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# Commuter Car Park Program Revesby

Review of Environmental Factors



*Artist's impression of the proposed Revesby Commuter Car Park Expansion, subject to change during detailed design*

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# Abbreviations

Term	Meaning
<b>AHIMS</b>	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
<b>AS</b>	Australian Standard
<b>BC Act</b>	<i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW)</i>
<b>CBD</b>	Central Business District
<b>CEMP</b>	Construction Environmental Management Plan
<b>CCTV</b>	Closed circuit television
<b>CLM Act</b>	<i>Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (NSW)</i>
<b>CLMP</b>	Community Liaison Management Plan
<b>CNVMP</b>	Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan
<b>CTMP</b>	Construction Traffic Management Plan
<b>DBH</b>	Diameter Breast Height
<b>DBYD</b>	Dial Before You Dig
<b>DPIE</b>	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
<b>ECM</b>	Environmental Controls Map
<b>EES Group</b>	Environment, Energy and Science Group in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (formerly known as Office of Environment and Heritage)
<b>EPA</b>	Environment Protection Authority
<b>EP&amp;A Act</b>	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)</i>
<b>EP&amp;A Regulation</b>	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (NSW)</i>
<b>EPBC Act</b>	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>
<b>EPL</b>	Environment Protection Licence
<b>ESD</b>	Ecologically Sustainable Development (refer to Definitions)
<b>FM Act</b>	<i>Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW)</i>
<b>Heritage Act</b>	<i>Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)</i>
<b>ICNG</b>	<i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i> (Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2009).
<b>Infrastructure SEPP</b>	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (NSW)</i>
<b>LEP</b>	Local Environmental Plan

<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>LGA</b>	Local Government Area
<b>LoS</b>	Level of Service
<b>MCA</b>	Multi-criteria analysis
<b>MSCP</b>	Multi Storey Car Park
<b>NES</b>	National Environmental Significance (refers to matters of National Environmental Significance under the EPBC Act)
<b>NML</b>	Noise Management Levels
<b>NPW Act</b>	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)</i>
<b>NSW</b>	New South Wales
<b>OEH</b>	NSW Office of the Environment and Heritage
<b>PDP</b>	Public Domain Plan
<b>PoEO Act</b>	<i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)</i>
<b>RBL</b>	Rating Background Levels
<b>REF</b>	Review of Environmental Factors (this document)
<b>Roads Act</b>	<i>Roads Act 1993 (NSW)</i>
<b>SEPP</b>	State Environmental Planning Policy
<b>SHI</b>	State Heritage Inventory
<b>SHR</b>	State Heritage Register
<b>Transport for NSW</b>	Transport for New South Wales
<b>TPZ</b>	Tree Protection Zone
<b>UDP</b>	Urban Design Plan
<b>WARR Act</b>	<i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 (NSW)</i>
<b>WM Act</b>	<i>Water Management Act 2000 (NSW)</i>

# Definitions

Term	Meaning
<b>Average Exceedance Probability</b>	The likelihood of occurrence expressed in terms of percentage, of a flood events occurring. For example, a one per cent Annual Exceedance Probability flood is a flood event that has a one per cent chance of occurring, or being exceeded, in any one year.
<b>Concept design</b>	The concept design is the preliminary design presented in this REF, which would be refined by the Construction Contractor (should the Proposal proceed) to a design suitable for construction (subject to Transport for NSW acceptance).
<b>Construction Contractor</b>	The entity appointed by TfNSW to undertake the construction of the Proposal. The Construction Contractor is therefore responsible for all work on the project, both design and construction
<b>Design and Construct Contract</b>	A method to deliver a project in which the design and construction services are contracted by a single entity known as the Construction Contractor. The Construction Contractor completes the project by refining the concept design presented in the REF and completing the detailed design so that it is suitable for construction (subject to Transport for NSW acceptance). The Construction Contractor is therefore responsible for all work on the project, both design and construction.
<b>Determining Authority</b>	A Minister or public authority on whose behalf an activity is to be carried out or public authority whose approval is required to carry out an activity (under Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act).
<b>Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport</b>	The Commonwealth <i>Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002</i> (as amended) are a set of legally enforceable standards, authorised under the Commonwealth <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> for the purpose of removing discrimination 'as far as possible' against people with disabilities. The Standards cover premises, infrastructure and conveyances, and apply to public transport operators and premises providers.
<b>Ecologically Sustainable Development</b>	As defined by clause 7(4) Schedule 2 of the EP&A Regulation. Development that uses, conserves and enhances the resources of the community so that ecological processes on which life depends are maintained, and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased.
<b>Feasible</b>	A work practice or abatement measure is feasible if it is capable of being put into practice or of being engineered and is practical to build given project constraints such as safety and maintenance requirements.
<b>Interchange</b>	Transport interchange refers to the area/s where passengers transit between vehicles or between transport modes. It includes the pedestrian pathways and cycle facilities in and around an interchange.
<b>Kiss and Ride</b>	Dedicated limited-time parking space near a public transport mode for picking up or dropping off customers
<b>Level of Service</b>	Average overall intersection delay measured in seconds per vehicle.
<b>Noise Sensitive Receiver</b>	A noise sensitive receiver includes but is not limited to, hotels, entertainment venues, pre-schools and day care facilities, educational institutions (i.e., schools, TAFE colleges), health care facilities (i.e. nursing homes, hospitals), recording studios and places of worship/religious facilities (e.g. churches).



