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Mowbray Road Strategic Review report to go to Council

A technical strategic review examining the development potential of the Mowbray Road precinct in Lane Cove has been completed by Lane Cove Council and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The Mowbray Road Precinct Strategic Review Report will go to Council on Monday 5 December 2011.

The report, prepared by representatives from Council and the department, outlines the findings of two independent expert studies investigating planning and traffic issues in the precinct bounded by Mowbray Rd, Centennial Ave, Batten Reserve and Willandra St.

Council and the department initiated the joint strategic review in April 2011 to investigate the capacity for future development and its impact on the road network.

JBA Planning Pty Ltd was engaged to consider different development scenarios and development potential, while SMEC Australia Pty Ltd was tasked with assessing the capacity of the road network in and around the precinct, including in the event of a bushfire emergency.

Council's general manager Peter Brown and the department's Director-General Sam Haddad have considered the consultants' findings, conclusions and recommendations. Council will now consider whether to endorse the strategic review report on 5 December, including a recommendation for Council staff to prepare a new planning proposal to submit to the department to rezone the precinct, in line with the review's findings.

"I would like to commend the staff from both Council and the department, who have worked on this complex project to determine the most appropriate development controls for the precinct," Mr Brown said.

"In particular, I would like to thank the residents and others with an interest in the precinct for their patience throughout this process."

Mr Haddad said staff from the Council and the department had worked extremely closely and productively throughout the review.

"This review is an example of how the department is working co-operatively with local government on important local planning issues, and I thank the staff and the consultants for their professional approach to this project," he said.

If Council endorses the report next week, the community will have an opportunity to have their say when a planning proposal to rezone the precinct is publicly exhibited.

In addition to informing future zones for the Mowbray Rd precinct, the report may also assist Council and the Joint Regional Planning Panel in the assessment and determination of development proposals in the precinct.

The report is available at www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au

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