



Inner South Canberra Community Council

Draft New Territory Plan and District Strategy: Implications for inner south residents

Tuesday, 7 February, 2023 at 7pm Eastlake Football Club (Duffy Room) 3 Oxley Street, Griffith

Record of Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and their elders past, present and emerging.

There were 77 people present.

The Chairperson welcomed MLAs present: Elizabeth Lee, Rachel Stephen-Smith, Rebecca Vassarotti and Peter Cain. In addition, Paul Costigan, journalist with City News was welcomed.

2. Key implications of proposed new Territory Plan

a) Marea Fatseas addressed the question of “Does the proposed new Territory Plan address key issues raised by inner south residents in ISCCC’s online survey in 2019/20? “ - see attached speaking notes

b) Tim Field, ISCCC Committee addressed the question of “What are the proposed changes in decision making about Development Applications, including on green space, tree canopy, solar access?” See attached paper.

c) Richard Johnston, President, Kingston and Barton Residents Group, presented on “Taking three case studies, what is the difference between the current and proposed approach?” See attached PowerPoint. ‘Comparison Current Proposed ACT Planning System’ and Case Studies Summary Notes.

3. Key implications of the proposed new Inner South District Strategy

a) Richard Johnston addressed the question of “How does the ACT Government’s proposed District Inner South Strategy compare with key features of the ISCCC’s draft inner south district strategy?” See attached notes ‘Local Strategic Planning’

b) Anne Forrest, Deputy Chair ISCCC and Sue Tongue, Griffith Narrabundah Community Association addressed the implications for heritage, including cultural, built and natural heritage. See Sue Tongue’s attached speaking notes and Anne Forrest’s notes.

Implications for specific suburbs/heritage: concurrent breakout groups

Attendees broke up into groups for 30 minutes to discuss implications for their suburb or heritage. Each group was provided with a map and legend that attempted to illustrate the ACT Government’s approach including possible and potential growth areas and investigation zones. Each table had some



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butcher's paper. A facilitator helped with writing down key points and any suggested key actions that they wanted to share with the whole group.

A summary of the key points reported back to the group are provided in the Attachment.

4. Key conclusions and next steps

Overall attendees were dissatisfied with the current Territory Plan, proposed territory plan and district strategy and with the process of consultation. The Chair summarised the following key conclusions:

- There is a lack of information provided by the ACT Government including good quality maps to help the community provide feedback.
- Community groups can't be expected to have meaningful input into policy when they don't have accurate and detailed information that informs them of the impact of what's being proposed. The ISCCC can say this isn't acceptable and argue that the date for submissions should start from when we are given proper information.
- There is no evidence of putting the Community first.
- Ask for the rationale underpinning the proposed zoning (eg General Urban, Urban Centre, Urban Core)
- If we are to have an outcomes-based system, it needs to be measurable. What is proposed isn't. There is a need to have compliance irrespective of the system.
- The need for a right of appeal was emphasised.
- There needs to be more focus on heritage and how that is dealt with in the Territory Plan and district strategy. The importance of maintaining heritage, including built heritage and cultural heritage and not just environmental heritage was emphasised.
- There is the need to design for climate change and at the moment it doesn't seem to be designed that way, both in terms of things like green space on blocks and EV charging in apartment buildings etc.
- The need for public housing to be included in new developments is important in the Inner South.
- People expect certainty about what can be built next to them or nearby. Clear rules are needed for knock down, rebuilds.
- People want clear guidance so that they know that they are not going to lose their solar access and that there's going to be adequate green space on residential blocks and near urban intensification areas.
- The future of the Canberra Railway station needs to be examined.
- The need to protect the Jerrabomberra Wetlands is critical.
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- Improve transport access by either making it easier for people to get around by car or by public transport.
- Advocate for the inclusion of Oaks Estate as part of the Inner South District strategy.
- Advocate for maintaining the requirement for green space on residential blocks at 30%. We should advocate to ensure that we have the protection of the streetscape and the look and feel as people move around the heritage areas of the Inner South generally.
- Residents feel disempowered and that they're not going to be listened to. The process seems to be being done in such a way that the Government is ticking the box that it has carried out community consultation, but the Government knows what it wants to do.
- The need to work cooperatively with the heritage unit and the current clear heritage rules is important, and to improve property buyers' awareness of heritage areas and requirements.
- Send the government the ISCCC's draft District Strategy again.
- When approvals are done, they need to be done in a reasonable time frame. Explore what can be done to address other barriers within the system to speed up appropriate precinct scale development to meet the needs of current and future generations.

In conclusion, the Chair encouraged attendees to lodge submissions.

It was announced that there would be a Pop Up on 8 February from 10:00am to 2:00 pm at the Oaks Estate Community Hall. This will focus on the East District strategy. There will be two pop ups in the Inner South for the Inner South District strategy. One is going to be on Monday, 13 February, on Manuka Terrace near Coles, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On Tuesday 14th February from 10:00am to 2.00pm, there will be another pop up at the Narrabundah shops.

The Chair also reminded people that the Deakin and Yarralumla Residents Associations are having a follow up meeting that will give more detail about proposed developments and what is being planned under the Territory plan and District strategy for Yarralumla and Deakin. This will be held at the Yarralumla Primary School Hall at 7:30pm.

Meeting Closed: 9.02pm