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Archer Creek
Charity Creek
Smalls Creek

Meadowbank
West Ryde

Built form
Public open space
Train station
Meadowbank ferry wharf

Core boundary
Frame boundary

Date
Scale
Filename
August 2019
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Meadowbank Education & Employment Precinct (MEEP)
Location Plan

Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Preliminary Master Plan
October 2019
Acknowledgement of Country:
The Greater Sydney Commission acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands that include Greater Sydney and the living culture of these lands. The Commission recognises that the traditional owners have occupied and cared for this Country over countless generations and celebrates their continuing contribution to the life of Greater Sydney.
What is the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Preliminary Master Plan?

The growing community in the Meadowbank area is set to receive brand new, purpose-built education facilities by 2022. The Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct (the Precinct) is an opportunity to build on this investment in education infrastructure to create an integrated, accessible, lively place for students, workers and residents.

This Preliminary Master Plan (the plan) sets out ideas for potential projects to support a liveable, sustainable and productive Precinct. The plan considers the local context and opportunities and includes potential projects for public space, green streets, transport and accessibility, local heritage, and enhanced employment opportunities.

The Commission is looking for community feedback on the ideas proposed in the plan. The feedback, and your comments on any other aspects of the plan, will inform preparation of a final Master Plan in early 2020. The Commission will present potential projects for consideration by the State Government and Ryde Council to occur over the next twenty years, subject to further investigation and funding decisions.

Why does the Precinct need a Master Plan?

With significant new education facilities to be delivered, the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct will benefit from a co-ordinated, master planned approach that builds on this investment to enhance employment opportunities, improve the quality of pedestrian space, improve access and transport services and support the existing residential community with more open space and other facilities.

The Master Plan will provide the groundwork for a fully coordinated approach to ensure the Precinct is integrated, accessible and of high amenity for the whole community. The plan considers the area holistically, providing context for the new schools and TAFE NSW Meadowbank, and proposing new ideas for future projects.

The Greater Sydney Commission has prepared this preliminary Master Plan as independent advice to the NSW Government, to ensure that state and local initiatives are aligned and so that input from the community helps create a liveable, sustainable and productive precinct.

The Commission values and encourages the input of the local community, businesses and industry. We now want to give everyone an opportunity to provide feedback.

The exhibition and feedback period is from 24 October to 20 November 2019. Visit nsw.gov.au/meadowbankprecinct or see page 8 for details on how you can provide your feedback.
The Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Preliminary Master Plan Report

The preliminary Master Plan identifies potential projects to ensure an integrated, liveable and accessible Precinct. These potential projects are subject to further consideration and funding and are anticipated to occur over the next twenty years.

The plan includes a ‘Core’ study area, encompassing the new schools and TAFE sites as well as existing employment lands, the Sydney Water Pumping Station site and the area around the Meadowbank Railway Station. The Precinct will connect students and residents with local jobs and support new businesses in enhanced employment lands.

In the ‘Core’, there are preliminary ideas to bring life to public spaces with new green streets and public plazas; to protect and enhance local heritage with new recreation and community uses; to improve accessibility within the Precinct and enhance amenity around the Meadowbank station.

Surrounding this ‘Core’ is an extended ‘Frame’ area which puts the ‘Core’ within a larger context. The plan has preliminary ideas for creating better connectivity in this Frame area as well as extending new recreation, education and employment opportunities to the wider community.

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Figure 1 Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Master Plan Diagram

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Vision for the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

The NSW Government Vision for the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct is as below:

The NSW Government is reimagining the way we learn and connect. The new Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct will have education at its heart while also connecting students to training and employment opportunities with local industry and the surrounding community. It will be an open, safe place where locals can access shared facilities and new community spaces.

Guiding Principles

Based on the local context and opportunities, vision, and objectives, a set of Guiding Principles were developed for the Preliminary Master Plan to ensure a more integrated, liveable and accessible place.

1. Improve access to and across the Precinct.
2. Prioritise active transport (walking and cycling) and public transport within the Precinct.
3. Strengthen and create places which provide a focus for community life within the Precinct.
4. Enhance and expand open and recreational spaces, increase tree canopy and identify opportunities to improve natural drainage and water management.
5. Identify catalyst sites and unlock future development opportunities for local employment and increase synergies with education and employment.
6. Celebrate and bring to life the heritage and local character of the Precinct and opportunities for community and engagement.
Ten Preliminary Ideas

The ten preliminary ideas can deliver on the vision, objectives and Guiding Principles of the plan. These ideas are preliminary, and the Greater Sydney Commission is seeking community and stakeholder input into these ideas in order to refine and shape a final Master Plan.

Five of the ideas are focused around movement and include actions to improve pedestrian, bicycle, public transport and vehicular access and provide new and upgraded connections across the Precinct.

Five of the ideas are focused around strengthening the qualities of the Precinct by establishing a blue/green link through the Precinct, upgrading station areas, enhancing employment lands, increasing green infrastructure and creating more enlivened and attractive places.
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Where to from here?

The Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct was envisioned in 2016 by the NSW Government following community consultation and is now being made a reality through ongoing collaboration between numerous NSW Government agencies. This is an evolving Precinct which will continue to be the product of more community discussion and input. Listening to what the community wants and needs is key to delivering the right type of Precinct for the area.

The Preliminary Master Plan is being exhibited alongside the State Significant Development Applications (SSDA) for the school and TAFE sites to inform the local community, stakeholders and local business about potential ideas that can benefit the whole Precinct. The Commission encourages community and stakeholder input on the SSDA plans as well as on the ideas in the Master Plan. Following exhibition of the Preliminary Master Plan, comments and feedback will be reviewed and a final Master Plan is expected to be prepared by the first quarter of 2020.

The Preliminary Master Plan outlines potential projects to deliver an integrated, accessible and liveable place over the next twenty years. The potential projects identified are subject to further investigation and funding decisions. Input from the community and stakeholders will help to shape, define and prioritise the projects in the final Master Plan.

Give us your feedback

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How to provide feedback

The Commission has created an online survey and map to make it easy for you to provide feedback or make a submission about the preliminary Master Plan.

Online: nsw.gov.au/meadowbankprecinct
Email feedback: engagement@gsc.nsw.gov.au
Postal feedback: Greater Sydney Commission PO Box 257 Parramatta NSW 2124
Phone feedback: 1800 617 681

We look forward to hearing your feedback.