# Rozelle Interchange WestConnex





## Urban Design and Landscape Plan pre-exhibition update



# What is the Urban Design and Landscape Plan?

John Holland and CPB Contractors Joint Venture (JHCPB) is preparing a draft Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) for public exhibition in the coming months. The draft UDLP outlines the urban design and landscaping objectives for the future use of the Rozelle and Iron Cove sites and the proposed concept design of the up to 10 hectares of open space and community facilities that are to be delivered as part of the Rozelle Interchange Project.

This draft UDLP will be on display for public exhibition and community feedback in the coming months.

We would like to update you on the process so far and for you to tell us what aspects of the Project's urban design and landscaping you are most interested in hearing about.

# What parts of the draft UDLP will be open for feedback?

Many aspects of the UDLP form an integral part of the infrastructure of the Rozelle Interchange Project. Some

design aspects of the Project were approved under the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or do not have an urban design or landscaping component. They will be provided in the UDLP for your information only. These include the locations of building compounds and infrastructure such as bridges.

Other elements of the Project that are not subject to the UDLP include:

- residual land
- public art
- future uses of the parkland.

Areas where we will invite you to provide feedback when the draft UDLP is on public display include:

- landscape design
- vegetation selection
- public furniture (e.g. playground equipment and fitness stations)
- materials and finishes
- lighting, and finding your way in the park.

#### **UDLP development**

We have been working on developing the draft UDLP for many years. Below is a timeline of some of our key activities since 2017:

## **2018** UDRP

The Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) was engaged in accordance with the Minister for Planning's Conditions of Approval to advise on the development of the UDLP. The UDRP is chaired by the NSW Government Architect and is comprised of a suitably qualified, experienced and independent professional in each of the following fields:

- Architecture.
- Urban design.
- Landscape design.
- Aboriginal cultural heritage and non-Aboriginal heritage.

# **2019** JHCPB engage specialists

HASSELL, Willow + Studio Colin Polwarth and Studio Chris Fox have been engaged to develop the UDLP with the project team.

## 2021 Approval of the UDLP

Submissions will be collated and will be taken into consideration as the design is finalised. The draft UDLP will be updated accordingly and submitted to DPIE for approval. Once approved JHCPB will implement the UDLP.

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## **2017** EIS on public display

The Environmental Impact Statement went on public exhibition in 2017. High level urban design concepts were proposed and feedback in the form of over 7000 submissions was considered and informed the final approved EIS.

## **2018 - now** Representative consultation

Representative consultation has informed the draft UDLP. The Project consulted with local stakeholders on design elements including, but not limited to:

- Inner West Council
- Councillor Darcy Byrne
- Infrastructure NSW
- City of Sydney Council
- Indigenous Groups
- The NSW Government Architect
- NSW Place (previously Urban Growth NSW)
- Local community groups (WestProtects, Community Reference Group)
- Member for Balmain Jamie Parker
- Bicycle NSW
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)

## 2020 Public Display Period

The draft UDLP will be on public exhibition and available for community feedback in the coming months. During this time you will have the opportunity to make a submission in response to the draft UDLP.

In line with current government COVID-19 restrictions, an online portal has been created to provide further information on the draft UDLP and to give you access to our team of experts

## Draft UDLP public display highlights

The draft UDLP covers a wide range of urban design and landscaping elements, and is divided into a number of chapters. Each of these chapters will be made publicly available online.



**Objectives of the plan** 

An understanding of the Project's historical and physical context is provided. This underpins the urban design principles and objectives.



## Pedestrian and cyclist access/lighting and wayfinding

Development included a safety audit of existing and proposed pedestrian and cycling facilities as well as signage, lighting and wayfinding measures.



#### **Tunnel services buildings**

This section describes our design approach to operational buildings and facilities at Rozelle and Iron Cove.



**Tunnel portals, bridges and retaining walls** Provides an overview of the Project's design philosophy and concepts for the tunnel entry and exit, tunnels, bridges and retaining walls.

## We want to hear from you

We would like to know what aspects of the UDLP are most important to you. This will provide us with valuable insight into what the local community is interested in. You may not receive feedback from us on this preconsultation, however you will be able to find answers to most of your questions in the online portal when it goes live or by contacting our team.



#### Urban design concept

This section explores key design themes and the development of guiding urban design strategies for the UDLP.



#### Landscaping design

Building on broader urban design objectives, principles and strategies, the Project has developed a landscape concept that is sensitive to local history and sound ecological principles.



## Public realm elements

Describes our approach to public furniture, including outdoor gyms and playgrounds.



#### Heritage

Includes information on the location of existing heritage items and the design intent and reuse of items throughout the Project.

Further information on where you can view the draft UDLP, when and where you can speak to our experts, and how to make a formal submission will be provided to you prior to the public display period.

Please let us know what aspects of urban design you are most interested in learning about submitting a response to our online survey at: <u>https://v2.communityanalytics.</u> <u>com.au/tfnsw/wcxri-udlp/survey</u>