

SOUTHERN LIDCOMBE RE-ZONING VICTIMS

Our first meeting of the Southern Lidcombe Re-zoning Victims was very pleasing. We had an attendance of 105 people. Councillor Judy Jones was present and read the overview of the draft LEP (Local Environmental Plan), proposal and the implications of this plan on our streets.

The proposed re-zoning would directly affect streets within the area bounded by the Railway line, Victoria Street, East Street and Olympic Drive. These being **Victoria Street, Raymond Street, Henry Street, James Street, Bernard Street, Mark Street and Taylor Street.**

The following is an extract taken from the council's Business Zone Issue Paper.

"It is proposed to establish a mixed uses zone on the southern side of the railway line between East Street, Olympic Drive and Victoria Street. The proposed zone will permit with development consent, commercial premises, residential uses including villas and townhouses, bulky goods retailing and light industry. The aim is to encourage redevelopment and provide a wide range of uses in the area that will encourage more people to live and shop in the locality."

These changes would effect our traffic, privacy, street appearance, put extra strain on available utilities and stretch amenities and facilities such as schools further than they already are.

The council has adopted the minimum display time of 28 days. This time commences when the proposal is published in the Review Pictorial. This is expected within the next 2 weeks. It is expected that within this viewing time there will be 2 public forums held.

We need to let council know that we are not happy with these proposals. The councillors are our representatives - we elected them.

We intend to attend the next council meeting on Wednesday 6th of May at 7.00pm. Anyone is permitted to attend as long as they are quiet and do not disrupt the meeting proceedings. We need to make an impact by numbers of people attending to show we are aware.

Pam Holst from "The Gables" function centre has very kindly offered her premises for us to hold our meetings. Thank you Pam. Our next "Victims Meeting" is planned for Monday 4th May at 7.00pm at The Gables Function Centre, East Street Lidcombe to keep everyone informed and to discuss details of our first representation to council.

We need to remember that we need to keep the momentum going. The more people who attend council meetings, the bigger impact we will make and we must keep making this impact.

Writing letters is another form of protest. So please write to as many councillors that appear on the attached list, voicing your disapproval to the proposal and by expressing your concerns about some of the items which have been raised above.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

Julie Starc 9646 1162

IF YOU MISSED THE PARK MEETING PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTEND OUR RESIDENTS MEETINGS SO YOU TOO CAN BE WELL INFORMED.

MORE INFORMATION

What the zonings stand for:	2a Residential - Single dwelling
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DATES TO REMEMBER

4 th May 1998	Meeting of residents The Gables Function Centre East Street LIDCOMBE	7.30pm
6 th May 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets AUBURN	7.00pm
20 th May 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets AUBURN	7.00pm
To be announced	Public Forums	

We will try to arrange a meeting every Monday (for the next 6 weeks) to organize our efforts in stopping this draft (in its current form) becoming law.

If this proposal becomes reality, don't think that your residents objections to any proposal will naturally stop it! Just recently Council re-zoned properties in John Street despite apparent valid objections by an affected neighbor.

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Our first meeting on Monday 4th May was a very busy meeting attended by a good gathering of very interested and active residents. Thank- you to Judy Jones for her attendance and to Pam for her hospitality. As would be expected we have uncovered many resources and talents within our area. Many thanks to Michael Iorfino who has offered his expertise to help unfold the meaning and implications of the LEP and to help compile our aims and objectives as well and to put together a very convincing counter proposal. We will all work with Michael to put this together.

It is our home area and it is us that it will affect.

The outcomes of this meeting included these issues that we can all address to ensure that we make our objections be heard and acknowledged.

- Write to ALL councillors (and ask questions)
- Write to STATE MP (Peter Nagle)
- Attend council meetings and community meetings

Public, together with Community Awareness and Participation is important and vital for our objectives to be achieved. Over the next weeks we will outline our objectives and strategies and determine how we will go about achieving these.

Thanks to all residents who attended the council meeting on Wednesday 6th May. A little daunting for many I am sure (it will become easier to understand the more meetings you attend, I am assured) but, I do feel we would all have found out something of interest. The draft, next week will be on public display and can be viewed at the council Chamber and we suggest that you request a copy of the relevant section which affects your area. There are 6 sections in all.