<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Opal Card</b>	Integrated ticketing smartcard being introduced by Transport for NSW.)
<b>Out of hours works</b>	Defined as works outside standard construction hours (i.e. outside of 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 1pm Saturday and no work on Sundays/public holidays).
<b>Proponent</b>	A person or body proposing to carry out an activity under Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act.
<b>Reasonable</b>	Selecting reasonable measures from those that are feasible involves making a judgment to determine whether the overall benefits outweigh the overall adverse social, economic and environmental effects, including the cost of the measure.
<b>Sensitive receivers</b>	Land uses which are sensitive to potential noise, air and visual impacts, such as residential dwellings, schools and hospitals.
<b>The Proposal</b>	The construction and operation of the Revesby Commuter Car Park Expansion
<b>Vegetation Offset Guide (Transport for NSW, 2019)</b>	<p>The Transport for NSW guide that applies where there is vegetation clearing proposed, and where the impact of the proposed clearing is not deemed 'significant' for the purposes of Section 5.5 of the EP&amp;A Act.</p> <p>The Guide provides for offset strategies including planting of a minimum of eight trees for each large tree with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of more than 60 cm, four trees where the DBH is 15-60 cm, or two trees where DBH is less than 15 cm.</p>

# Executive summary

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## Overview

Transport for NSW is proposing to upgrade the Revesby Commuter Car Park (the Proposal) to improve the customer experience through the provision of additional parking and other facilities for commuters. Transport for NSW is the government agency responsible for the delivery of major transport infrastructure projects in NSW and is the proponent for the Proposal.

The Proposal forms part of the Commuter Car Park Program. The NSW Government is committed to delivering accessible public transport infrastructure, which is why Transport for NSW is providing more commuter car parks where they are needed. The delivery of commuter car parks at key transport interchanges will provide a range of benefits, including:

- improved customer access to the public transport network
- encouraging mode shift away from private vehicles
- improve the flexibility and reliability of customer's 'first and last mile' of their journey
- reducing congestion on our road network.

This Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared to assess the environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Proposal under the provisions of Division 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

