awareness of the proposed development. Although feedback has predominantly focused on a desire to be kept informed about the proposal, comments and enquires have included:

- What the proposed planning approvals pathway will be;
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A list of feedback received from the Community Briefing Session and Council meetings is included at Appendix 1.
6.0 Future Consultation

At the time of writing this report communication and consultation with community groups, individuals and organisations is up to lodgement of the Environmental Impact Statement as per the requirements of the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued 14 August 2015.

In line with the Colleges commitment to open, transparent and ongoing community engagement, a range of additional communication activities will be undertaken should the approval of the master plan occur, and prior to the proposed implementation of future stages of the master plan.

In addition it is anticipated that the proposed State Significant Development application will be required to be publicly exhibited for 28 days.

It is anticipated that the public exhibition would be notified by way of:

- A public notice in local newspaper(s).
- A notice on the NSW Department of Planning and Environments website.
- Written correspondence to adjoining and surrounding landowners.

The EIS and specialist studies would be publicly exhibited at the NSW Department of Planning and Environments offices and any other locations considered appropriate to provide interested parties with the opportunity to view the submitted documentation.
7.0 Conclusion

Consultation was undertaken with community groups, individuals and Government organisations with an interest in the project.

To date this Project has included a dedicated program of communication including local government agencies, and a community briefing sessions.

This process has been useful in identifying key community issues to be considered when undertaking the various technical studies, whilst ensuring broad awareness of the proposed development.

The feedback outlined in this report should not be interpreted as representing the full range of views from all stakeholders.

In line with the Colleges commitment to open, transparent and ongoing community engagement, a range of additional communication activities will be undertaken.
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