

Community workshops Q&A

Three online community workshops were held at the end of September to the start of October 2020 to seek input into the principles that are included in the draft Strategic Framework for the renewal of the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct. The Strategic Framework is the first step in the planning process for the Precinct.

Below are responses to questions asked by the community during the workshops.

Why is Transport for NSW (TfNSW) still engaging with the community when there is a history of plans and consultation for the area?

There has been significant changes in government policy and in the local area since community consultation was undertaken in 2016 for UrbanGrowth NSW's Urban Transformation Strategy, resulting in the need to realign the direction for the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct.

More recently, the NSW Premier announced Tech Central, a new world-class technology and job creation hub within which Redfern North Eveleigh is located. TfNSW is now leading the Precinct renewal and is reviewing all previous work related to the area. Community and stakeholder consultation will continue during the planning process.

What are the height restrictions, and knock down and replace restrictions on the site?

There are currently planning controls in place with height restrictions, which are legislated by the *2008 North Eveleigh Concept Plan* and *State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005*. TfNSW may seek to amend planning controls to deliver government outcomes for the renewal of the Precinct.

TfNSW is working with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to determine the next stages of the planning process. Any proposal on the site would be independently assessed by DPIE, taking into consideration community issues and impacts on heritage items.

What are the current concepts around active transport links in the area?

The NSW Government is committed to encouraging people to walk or cycle as part of their everyday travel. The 2020/21 Walking and Cycling Program has been reshaped towards the delivery of walking and cycling outcomes as set out in Future Transport 2056. For more information, including projects approved for funding, refer to [Walking and Cycling Program](#).

As part of the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct Renewal, the project aims to provide safe and connected walking and cycling paths, and will engage with the community when plans are ready.

Will this process differ from the Australian Technology Park sale process?

TfNSW is the proponent in the planning process. Any engagement with the private sector will be considered when plans are further developed.

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With the sale of the car park, would that include the Chief Engineer Building?

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Will the NSW Government retain the title to the site?

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Does the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct project have a budget?

TfNSW has funded the current planning phase of the Precinct Renewal.

What are the outcomes TfNSW is looking to achieve and how will this be delivered?

TfNSW is looking to achieve the following outcomes:

- Supporting the delivery of Australia's biggest technology and innovation hub between Central and Eveleigh known as [Tech Central](#)
- Opening up the precinct for the first time in about one hundred years and improving connections in the Precinct and to surrounding areas
- Creating high quality office space to support the jobs of the future
- Respecting the rich Aboriginal and industrial heritage of the Precinct
- Providing a mixed-use precinct that includes new public spaces and places to socialise.

Some community members are feeling consultation fatigue. Is this genuine consultation?

Feedback from the Place Design Forum, community survey and workshops will directly contribute to the development of the Strategic Framework.

Community and stakeholder consultation will continue during the planning process. If you have suggestions on how you would like to be consulted with, please email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au with your ideas.

Will there be any changes to the design on the Redfern Station Upgrade - New Southern Concourse once it is approved?

While detailed design for the project is ongoing, there are no plans to significantly modify the design of the new southern concourse. Under planning laws, any major changes will be subject to further environmental impact assessments and community engagement.