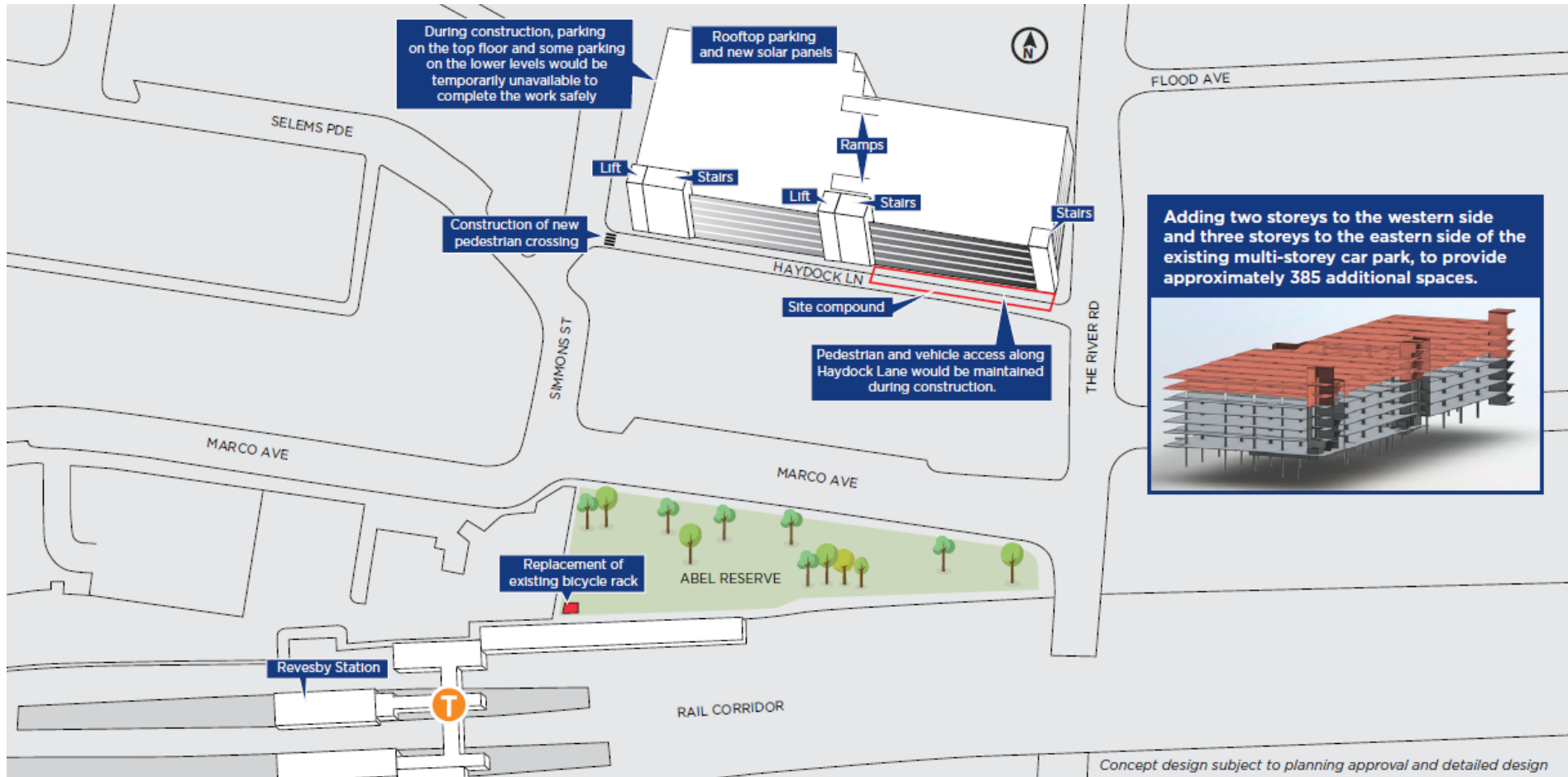
## Description of the Proposal

The Proposal involves the expansion of the existing Revesby multi-storey car park (MSCP) with up to 385 additional commuter car parking spaces to the north of Revesby Station.

The Proposal would include the following key components:

- construction and operation of a MSCP expansion, comprising 2 additional levels on the western side and 3 additional levels on the eastern side of the car park, connected by lifts, stairs and internal ramps and include solar panels on the top level of the car park
- conversion of existing car parking spaces on level 2 to provide eight additional accessible car parking spaces
- ancillary works including services diversion and/or relocation, drainage works, installation of lighting, adjustments to road furniture on Winders Lane, construction of handrails and balustrades and new infrastructure (including closed circuit television cameras)
- construction of a pedestrian crossing on the western end of Haydock Lane
- replacement of the existing bicycle parking rack on the northern side of Revesby Station, nearby to the station entrance.

Subject to design and approval, construction is expected to commence in second quarter of 2021 and be completed by the second quarter of 2022. A detailed description of the Proposal is provided in Chapter 3 of this REF. An overview of the Proposal is shown in Figure ES-1 and Figure ES-2 below.



**Figure ES-1 Features of the Proposed Revesby Commuter Car Park Expansion**  
(indicative only, subject to detailed design)



Figure ES-2 Artist's Impression of the Proposed Revesby Commuter Car Park Expansion (indicative only, subject to detailed design)

## Need for the Proposal

Transport for NSW recognises the critical role commuter car parks play in improving access to public transport in the first and last part of a customer's journey, particularly in middle and outer metropolitan areas.

Approximately 73 per cent of workers from the middle and outer urban sectors of Sydney drive to work, with around 46 per cent of those workers commuting 20 kilometres to 60 kilometres daily (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016).

Transport for NSW is committed to improving the customer experience on the public transport network across NSW. Transport interchanges, train stations and commuter car parks are important gateways to the transport system and play a critical role in shaping the customer experience and perception of public transport.

The Proposal is designed to deliver increased customer satisfaction, improved travel to and between modes, greater public transport use and better integration of interchanges with the role and function of town centres. The Proposal would also assist in responding to forecast growth in the region and as such would support growth in commercial and residential development.

Chapter 2 of this REF further describes the need for the Proposal and outlines the options considered in developing the design.

## Community and stakeholder consultation

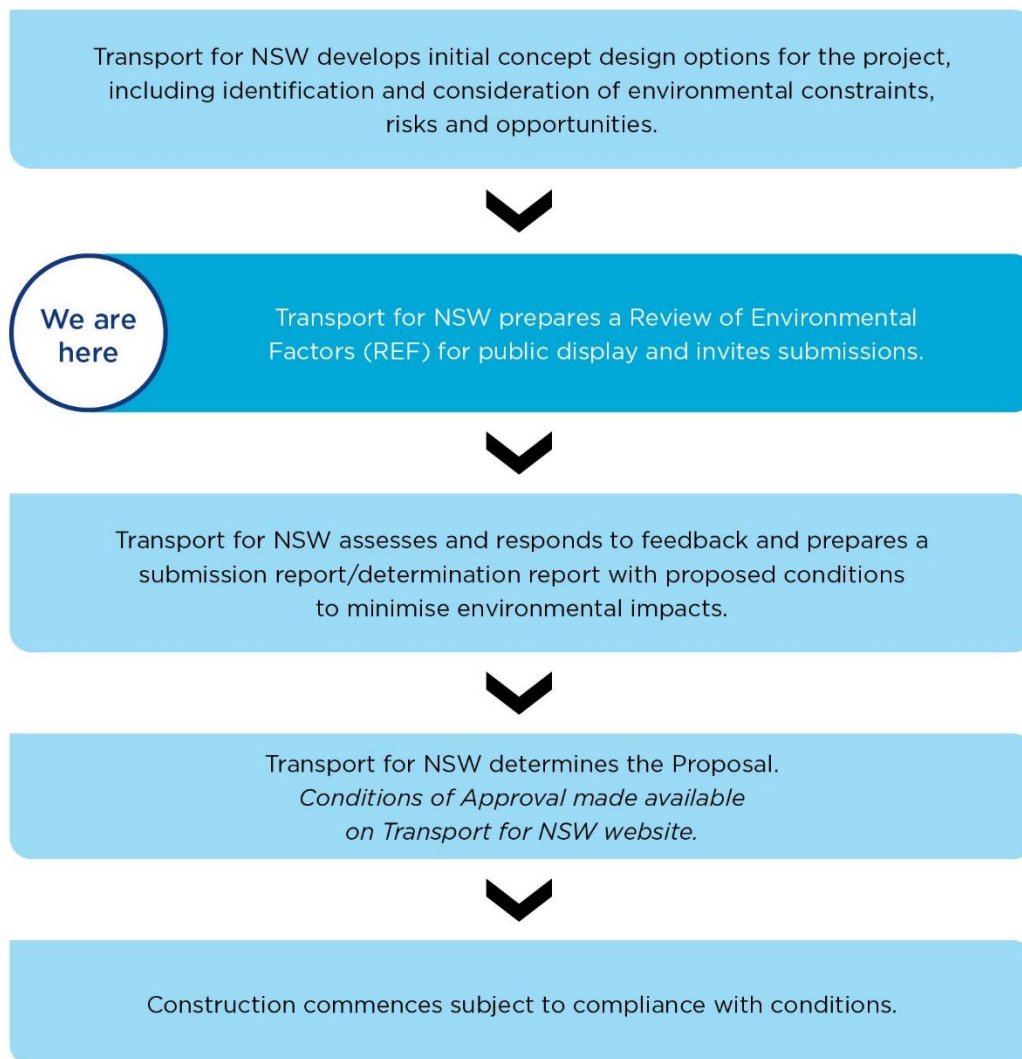
In accordance with the requirements of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (Infrastructure SEPP), consultation is required with local councils or public authorities in certain circumstances, including where Council-managed infrastructure is affected. Consultation with the City of Canterbury Bankstown would continue through the detailed design and construction of the Proposal.

