

# *Leppington Town Centre Planned Precinct Consultation Update*



## **Community Consultation Update - introduction**

Located 40km from the Sydney CBD on the Airport rail line, Leppington is located within the South West Growth Area with easy access to local and international transport connections. With potential to provide new local jobs and connections to economic centres in the CBD, Western Sydney and Sydney's South West Growth Centre, Leppington will benefit from strategic planning to deliver jobs, community facilities, homes and schools in time with demands of the growing community.

The Department of Planning and Environment is undertaking community consultation to ensure the priorities and concerns of the Leppington community are considered during the planning process. As part of early consultation, a PlaceScore survey was conducted to help inform what the community would like to see maintained and what could be improved in the future.

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## **What community consultation has taken place around the Leppington Town Centre Station Precinct?**

The community is playing a key role to developing the vision for the Leppington Town Centre Precinct including:



### **Community drop-in session, July 26, 2017:**

The Department held an informal drop-in session to discuss the planning process and canvass community feedback.



### **PlaceScore:**

The Department also invited community members to express via an online survey what they value about Leppington Town Centre and what they would like to see improve. The survey attracted more than 200 responses.

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## **What values and concerns has the community shared about living in Leppington?**

The community shared, via the PlaceScore survey, the attributes they most value about the Leppington Town Centre area including the maintenance, investment and care of public places such as open space and community facilities. They also prioritised access and connection to local shops, services, leisure and work, as well as connections to other centres.

Recommendations from the community include;

### **Short term:**

- Small-scale community events to connect people with existing public space
- Pocket/pop up public space suitable for different users/new small businesses, markets, exercise areas
- Clean up and mini makeovers of existing public spaces
- More buses and parking at station

### **Long term:**

- Quality walking and bike paths connecting housing to services and transport
- Quality community amenity, facilities and activities in the area; parks and parking
- Local education and employment options
- Local business and shopping area
- Leverage proximity to Western Sydney Airport

Residents have shared concerns about the potential impact of new developments on the general conditions of public open spaces and infrastructure. These concerns are being addressed in the Department's planning work.

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## WHAT DO PEOPLE VALUE IN LEPPINGTON TOWN CENTRE PRECINCT?

RANK	OVERALL (N=23)	%	RANK	OVERALL (N=23)	%
#1	<b>General condition of public open space</b> (street trees, footpaths, parks etc.)	65%	#6	<b>Access to shared community and commercial assets</b> (library, bike/car share, sport facilities/gyms etc.)	48%
#2	<b>Locally owned and operated businesses</b>	61%	#6	<b>Connectivity</b> (proximity to other neighbourhoods, employment centres, shops etc.)	48%
#3	<b>Evidence of recent public investment</b> (roads, parks, schools etc.)	57%	#6	<b>Evidence of Council/government management</b> (signage, street cleaners etc.)	48%
#4	<b>General condition of housing and other private buildings</b>	52%	#9	<b>Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport</b> (signage, paths, lighting etc.)	43%
#4	<b>Sense of neighbourhood safety</b> (from crime, traffic, pollution etc.)	52%	#9	<b>Access to neighbourhood amenities</b> (cafes, shops, health and wellness services etc.)	43%

Other facts about Leppington community that emerged from the PlaceScore survey include:

- Females value conditions of public and private buildings**  
 64% of females (all age groups) value the general condition of housing and other private buildings. 64% of women placed particular value on the condition of public space such as street trees, footpaths and parks. 55% value access and safety of walking, cycling and public transport including signage, paths and lighting.
- Men value the evidence of local council and government investment**  
 67% of men (all age groups) surveyed highly value evidence of local council and government management such as signage and street cleaners. 67% of males prioritised the general condition of public open space including street trees, footpaths and parks. 67% of men care

about locally-owned and operated businesses within the precinct.

- Residents are vitally concerned with connectivity and the condition of open space**  
 73% of people aged between 25-44 value the general condition of public open space including street trees, footpaths and parks. 83% of residents aged between 45-64 value connectivity such as the proximity to other neighbourhoods, employment centres and shops.
- The community wants improved public parks and open spaces**  
 When asked for ideas for improving open spaces in the area, the most common suggestion was to keep streets wide with a lot of parking available for residents. Residents would also like to see more trees and vegetation across the precinct.

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- **Improved community facilities and increased density**

Being well serviced with public transport, participants suggested Leppington has the ability to accommodate more homes, alongside new community facilities. Faster and more frequent transport to the city, schools and services will support growth and allow residents to live and work within their local community.

### **What happens next?**

It is estimated that a draft plan and rezoning proposals for Leppington Town Centre will be finalised and made available for public comment in 2019.

### **Where can I find out more?**

To find out more you can:

- go online to [planning.nsw.gov.au/leppingtontowncentre](http://planning.nsw.gov.au/leppingtontowncentre)