Priority Precincts help provide housing and jobs close to public transport, shops and services, making life more convenient and enjoyable.

These areas are generally located around transport corridors or strategic centres and have broad social, economic and environmental significance for the community. Priority Precincts are coordinated by state and local government to deliver jobs, transport and more homes that are better planned.

**Why is this precinct of interest?**

The Sydney Metro and renewal of the Sydenham to Bankstown rail corridor provides a once in a generation opportunity for growth in this area. In Lakemba, opportunities for new homes will be underpinned by a new metro station, improved walkways to the Haldon Street shops and enhanced open spaces. Belmore will continue to be a vibrant town centre with enhanced opportunities for restaurants, cafes and improved open space.

Concurrently with releasing a revised Corridor Strategy for community feedback, the Department will work with Council to identify areas to prioritise for more detailed planning.

**How will infrastructure be planned and funded?**

With increased population and more housing, infrastructure and open space are needed. Councils deliver infrastructure such as local roads and parks which are funded by council rates or by developers.

When more significant state infrastructure, such as emergency services, schools, state and district roads, district open space and transport facilities, are needed, the Planning Minister will consider declaring the precinct a Special Contribution Area. This means infrastructure will be funded by developers through a Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC).

**What are the benefits to the community?**

Living and working near public transport, shops and services makes life more convenient and enjoyable. Having a range of housing helps people live close to family and friends, no matter what their life stage.

Better coordination across government helps ensure infrastructure such as schools, parks, community facilities, public transport and road upgrades is delivered to support community needs.

**How can the community get involved?**

We work closely with the community, councils and other stakeholders to provide a range of opportunities to participate in planning for each precinct. This includes surveys, project updates, social media, public events, face to face meetings and formal submissions.

We will be seeking community feedback on a revised Sydenham to Bankstown urban renewal corridor strategy which includes these precincts. The revised strategy will be released within the next six weeks and the community will have opportunities to inform more detailed planning for these precincts in the future.
**Priority Precinct Process**

1. **Strategic Planning**
   - Community consultation.

2. **Project Establishment**
   - A working group is set up with Council and state agencies.

3. **Precinct Planning**
   - Department commissions specialist studies and consults with the community and landowners.

4. **Exhibition**
   - The precinct plans are exhibited and the community are encouraged to make a submission.

5. **Finalisation**
   - The final report is prepared and a recommendation is made to the Minister for Planning based on the feedback.

6. **Determination**
   - Determination is made by the Minister for Planning.