Community consultation activities for the Proposal will be undertaken to inform the surrounding community and stakeholders, seek feedback on Proposal and answer questions to help Transport for NSW understand what is important to customers and the community. Further information about these specific activities is included in Section 5 of this REF.

A Project Infoline (1800 684 490), email address ([projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au)) and an online feedback form on the Transport for NSW website have been established to provide members of the public with the tools to make enquiries and submit comments.

Transport for NSW will review and assess all feedback received during the public display period, prior to determining whether or not to proceed with the Proposal.

Should the Proposal proceed to construction, the community would be kept informed throughout the duration of the construction period. Figure ES1-3 shows the planning approval and consultation process for the Proposal.



**Figure ES1-3 Planning approval and consultation process for the Proposal**

## Environmental impact assessment

This REF identifies the potential environmental benefits and impacts of the Proposal and outlines the mitigation measures to reduce the identified impacts.

The Proposal would provide the following benefits:

- additional commuter parking in close proximity to Revesby Station facilitating improved opportunities to change modes of transport
- increasing accessibility and convenience for travel to and from Revesby Station potentially increasing the use of public transport
- improved customer experience by providing modern car parking facilities with weather protection and security features including lighting and closed-circuit television cameras
- reduction of the need for commuters to park in local streets, potentially improving traffic and road safety

The following key impacts have been identified should the Proposal proceed:

- temporary changes to access arrangements (including pedestrian diversions) and minor delays on the adjacent road network during construction

- temporary reduction in available parking during the construction phase
- loss of vegetation within the Proposal site which would be offset in accordance with the *Vegetation Offset Guide* (TfNSW, 2019a)
- temporary visual, noise and vibration impacts during the construction period
- a minor increase in local traffic movements during operation of the proposed car park
- a minor increase in noise and visual impacts during operation including overshadowing of commercial and commercial/residential mixed premises on the southern and western side, associated with the new structure

Further information regarding these impacts and mitigation measures are provided in Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 of this REF.

## **Conclusion**

This REF has been prepared having regard to Sections 5.5 to 5.7 of the EP&A Act, and clause 228 of the EP&A Regulation, to ensure that Transport for NSW takes into account to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the Proposal.

The detailed design of the Proposal would also be designed in accordance with TfNSW *Sustainable Design Guidelines – Version 4.0* (TfNSW, 2019d) taking into account the principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD) and would include additional structural elements to reinforce and support the new levels to meet current codes and standards. Should the Proposal proceed, any potential associated adverse impacts would be appropriately managed in accordance with the mitigation measures outlined in this REF, and the Conditions of Approval imposed in the Determination Report. This would ensure the Proposal is delivered to maximise benefit to the community and minimise any adverse impacts on the environment.

In considering the overall potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures outlined in this REF, the Proposal is unlikely to significantly affect the environment including critical habitat or threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats.

# 1 Introduction

Transport for NSW is the lead agency for integrated delivery of public transport services across all modes of transport in NSW. Transport for NSW is the proponent for the Revesby Commuter Car Park Expansion (the Proposal).

## 1.1 Overview

The Proposal is designed to deliver increased customer satisfaction, improved travel to and between modes, greater public transport use and better integration of interchanges with the role and function of town centres. The Proposal would also assist in responding to forecast growth in the region and as such would support growth in commercial and residential development.

Transport for NSW is committed to improving the customer experience on the public transport network across NSW and it recognises the critical role commuter car parks play in improving the quality of access to public transport in the customer's first and last mile, particularly in middle and outer metropolitan areas.

