

24 August 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam

Darling Street and Elliott Street, Balmain – Main Street Improvement Works Have Your Say

Council is proposing to upgrade the streetscape in Darling Street & Elliott Street, Balmain by providing new decoratively paved footpaths incorporating landscaped garden beds. It is also proposed to improve safety by reconstructing the existing “seagull” island in Elliott Street, renewing the existing pedestrian crossing in Darling Street and repairing some damaged sections of road pavement. The proposal aims improve the overall aesthetic of the town centre as well as improving pedestrian and motorist safety at this location.

The Plan

The following improvement works are proposed and are illustrated on the attached plans

Darling Street & Elliott Street, Balmain (Plan No. 10189)

Darling Street – North side ((approx. No. 501 to No. 475):

- Remove existing concrete and asphalt footpath and provide new decorative concrete paver footpaths laid in stretcher bond pattern (size: 400x600, Colour: grey).;
- Widen the existing tree pit in front of No. 501 & provide suitable ground cover landscaping;
- Provide new groundcover landscaping (matching existing) to the exiting kerb blister island (in place of asphalt infill)
- Reinstate/retain all 5 existing street litter bins within the new decorative paved footpaths generally at their same locations (refer to plans);
- Provide 2 new stainless steel bike racks to new locations within the decorative paved footpaths (adjacent to new landscaped kerb blister island)
- Reinstate/retain the 1 existing bench seat in front of No.475 (Galleria style – timber look slats with charcoal frame)

Darling Street – South Side (Cat & Fiddle Hotel to No. 442):

- Remove existing concrete and asphalt footpath and provide new decorative concrete paver footpaths laid in stretcher bond pattern (size: 400x600, Colour: grey);
- Provide approx. 6m long section of asphalt footpath in front of The Cat & Fiddle Hotel to cater for deliveries of heavy items associated with Hotel;
- Provide a new landscaped in-ground garden bed (ground covers matching existing) within the footpath east of Elliott Street intersection
- Provide 1 new street tree within the new footpath in ground landscaped garden bed (tree species to be advised)

Elliott Street - north side of Darling Street

- Remove existing asphalt footpath and provide new decorative concrete paver footpaths laid in stretcher bond pattern (size: 400x600, Colour: grey) – extent as shown on plans
- Reconstruct a section of asphalt footpath with new asphalt footpath,
- Around existing large tree – remove existing asphalt footpath and construct new porous “filta-pave” footpath to accommodate large tree roots



Elliott Street - south side of Darling Street

- Remove existing asphalt footpath and provide new decorative concrete paver footpaths laid in stretcher bond pattern (size: 400x600, Colour: grey) – extent as shown on plans;
- Replace the 2 existing white bench seats with new bench seats (Galleria style – timber look slats with charcoal frame);
- Around existing large tree – remove existing asphalt footpath and construct new porous “filter-pave” footpath to accommodate large tree roots
- Remove existing concrete “seagull” island within the road & construct new concrete “seagull” island with “porphyry” stone infill finish (Colour; grey)
- Replace or repair some damaged sections of sandstone kerb
- Resurface the existing asphalt road with new asphalt (where shown on plans);

Darling Street Roadworks

- Pedestrian Crossing:- remove the existing interlocking pavers within the flat top landing area of existing pedestrian crossing, and replace with new coloured asphalt (Colour: terracotta);
- Median Island:- remove the existing concrete median island just south of Elliott Street and construct a new wider and better aligned concrete median island with “porphyry” stone infill finish (Colour; grey);
- Reconstruct damaged sections of concrete road pavement with new concrete road pavement (where shown on plans);
- Resurface the existing asphalt road with new asphalt (where shown on plans);

Generally

- Replace any damaged sections of gutter and kerb as required within the scope of works area.
- Replace any stormwater outlet pipes which run under the footpath (between the building line and kerb only) with new pipes, where required.
- Install associated pavement line marking and signage as required (where shown on plans);

Please refer to the attached Consultation Plans (Plan No.10221) which provides a general overview and illustrates the proposed works, noting that some details may change depending on the constraints which may arise during the detail design process (including extent of any proposed road works)

Parking Changes

This proposed streetscape works does not propose to adjust the existing “No Stopping” and “Parking” signage/zones. As there is no change to the existing on street parking arrangements, there will be no loss of any existing parking spaces. Please refer to the attached plans.

Streetlighting

This existing street lighting at the location, including at the existing pedestrian crossing, is deemed adequate. Therefore, no changes are proposed to the existing street lighting due to the works

Have your say

Council welcomes feedback in relation to the proposal. Should you wish to provide any comments, please send the response by one of the following methods:

Email: council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Mail: Inner West Council, PO Box 14, Petersham NSW 2049

In person: Submit your written comments to the Customer Service team at the Leichhardt Service Centre, or any of the other service centres listed on the bottom of this letter.

By phone: call me on 8392 5265



Please ensure all correspondence is marked with Council's reference Ashfaq Ahmad to ensure your comments are received by the correct Council Officer.

The last day to comment is Friday 8 September 2023.

What happens next?

Council has not yet made any commitment to change the traffic and parking arrangements in the street. A report, together with the community's comments and this proposal, will be considered by Council's Local Traffic Committee at its meeting on Monday 16 October 2023. The Committee will make recommendations for Council to consider at the Council meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2023. You can check Council's determination shortly thereafter.

Council will notify everyone who provided comments of the final decision.

The LTC meeting agenda will be available to view on Council's website in the week before the meeting at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/committees/local-traffic-committee. Members of the public may register to speak at this meeting. If you wish to do so, please contact Council's Administration Assistant—Infrastructure Services on (02) 9392 5788 to advise of your attendance. Please note that COVID restrictions may apply and limit personal attendance to the Traffic Committee (subject to restrictions in place).

When is the work planned?

These works are expected to be undertaken during the 2023/24 financial year, subject to the outcome of this community engagement, final approvals, and budget allocations. No firm construction date is yet available, and residents will be notified further before any work starts in the street

Further information

For specific enquiries about this project please contact me on 9392 5265 or alternatively email me on ashfaq.ahmad@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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