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Save Marrickville feedback

Draft Marrickville Station Design and Precinct Plan, June 2020

Summary of key feedback

Save Marrickville:

- Supports planned conservation of the original layout and finishes of station buildings.
- Is concerned at proposed removal of heritage brick platform walls and requests more information.
- Recommends inclusion of rest rooms for both men and women on both platforms, to be accessible and available at all times.
- Recommends heritage station buildings and platforms be retained for use by the public and for provision of public transport for the public, and not for private commercial gain.
- Recommends heritage ticket office on Platform 2 be made available for public use.
- Recommends design of Platform Screen Doors (PSDs) and Mechanical Gap Fillers (MGFs) do not devalue the character and heritage value of the station buildings and platforms.
- Supports completion of a shared cycle and pedestrian pathway between Station and Myrtle Streets.
- Requests more detailed information and opportunity for further feedback regarding the proposed design and use of station buildings, and proposed design of Platform Screen Doors and Mechanical Gap Fillers, as details cannot be determined from diagrams or text.

About Save Marrickville

Save Marrickville is a group of residents taking positive action to ensure that the growth of our suburb is planned properly for our community, the environment and future residents. The key objectives of Save Marrickville include:

- No overdevelopment
- No high rise
- Sympathetic, well designed development and density
- Appropriate and considered transition points
- Preservation of heritage and local character
- Preservation of industrial and employment lands
- Appropriate infrastructure identified and implemented before rezoning
- Affordable housing
- Promotion and preservation of our natural assets and local environment
- Planning control to stay with Council

Overview

Save Marrickville resident group welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Marrickville SDPP and does so as part of its commitment to representing the interests of our community, and supporting good planning for the future of our suburb. Our resident group has engaged with the NSW Government and Inner West Council on a range of planning issues, including current processes to develop Council's new Local Environment Plan.

1. Introduction

1.2 Purpose and scope

The purpose and scope of the SDPP is noted.

It is also noted that the Marrickville Station Precinct as defined in Condition E57 of the Sydenham to Bankstown Planning Approval is "an area within 200 metres radius of a station, or beyond for purposes of connecting pedestrians and cycle paths from stations to existing or planned future pedestrian and cycle paths."

2. Design principles

2.3 Urban design objectives and principles

Project design objectives and principles are noted, with specific support for the following objectives:

- Objective 3: Delivering an enduring and sustainable legacy for Sydney where heritage is integral to the identity of the places
- Objective 4: Being responsive to distinct local character of existing contexts and communities.

3. Context and form

3.2 Strategic context

Strategic context is noted

4. Design

4.1 Project design

The design intent of Sydney Metro is noted. Save Marrickville specifically supports the design intent that:

"Each station design aims to contribute positively to the wider precinct by achieving a sensitive fit with existing and future precinct planning, and the community and heritage aspects of each place. For all stations, retention and re-use of heritage buildings is key."

Save Marrickville supports widening of the shared path between Station Street and Myrtle Street.

4.2 Station precinct design

Comments on current "station legibility", urban character and built form and scale are noted.

4.3 Station precinct plan

The Station precinct plan identifies works on platforms to include “Platform edge screens, platform screen doors, mechanical gap fillers and re-levelling work to platforms.” It should be clarified on the plan that this work relates to both platforms.

4.4 Station precinct scope

It is noted that the scope of works includes work to station rooms and buildings, platforms, the concourse gateline, removal of part heritage brick platform walls to accommodate new surfaces and platform screen doors, signage, public art and work covering various aspects of the public domain within the station precinct. The scope of work does not relate to buildings outside of the station itself.

4.5 Heritage

- Save Marrickville strongly supports the planned conservation of the original layout and finishes, including plaster wall finishes, plaster ceilings and ceiling roses in the general waiting room, ladies’ waiting room, ladies’ toilets, and the station master’s room.
- Save Marrickville is very concerned with the proposed removal of heritage brick platform walls to complete work in resurfacing of the platforms, and requests more detailed information and opportunity to consult further on this issue.
- It is unfortunately not possible in the SDPP to read the text or make out the detail in Figures 4.8 to 4.11, which provide the important detail of what spaces and uses are being proposed for the Station Buildings on Platforms 1 and 2. Save Marrickville requests enhanced copies of these Figures and an extended opportunity to provide feedback on this detail.
- Buildings on both Platforms 1 and 2 should include toilets which are accessible and toilets which are available for both men and women. These facilities should be readily accessible at all hours, without rail users having to contact station staff to gain access.
- The heritage ticket building on Platform 2 should be made available for public use such as a waiting room, if this can be achieved while protecting its heritage value.
- Heritage relates to use as well as form. It is important to specify within the Heritage section and the broader SDPP that the heritage station buildings and platforms will be retained for use by the public and for provision of public transport for the public, and not for private benefit or commercial gain.
- Save Marrickville supports the use of these buildings for the provision of public transport, and for use by the public as waiting rooms and rest rooms. Our resident group does not support their privatisation or leasing to private commercial interests for uses such as a restaurant, café, shop or bar.

4.7 Platforms

The SDPP states in this section and elsewhere that it is proposed that:

“The existing platform of Marrickville Station will be upgraded to allow for the future installation of Platform Screen Doors (PSDs) and Mechanical Gap Fillers (MGFs). The platform will be raised to provide level access to the trains to ensure both platforms

comply with the Disability Discrimination Act . . . and the platform edge will be re-aligned to suit the design sweep path of the trains.”

- It is essential that the design and completion of these platform works are sympathetic to and do not devalue the heritage value and character of the historic station buildings and platforms. The diagrams included in this section of the proposed screens do not provide enough clarity to determine whether they are sympathetic to the station’s existing character and heritage features. There is a significant risk that inappropriate Perspex style screens and doors would not be sympathetic in appearance. There appears to be no detail of the appearance or location of proposed Mechanical Gap Fillers. The previous section *4.3 Platform Precinct Plan* also refers to Platform Edge Screens, however there appears to be no detail on this aspect of the proposed work in section *4.7 Platforms*. As identified above, Save Marrickville is concerned about the proposed removal of parts of the heritage brick platform walls.
- Save Marrickville requests further information and an opportunity for further consultation regarding the above aspects of the proposed work on the station platforms.

4.9 Connectivity and access

Save Marrickville supports a shared cycle and pedestrian pathway between Station and Myrtle Streets, and recommends that completion of this shared pathway be specifically included in the proposed work. Under the Station precinct scope there is reference to “considerations for shared pedestrian and cycling path”, and this should be clarified in that section.

4.15 Service building

Figures 4.31 and 4.32 do not provide enough detail or information to determine the proposed scale, form or usage of the service building. Save Marrickville requests further information on this aspect of the SDPP, and recommends that the building scale and design be sympathetic to its location.

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