### 1.1.1 Objectives of the Commuter Car Park Program

The objective of the Commuter Car Park Program is to provide easier access to the public transport network, reduce congestion on our roads and give customers more choice in how and when they travel. The delivery of commuter car parks at key transport interchanges aims to provide a range of benefits as outlined in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Objectives of the Commuter Car Park Program

Category	Objectives
Accessible services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>increase access to public transport for customers in their 'first and last mile' journey.</li></ul>
Successful Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>complement and integrate with existing and future communities and support economic and place-making objectives in centres.</li></ul>
Efficient connectivity for passengers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>develop efficient transport interchanges to enable people to reach more destinations within and between cities and centres by enabling the 30 minute city through comparative or improved travel time with private vehicle travel.</li><li>replace car trips to destinations and centres with alternative public and active transport modes.</li></ul>
Safety and Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provide a safe multi-modal transport journey by design.</li><li>improve the effectiveness of interchanging.</li></ul>
Adaptability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>support the future needs of customers and consider emerging transport trends, growth and technologies.</li><li>plan and design infrastructure that is resilient and able to adapt to future alternative uses and scenarios.</li></ul>
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>to deliver whole of life value for money.</li><li>limit environmental impacts and contribute to the NSW Government's aspirational target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.</li><li>maximise the construction phase benefits to the local economy by utilising local businesses and engaging a workforce that reflects the local social demographic of the area.</li></ul>



## 1.2 The Proposal

The Proposal, which forms part of the Commuter Car Park Program, involves the construction and operation of a multi-storey car park (MSCP) expansion with integration into the existing road and pedestrian network. The existing MSCP is located north of Revesby Station. The Proposal would add an additional two storeys to the western side and three storeys to the eastern side of the existing carpark.

The Proposal is summarised as follows:

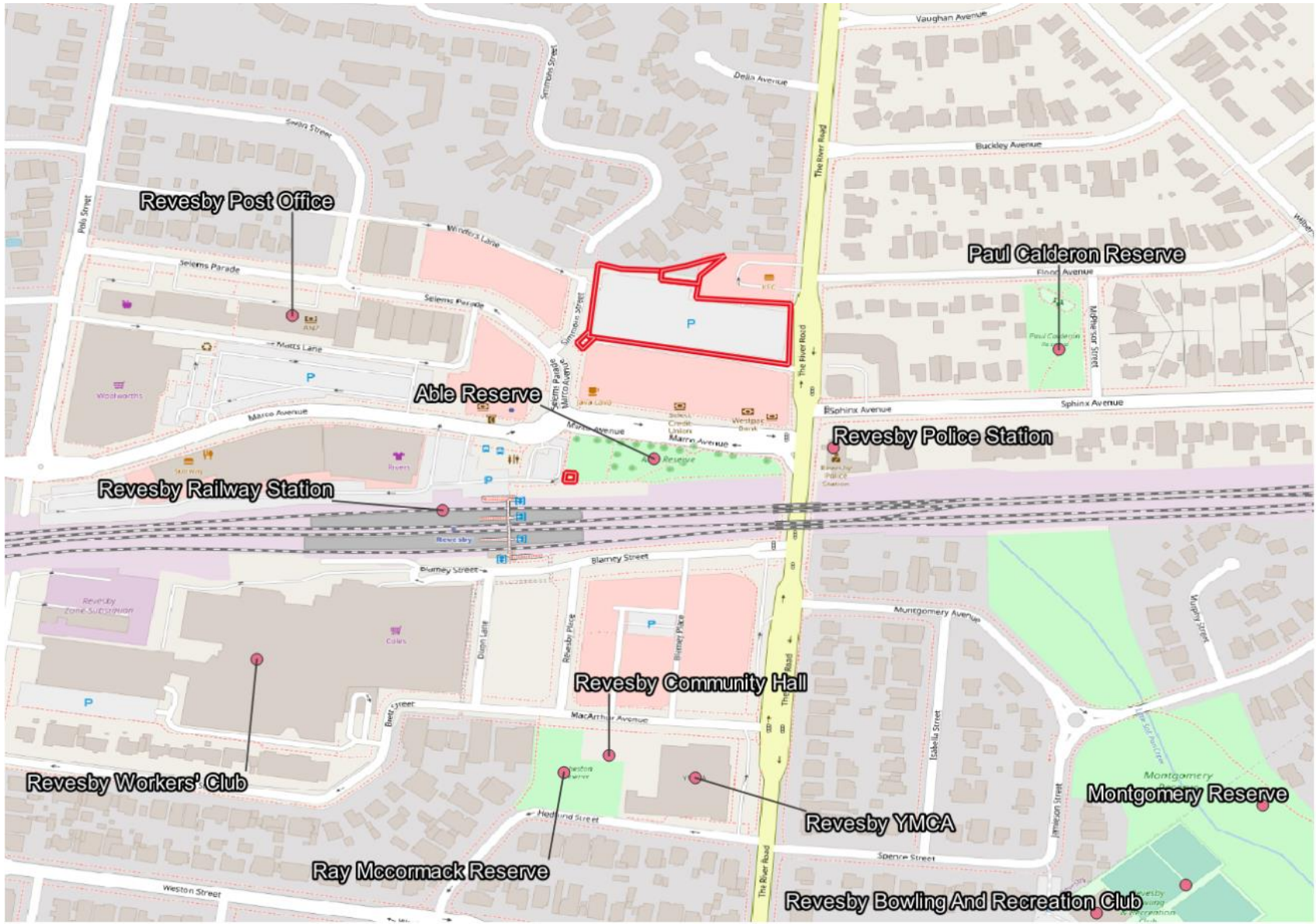
- construction and operation of a MSCP expansion, comprised of
  - an additional two storeys on the western side of the existing car park
  - an additional three storeys on the eastern side of the existing car park
  - connection of lifts, stairs and internal ramps
- the proposed capacity of the MSCP would be approximately 1099 car parking spaces, comprised of 964 commuter and 135 time limited car parking spaces.
- structural strengthening works to accommodate the additional floors
- provision of additional accessible parking spaces
- installation of finishes and services. E.g., closed circuit television (CCTV), lighting and wayfinding, pavement and pedestrian pathway upgrades
- addition of solar panels to be installed above the roof top car parking area
- provision for future electric vehicle charging spaces
- ancillary works including services diversion and/or relocation, drainage works and landscaping
- Installation of façade/external cladding
- construction of a pedestrian crossing on the western end of Haydock Lane
- replacement of the existing bicycle parking rack on the northern side of Revesby Station, nearby to the station entrance.