An invitation has been extended to the Mayor as well as all Councillors

The Mayor Pat Curtin has indicated that he will be attending and has informed us he will be accompanied by a Town Planner. It has not been confirmed which other Councillors will attend.

I am sure you all read with interest the Mayors comments “in *The Review*” regarding the LEP issue papers. It will be our opportunity on Monday to allow council to take a positive view and “ask for Resident input”. **Despite the Mayors assurances that the “Auburn draft LEP Issue Papers are simply discussion papers - nothing more and nothing less”, they are the first step!**

If there was no intention of making them more, they would not exist!!!!

Lets give him DISCUSSION

Mayor Curtin’s published comments of “*creating a situation of doom & gloom*” are offensive when we are genuinely concerned about our quality of lifestyle.

That concern is warranted, considering the trend the Mayor and his aligned colleagues have taken especially over the past year.

Thank you,
See you Monday.

Julie Starc 9646 1162

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11 th May 1998	Meeting of residents The Gables Function Centre East Street LIDCOMBE	7.00pm
13 th May 1998	Announcement in <i>The Review</i> 2 Public Forums	
18 th May 1998	Meeting of residents The Gables Function Centre East Street LIDCOMBE	Tentative Booking
20 th May 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets AUBURN	7.00pm
3 rd June 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets AUBURN	7.00pm

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To all who attended “The Mayors Meeting” on Monday 11th May, thank you. I am sure the number of people in attendance did impress our “Special Guests”. The Mayor and eight Councillors as well as both Strategic Town Planners were present.

The Mayor, Pat Curtin tossed around some figures and jargon, but these certainly did not give us the firm commitment that the nature of our home turf is not going to change. He gave his verbal assurances that he would not allow any more factories to be built in our area- *“the land is after all too valuable for that”*, but he gave no such assurances about **Bulky Goods Warehouses, Commercial Premises or Townhouses.**

The Mayor distributed a map of the area bounded by Railway Street, East Street, Victoria Street East and Olympic Drive which showed the designated **“Proposed Flexible 4 (c) Special Enterprise Zone”**.

Lets have some clarification of this. Our Local Government Area appears to have made a substantial contribution to the increase of medium density housing in the greater metropolitan area, so **lets not allow our “Village like” lifestyle to be offered or even sacrificed needlessly.**

Thanks to Lee and Jim Courtwood also Kim Larkin for telling us of their accounts and experiences of living in a street that was zoned for townhouses in 1970 and of their fight with Council over concerns regarding these developments. Their presentations and comments gave us all an insight into how our streets could change if re-zoned for townhouses and Villas. Plenty to ponder.

Many questions were aired at the meeting but many still remain unanswered. The Mayor assured us that he would “listen” to our views but I am sure we would also like to know that we have “support” from our democratically elected representatives.

The Draft LEP is currently on display at the Council Chambers and at the local libraries and I urge you to take the time to view this and to obtain a copy, especially of the sections pertinent to our area. The draft is on display until the 16th of June, not the 9th as incorrectly advertised by Council in The Review.

Our next opportunity to find out more about the LEP and to voice our opinions and concerns will be at the second public forum being held on Tuesday the 26th of May, in the Community Hall (Library Building) in Bridge St Lidcombe commencing at 7.30pm. Be there and make up your own mind about the issues **and be heard.**

The Mayor commented in The Parramatta Advertiser this week, *“I think the people at Lidcombe have gone off track. It might actually make their lifestyle better.”* I look forward to hearing how this could be so. What ever your feelings on the issue, please attend the forum on Tuesday evening to at least gather some more information.

See you there, Julie Starc 9646 1162

Auburn Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th May saw a packed gallery listening to presentations regarding the Wyatt Park Master Plan and a discussion on the rebuilding of Lidcombe Station. However the highlight of the evening was a totally unrelated plea from a St Johns Avenue resident begging for Council not to allow proposed townhouses to be built next to his property as his quality of life, as well as that of his neighbours, is presently being affected by a nursing home which is already adjacent to his home.

