

Westmead South Master Plan



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Frequently Asked Questions

Have any decisions been made yet?

No. This early engagement phase is focused on gathering ideas from the community to help develop the draft Master Plan alongside a range of technical studies. Refer to the timeline on the Have Your Say webpage (https:// haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/westmead-south) to see where we are in the process.

What am I commenting on and why? / What are the different Phases of Early Consultation?

Council wants to hear from the community throughout the development of the Master Plan for Westmead South to help guide its progress and ensure it is appropriate for the long-term future of Westmead. Early community consultation is to be undertaken in the following phases:

Phase one (1) early community consultation will seek feedback from the community on the Concept Land Use Plan and to understand what people like about the Westmead South area as well as some of the challenges facing the community and local businesses.

Online engagement, face-to-face sessions and community surveys will give us insight into the local community's aspirations for Westmead South, which can be considered in the Master Plan.

Phase two (2) of early community consultation will use the feedback from the community to prepare a more detailed draft masterplan and planning controls to support future development in the area.

How will my feedback be considered?

Feedback from early community consultation activities will be used to understand what people like about the Westmead South area as well as some of the challenges facing the community and local businesses.

Additional feedback will be sought from the community once the draft master plan has been prepared. Once ready, Council will exhibit the Master Plan, allowing the community to provide feedback on the master plan.

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a document that guides future growth and change in a centre over the coming decades.

A Master Plan has an important role in determining the look, feel and function of a centre by covering elements like building heights, design, land use zones, new open space, community facilities, infrastructure, environment and heritage.

Once adopted, a Master Plan guides changes to the planning controls that apply to properties in this area and identifies key infrastructure to support proposed growth.

The Concept Land Use Plan on exhibition is the first step in Council's strategic planning pathway to inform a Master Plan that can guide the development of the Westmead South over the next 20 years.

For Westmead South, this is an important step that can help plan for future population growth, housing options, employment opportunities, transport connections and other local social and community infrastructure and amenities.

Without a Master Plan for Westmead South, future growth would likely occur in an ad hoc way. Through this process, we are able to identify the infrastructure needs for the local area alongside future growth.

How will a Master Plan improve Westmead South?

The aim of a Master Plan is to improve the quality of development, ensure local businesses are supported, and create places the community can be proud of. This planning work will provide Council with a strong strategic basis to reject ad-hoc proposals that do not align with Council's planning controls.

The plan will improve the look and feel of the area by:

- Providing a range of housing options close to jobs and transport;
- Raising the design standards of new buildings;
- Improving the quality of the public domain;
- Improving the way waste is managed and collected;
- Enhancing open spaces and increase tree canopy; and
- Celebrating heritage and character.

Why do we need a Westmead South Master Plan?

Council is preparing Master Plans for our key centres and corridors. The intent of the Master Plan is to locate a mix of homes close to jobs and high-frequency transport services.

Westmead South is one of the first centres to commence in the new program of Master Plans across Cumberland City, as it is poised to transform over the coming decades in response to the significant infrastructure investment in the area and its proximity to Parramatta CBD and the Westmead Health and Innovation District.

A Master Plan for Westmead South is an essential part of managing change while preserving character and delivering amenity. If we plan for these things now, with good urban design principles and a clear strategy for growth, we can ensure that Westmead South continues to be a place with the right balance of community, business, growth and culture. Without a Master Plan, growth occurs in an uncoordinated way.

The Concept Land Use Plan is the first step in Council's strategic planning pathway to inform a Master Plan that can guide the development of the Westmead South in the medium to long term.

How will the Master Plan be implemented? / What are the next steps in developing the Westmead South Master Plan?

The Master Plan will set the vision for the future of Westmead South and is the first step in a longer planning process. The timeline outlined on the Have Your Say webpage (https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/ westmead-south) provides more detail on the next steps of planning for Westmead South.

This planning work will inform future changes to planning controls in Westmead South which will be implemented through a formal Planning Proposal process (https://www. planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Local-Planningand-Zoning/Making-and-Amending-LEPs). The Planning Proposal process will include additional opportunities for community consultation.

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