Subject to planning approval, construction is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2021 and is expected to be complete by the second quarter of 2022.

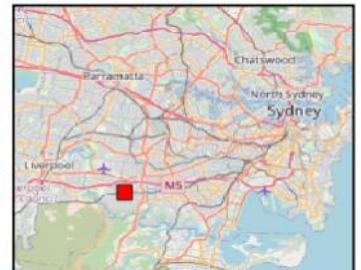
A detailed description of the Proposal is provided in Chapter 3 of this Review of Environmental Factors (REF). A concept plan of the additional storeys is provided in Figure 1-2.

## 1.3 Location and existing infrastructure

The Proposal is located in the suburb of Revesby, NSW, approximately 20 kilometres south west of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD) within the City of Canterbury- Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA). Revesby is located on the T4 South line, which provides services between Campbelltown and the Sydney CBD. The regional location of the Proposal is shown in Figure 1-1.



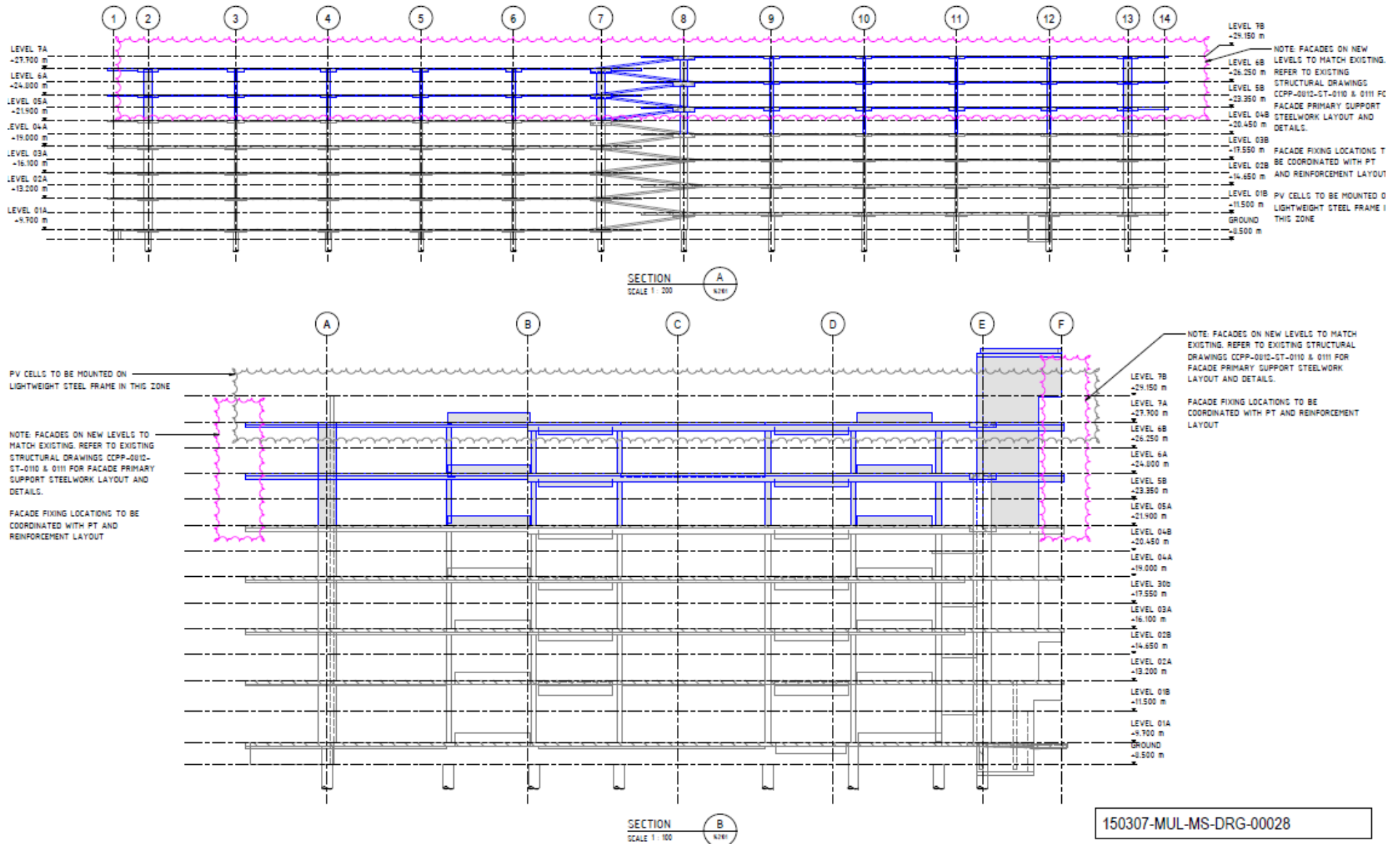
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Figure 1-1 Regional context



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Figure 1-2 Revesby Concept Plan (Works for the Proposal shown in purple)

### 1.3.1 Existing site

The Proposal is located at the existing MSCP to the north of Revesby Station as shown in Figure 1-3. A general outlook of the existing MSCP is provided in Figure 1-6 and Figure 1-5.