Hopefully, all councillors will have listened, because this man’s dilemma is the very issue which frightens many of us in Southern Lidcombe ie. that we may not wish to sell out, but we cannot stop our neighbours from doing so and may well be boxed in by medium density development or worse. Hopefully, in his case, as in ours, people power will win the day!

It is indeed a rare occurrence when an aggrieved citizen stands up for his rights against the perceived might of Council.

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26 th May 1998	2nd Public Forum Lidcombe Community Centre (Library Building) Bridge Street Lidcombe	7.30pm
3 rd June 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets AUBURN	7.00pm
17 th June 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets AUBURN	7.00pm

If this rezoning is approved, there will be little anyone, including Council, can do to stop an aggressive developer from exploiting the area to their maximum advantage and profit.

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WHERE ARE WE AT NOW?

We began with our community meeting in the park in April which aroused much interest and were then followed by 2 open community/strategy meetings at "The Gables".

Our second meeting, was attended by the majority of Councillors including the Mayor Pat Curtin and both Strategic Planners. We heard a lot of words but received no solid assurance that we need not be concerned about our home turf as we know it! The Mayor did give his verbal assurance that he would not allow anymore factories in our area. **This unfortunately did not receive the same support from our Strategic Town Planners at the second Public Forum.**

Factories are only one part of our concern as **the proposed re-zoning is to a FLEXIBLE 4(C) SPECIAL ENTERPRISE ZONE** which will include with development consent

• COMMERCIAL PREMISES •

• RESIDENTIAL USES INCLUDING VILLAS AND TOWNHOUSES •

• BULKY GOODS WAREHOUSES AND LIGHT INDUSTRY •

(This rezoning will change the nature of our area dramatically and not for the better for us. I very much doubt that any of the Councillors, Planners or State Government MP's would like to live in this sort of situation)

Two Public Forums have been held. Each with their own "interesting" moments! The attendance at the second forum held at the Lidcombe Community Centre was overwhelming and certainly assured all that Lidcombe residents are alive and kicking at not at all apathetic, ignorant, unconcerned or uninterested!!! **WELL DONE!!!!!! LETS KEEP THE PRESSURE UP!**

The Issue Papers are still on display (available from Council Chambers and local Libraries) and hopefully everyone has taken the opportunity to read through these. Some of our questions have been answered, many remain unanswered.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Once the final LEP is gazetted and comes into operation, **it will be law** and therefore very difficult to change.
- Once this area is re-zoned, a proposed development (which meets council requirements) can be built regardless of whether you want it next to you or not.
*Do you want a town house, factory or bulky goods warehouse next to you? **If not, now is the time to make your objections heard!***
- We understand the need for some change and updating but not to the detriment of existing and future residents.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NOW!

- Write letters to Council outlining why you object to the suggested re-zonings. *This is very important as this is how council will determine the degree of community disapproval.*
Please do this before the 16th of June 1998.
- Write letters to State Government - Mr. Knowles * Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
- Write to our local MP- Mr. Peter Nagle
- Speak to our Councillors. *Phone the Councillor you voted for at the last local government elections. Ask them where they stand on these issues!*
- Sign our petition objecting to the re-zonings.
- Make your objections publicly known by erecting a "NO RE-ZONING" sign in your front yard.

We will be holding more strategy meetings in the near future where we will compile our submission outlining our objections, reasons for these objections and our suggestions to alleviate these problems. If you would like to participate please phone me and I will advise you of the time and place.

We must continue both as a group and as individuals. We can guide as a group, but as individuals we must have the drive and motivation to fight as proud home owners, rate payers and residents. Let the powers that be, know what we want!

Happy Letter Writing!!!! Thanks Julie Starc Phone 9646 1162 or 041 1126 393



Let them know how you feel!
Put up a sign

Pre-printed signs are available
Julie Starc 9646 1162
Robert Fountain 9749 1606
60 Joseph Street Lidcombe
\$2.50 each

DATES TO REMEMBER

15 th June 1998	Final posting day for your objection letter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Don't miss out!!!!!!
17 th June 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers, Cnr. Queen and Susan Streets, Auburn	7.00pm
1 st July 1998	Auburn Council Meeting Council Chambers	7.00pm

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Well, the time has come for our councillors to come clean & let us know where they stand on the re-zoning issue (Draft LEP). By now you are aware of the issues and we have tried to keep you informed of the proceedings via our newsletters.

