



SAVE Marrickville

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of the meeting held on
30 November 2017
Ferncourt Public School
Marrickville

Event Summary

This is the first meeting under the new name “Save Marrickville”. The meeting is called to make sure the people of Marrickville and surrounding suburbs are informed and involved in the fight against overdevelopment in our area. Speakers from Save Marrickville will speak on: who we are, what we stand for, what we have done so far, and what we would like to do in the future. A motion in support of the key messages was passed unanimously. This is followed by suggestions for action, questions and comments from the audience.

120 people attended the meeting.

Who we are

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. Save Marrickville formed in July, 2017 in response to NSW Planning’s decision to rezone large swathes of Marrickville as part of the Priority Precincts in the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy.

Save Marrickville has five key messages:

1. Sympathetic development and density (no overdevelopment or high rise).
2. Local council and community control of planning.
3. Heritage and local character preserved – only limited heritage reviews were conducted as part of the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy. A comprehensive heritage analysis needs to be completed.
4. Industrial lands and employment preserved.
5. Planning for infrastructure including schools, parks, roads, affordable housing and parking.

Save Marrickville is working with other groups including Sydenham to Bankstown Alliance, Tempe group, Save Dully, and Save our Valley. Members of these groups and local politicians are also present.

Save Marrickville has been communicating with local residents (and wider via Facebook), staff at NSW Planning, the NSW Minister for Planning, councillors from Inner West Council, and Jo Haylen and others from her office.

We have been communicating via, direct communication with decision makers, Save Marrickville email list, traditional media, social media (mainly Facebook to date), public meetings, and posters, leaflets and letter-boxing. We have two members in the Inner West council Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy working group.

Motion

The motion states:

Marrickville and Tempe local residents will not accept the destruction of our neighbourhood through overdevelopment and high rise. Marrickville must be properly planned in the interests of the people who will love and work here, with:

- sympathetic development and density
- local council and community control of planning
- preserved heritage and local character
- preserved industrial lands and employment, and
- development of an infrastructure plan, including schools, parks, roads, affordable housing and parking.

Motion passed unanimously.

What has happened so far

1. October 2015 - Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy – a plan to rezone large swathes of Marrickville (and other suburbs along the line), significantly increasing density and adding 6000 new dwellings to Marrickville without plans for critical infrastructure. 1440 submissions received from the public.
2. July 2017 – revised Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy released – density had increased.
3. July 2017 – Save Marrickville South (SMS) formed.
4. August 2017 – SMS met with NSW Planning to discuss the Marrickville Precinct Plan. Told that Carrington and Victoria Road developments were being treated separately and that planning proposals to request rezoning had been submitted.

Prepared submission for Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy. We collected 339 signatories and wrote 24 recommendations. Overall, about 2000 submissions were received with the largest number addressing the Marrickville Precinct.

Made in Marrickville: Enterprise and cluster dynamics at the creative industries-manufacturing interface, Carrington Rd precinct, report by academics from QUT, Monash and Wollongong Universities was released. The report indicated that the area had 223 enterprises that employed around 1800 people and highlighted the importance of keeping the existing zoning for industrial uses.

5. September 2017 – Council elections – overdevelopment was a key issue.
6. October 2017 – Anthony Albanese blew the whistle on Mirvac's plans for Carrington Rd. Inner West council's response to Mirvac's planning proposal was also made public. Mirvac plans include rezoning to R4 high density residential and B2 local centre – zonings that would make it impossible to retain the existing businesses. There was significant media coverage.

500 people attended a public meeting at Marrickville Town Hall on the Carrington Rd proposal.

NSW Labor and Greens have committed to scrap the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy if they form government in 2019.

7. Tonight – we ask you to [send an email](#) to the three Liberal MPs who are placing pressure on their own government about issues of overdevelopment.

Latest news on Victoria Rd development – up for discussion at this week's council meeting but the vote was deferred.

Note: Marrickville has not been rezoned yet. We are waiting for the Minister to release the final strategy. Once they do, developers can apply to rezone and the council will have few options. We are asking for help and clipboards are circulating. We must start making noise if we are to influence change.

Communication strategy

To raise public awareness about the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy and overdevelopment in Marrickville, we have been talking to as many residents as possible. We have had an active presence at the NSW Planning and Metro information sessions, Marrickville Town Hall meetings, Marrickville Festival, and we currently have a stall at Addison Rd markets on Sundays. We still meet people who are unaware of what is being proposed.

Our Lego model has been very useful and attracts many who would otherwise not come to speak with us.

We have produced corflute posters to raise awareness and these are on sale tonight for \$10 each to help cover our costs.

We have applied to the Office of Environment and Heritage for Carrington Rd Industrial Precinct to be recognised by a State heritage listing. The precinct is an important site in the State's industrial past.

We are gathering all relevant information on our new web site savemarrickville.com.au. We will add more in time.

We have prepared media releases and are preparing for the release of the final strategy and Marrickville Plan. The plan is due to be released between Christmas and sometime in January.

Tonight, we started an email campaign and will keep that going with our email newsletter.

Future campaign ideas

- Marrickville event at Addison Rd
- banners around Marrickville
- stall on Illawarra Rd
- walking tours of Marrickville
- school student exercise – their plan for Marrickville
- create an equivalent of the revised Marrickville Plan for Hunters Hill
- create graphics to illustrate how the rezoning will affect Marrickville
- create a Lego model for all of Marrickville
- rally
- picket line
- pop-up protest

Questions, ideas and comments from the floor (names not included except for spokespersons and councilors)

Work with other groups around Sydney especially Sydenham to Bankstown corridor.

Link with groups around Sydney also affected, and take political action – rallies in front of Parliament House

Block Carrington Rd, create havoc

Regular picnics in Mackey Park

Peter Olive: Make Libs in marginal seats feel it, hand out leaflets in Liberal areas. Epping will be affected by Metro and rail close downs in construction. Transport affects planning.

There is a Fix NSW Transport rally planned 17 Feb 2 pm.

Are there legal ramifications? Can we mount a legal case around what government is doing and the impact on community.

Colin Hesse: Develop an alternative plan of what we want for Marrickville. Can use Council resources and also academics willing to help.

Mark Drury: Council will not support Urban Corridor plans and Metro. Anthony Albanese also strongly opposed, particularly Carrington Road proposal.

Need a multi-faceted campaign to get community power behind politicians. At key times, get in the face of enemies, ie LNP politicians and developers. Mirvac office is

in Marrickville, make life uncomfortable. Leaflet outside office that bad for Marrickville. Do rallies but do groundwork to make sure a good turn-out. Need regular meetings to plan.

Greater Sydney Commission (Lucy Turnbull), Maria Atkinson and Sarah Hill, on planning board that make decisions. Need to meet them and get onside, explain concerns.

Need new schools, they are not being planned, kids will be forced to private schools.

Need to talk about privatization of rail line and handing over to private interests. Interested to get in face of Mirvac.

Next Meeting: TBA