Response to Sun-Herald on Randwick Urban Activation Precinct

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is undertaking a new approach to community engagement for the proposed Randwick Urban Activation Precinct.

As part of our early and extensive consultation, about 40 residents attended a community consultation session on 1 August 2013 to discuss preliminary ideas and concepts for the precinct.

The precinct will be serviced by the new light rail and is ideally located to benefit from urban renewal - including new neighbourhood parks, footpath widening and dedicated cycleways - and in doing so help meet Sydney’s growth requirements.

We presented working ideas showing potential change in the area (they were not government proposals but simply early ideas for discussion and feedback).

The department’s staff were concerned that people taking or photographing the documents could misrepresent the planning process.

It is way too early to talk about height limits. Any proposed changes will carefully consider community feedback and the surrounding area to reduce or eliminate impacts.

No public parks are suggested to be removed from either precinct.

St Spyridon’s church is not within the precinct and therefore there is no suggestion that it would be replaced with a 12-storey building.

We’ve found that the engagement process to date has been very positive and participants are very keen to take part in constructive discussion about urban renewal in their area.

The department encourages everyone to participate when the proposed rezoning is exhibited later this year.


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