On Wednesday 5th August 1998 in the Auburn Council Chambers, The Draft Auburn Environmental Plan - Discussion Issue Papers will be discussed during The Environmental and Technical Services Committee at 6.15pm. *Auburn Councillors will then make their decisions on the recommendations in the Auburn Council meeting at 7.00pm.*

It is important that you are aware of how your elected councillors vote on this issue as their decision will probably affect your quality of life. If your opinion is against rezoning then your attendance at this meeting is important, We hope that our elected councillors will support the ratepayers / residents on this issue due to the many submissions and signatures Auburn Council received objecting to the re-zoning's.

Auburn Council Chambers / Police Station and Library Building

Auburn Council is proposing to combine The Auburn Council Chambers / Police Station and Auburn Library in the one building. To achieve this Auburn Council may sell off The Auburn Social Centre and Auburn Library so as to raise funds. The Auburn Social Centre is constantly being used by many different community groups for meetings etc. In the new proposal there will be a few smaller committee rooms. The Auburn Town Hall may be demolished and not replaced, so Auburn residents will have no large venue to hold Eisteddfod or School Speech Days. The estimated cost is about \$19 Million and rising. Based on an interest rate of 7% per annum the annual servicing debt may be \$1,800,000 for the next 20 years. This may mean existing capital works will be reduced to minimal levels because of the lack of income. The only councillors who have opposed it so far are Judy Jones, Erica Hockley and Terry Keegan.

3a (General Business) and 3b (Special Business)

At an Auburn Council meeting earlier this year Deputy Cr Le Lam moved a motion to review the 3 storey height limit in shopping centres.

The Draft Auburn Council Management Plan 1998/9 - 2000/1 states that Auburn Council has an exemption from higher densities from the State Government which should negate this motion.

A D/A has been lodged for the site where Venture previously traded in Auburn Road for two buildings one at 4 storeys and the other one at 7 storeys, mainly residential with nominal shop space.

The closure of Queen Street (near the Ambulance Station) is back on the agenda again. Queen Street is a public road and should not be sold. The traffic study for this site proposes 14,188 sq. metres of retail and 460 residential units with no commercial component. When you compare the development on the corner of Rawson Street and Macquarie Road that will be just over 190 units- how high could this development be in Queen Street with 460 units???

What can I do as a Rate payer / Resident !!!!

*Phone, fax or write letters to your elected Councillor,
(leave your letter at The Auburn Council Chambers)
Ask your elected Councillor where they stand on these issues.*

Mayor Pat Curtain	(Labour) 9735 1222	Cr Mohammed Saddick	(Ind) 9646 5073
Deputy Mayor Cr Le Lam	(Ind) 9749 9414	Cr Terry Keegan	(Ind) 9649 9803
Cr Chris Cassidy	(Labour) 9646 1427	Cr Bulent Borluk	(Ind) 9728 7293
Cr Bob Murray	(Labour) 9649 7263	Cr John Moore	(Ind) 9649 9480
Cr R Donaldson	(fax) (Labour) 02 4575 1214	Cr Erica Hockley	(Ragga) 9643 2157
Cr Emile Chantiri	(Liberal) 9712 5444	Cr Judy Jones	(Ragga) 9646 5092

Also write to your State Ministers

c/- NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

e.g. The Hon. Craig Knowls, Minister for The Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
& The Hon. Ernie Page, Minister for Local Government

Gabrielle Harrison MP (State Minister) supported her constituents against a high-rise development at Westmead Station

*When a community unites and shows that they strongly object to issues
our councillors will quite often support the ratepayers and residents.*

Councillors must remember that the next Council Elections are just over 13 months away.

Lets make it standing room only in the gallery of Wednesday 5th August!!!!!!

Julie Starc 9646 1162



*Let them know
how you feel!*

DATES TO REMEMBER

There's only one date to remember

Wednesday 5th August

6.15pm: Meeting of the Environmental & Technical Services Committee
7.00pm: Auburn Council Meeting (Councillors will vote for or against the draft LEP)