The car park is within a developed area, which consists of low-density residential lots to the north, a restaurant to the north east and retail premises to the west, south and east. The River Road is located to the east of the Proposal site. The nearest residential areas to the Proposal site are about 8 metres north of the Proposal site (refer to Figure 1-3).

The Proposal site extends across a number of land titles as follows:

- Lot 1 DP1167733 (MSCP)
- Lot 1 DP603762 (MSCP)
- Lot 5 DP555957 (MSCP)
- Haydock Lane road reserve (pedestrian crossing)
- Lot 13 DP16816 (bike rack)
- Lot 14 DP16816 (bike rack)

### 1.3.2 Land Use

The Proposal is located on land zoned B2 Local Centre, RE1 Public Recreation, SP2 Infrastructure and R2 Low Density Residential under the *Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015* (Bankstown LEP).

Abel Reserve is located about 70 metres south of the Revesby MSCP, and is the site of the proposed bicycle rack construction. Beyond Abel Reserve lies Revesby Station and the T8 Airport & South Line. The existing MSCP is adjacent to commercial and retail premises to the west, commercial and residential mixed premises to the south and a KFC restaurant to the north. The Proposal is also bounded by Low Residential area (R2 zoning) to the north, and by a Medium Density Residential area (R3 zoning) east of Revesby station as shown in Figure 1-3 and Figure 1-3 below.

The existing car park currently provides 135 short-term parking spaces and 579 commuter parking spaces. The short-term parking spaces are located on level 1a and 1b of the existing Revesby MSCP and are managed by Council. The commuter parking spaces are located on the higher levels of the MSCP.

The existing Revesby MSCP is accessed via The River Road (to the east) and Simmons Street (to the west). The existing Revesby MSCP exits are located on Haydock Lane (to the east) and Simmons Street (to the west). The existing car park has landscaping in small garden beds containing shrubs and small to medium sized trees. To the north of the Proposal site is several large trees. Pedestrian access from the Revesby MSCP to the Revesby Station is via a crossing of Haydock Lane then following pedestrian routes south to the station.



Figure 1-3 Proposal site locality and land zoning map



Figure 1-4 The Proposal site and surroundings



Figure 1-5 The existing car park looking east towards The River Road



Figure 1-6 The existing bicycle rack at Revesby Station, proposed to be replaced, looking south

## 1.4 Purpose of this Review of Environmental Factors

This REF has been prepared by NGH on behalf of Transport for NSW to assess the potential impacts of extending the Revesby Station Commuter Car Park. For the purposes of this work, Transport for NSW is the proponent and the determining authority under Division 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The purpose of this REF is to describe the Proposal, to assess the likely impacts of the Proposal having regard to the provisions of Section 5.5 of the EP&A Act, and to identify mitigation measures to reduce the likely impacts of the Proposal. This REF has been prepared in accordance with clause 228 of the *Environment Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the EP&A Regulation).

This assessment has also considered the provisions of other relevant environmental legislation, including the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act), *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (FM Act) and the *Roads Act 1993* (Roads Act).

Having regard to the provisions of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), this REF considers the potential for the Proposal to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance (NES) or Commonwealth land, and the need to make a referral to the Commonwealth Department of the Agriculture, Water and the Environment for any necessary approvals under the EPBC Act. Refer to Chapter 4 for more information on statutory considerations.



## 2 Need and options considered

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Chapter 2 discusses the need and objectives of the Proposal, having regard to the objectives of the Commuter Car Park Program (refer to Section 1.1.1). This chapter also provides a summary of the options that have been considered during development of the Proposal and why the preferred option has been chosen.

### 2.1 Strategic justification

The NSW Government is committed to improving the customer experience across the transport network. Transport interchanges and train stations are important gateways to the transport system and play a critical role in shaping the customer's experience and perception of public transport.

The proposed Revesby Station Commuter Car Park Expansion, the subject of this REF, forms part of the Commuter Car Park Program.

In September 2015, the NSW Government announced a series of State Priorities as part of *NSW: Making It Happen* (NSW Government, 2015). The State Priorities are intended to guide the ongoing actions of the NSW Government across the State, and guide resource allocation and investment in conjunction with the NSW Budget. *NSW: Making it Happen* focuses on 12 key 'priorities' to achieve the NSW Government's commitments. These priorities range across a number of issues including infrastructure, the environment, education, health, wellbeing and safety in addition to Government services.

One of the 12 priorities relates to investment in building infrastructure. The ongoing development and investment in transport infrastructure is identified as part of the wider building infrastructure priority. The Proposal assists in meeting the priority by improving accessibility to public transport and encouraging greater use of public transport.

The NSW Government has developed *Future Transport Strategy 2056* (Transport for NSW, 2018a). This plan provides a comprehensive strategy for all modes of transport across NSW over the next 40 years, while also delivering on current commitments.

The Proposal site is located in an area undergoing significant growth and development in population and employment opportunities. The Proposal supports the local area by providing infrastructure improvements required to support the forecast patronage growth and changing travel patterns at Revesby Station.

Public transport is viewed as critical to urban productivity, expanding employment opportunities by connecting people to jobs, reducing congestion, and supporting delivery of urban renewal.

Table 2-1 provides an overview of NSW Government policies and strategies relevant to the Proposal.

**Table 2-1 Key NSW Government policies and strategies applicable to the Proposal**

Policy / Strategy	Overview	How the Proposal aligns
<p><b><i>Future Transport Strategy 2056</i></b> (Transport for NSW, 2018a)</p>	<p><i>Future Transport 2056</i> is an update of NSW's <i>Long Term Transport Master Plan</i>. It is a suite of strategies and plans for transport to provide an integrated vision for the state. <i>Future Transport 2056</i> identifies 6 customer outcomes to guide transport investment in Greater Sydney. These outcomes include transport providing convenient access, supporting attractive places and providing 30-minute access for customers to their nearest centre by public transport.</p>	<p>The Proposal would deliver on the customer focus and accessible services outcomes. The Proposal would support accessible services (Outcome 5) by improving accessibility to public transport and creating travel options for more customers. Additionally, by encouraging public transport use the Proposal would support the sustainability objective (Outcome 6) by helping to reduce the number of cars on the roads, resulting in (net) less emissions.</p>
<p><b>NSW State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038</b> (NSW Government, 2018)</p>	<p><i>The NSW State Infrastructure Strategy 2018–2038</i> builds on the NSW Government's major long-term infrastructure plans over the last seven years. The strategy sets out the government's priorities for the next 20 years, and combined with the <i>Future Transport Strategy 2056</i>, the <i>Greater Sydney Region Plan</i> and the <i>Regional Development Framework</i>, brings together infrastructure investment and land-use planning for our cities and regions. Public transport is viewed as critical to urban productivity, expanding employment opportunities by connecting people to jobs, reducing congestion, and supporting delivery of urban renewal.</p>	<p>The Proposal supports investment in rail infrastructure and aligns with the need to continue to provide urban public transport to support increasing population. The Proposal is also consistent with overall aims and objectives of the <i>Future Transport Strategy 2056</i> to improve transport infrastructure across NSW.</p>
<p><b><i>A Metropolis of Three Cities - Greater Sydney Region Plan</i></b> (Greater Sydney Commission, 2018)</p>	<p><i>The Greater Sydney Region Plan</i> is the NSW Government's 40-year land use plan for Sydney. It establishes a vision for a metropolis of three cities – the Eastern Harbour City, Central River City and Western Parkland City.</p>	<p>The Proposal particularly supports Direction 6 of the Plan, which is to create 'a well-connected city' by ensuring services and infrastructure meet communities' changing needs. The Proposal would be consistent with this direction by providing improved connectivity to Revesby Station.</p>

Policy / Strategy	Overview	How the Proposal aligns
<p><b>Western City District Plan</b> (Greater Sydney Commission, 2018)</p>	<p>The <i>Western City District Plan</i> applies to the Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Canterbury-Bankstown, Penrith and Wollondilly local government areas. The plan describes the planning priorities and actions to improve liveability and achieve a productive and sustainable future for the District.</p> <p>The plan is developed to support the objectives of the <i>Greater Sydney Region Plan</i> including the Western Parkland City.</p>	<p>Revesby is identified in the plan as a growth area requiring infrastructure to support future development. Of the 22 planning priorities, the Proposal particularly supports the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Priority W1: Planning for a city supported by infrastructure</li> <li>• Planning Priority W7: Establishing the land use and transport structure to deliver a liveable, productive and sustainable Western Parkland City.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Premier's Priorities and State Priorities</b> (NSW Government 2019)</p>	<p>The NSW Government has identified 14 Premier's Priorities and 18 State Priorities that are focused on growing the NSW economy, delivering infrastructure, protecting the vulnerable and improving health, education and public services across the State.</p>	<p>The Proposal would assist in meeting the key priority to develop well connected communities with quality local environments by investing in transport infrastructure and improving accessibility to public transport and encouraging greater use of public transport.</p>

## 2.2 Objectives of the Proposal

The objectives of the Proposal have been prepared with consideration of the overarching objectives of the Commuter Car Park Program (refer to Section 1.1.1).

The specific objectives of the Revesby Station Commuter Car Park Expansion are to:

- provide additional commuter parking in close proximity to Revesby Station to service existing and increasing demand
- provide improved accessibility to transport linkages for employment and recreation
- provide improved customer experience (weather protection, better interchange facilities and visual appearance)
- provide improved integration with surrounding precinct
- provide improved customer safety

## 2.3 Options considered

Transport for NSW completed preliminary scoping studies in December 2019 which considered the feasibility of several locations for additional commuter parking, as well as the needs of both transport customers. Table 2-2 outlines the shortlisted options considered for the Proposal.

**Table 2-2 Options considered for the Proposal**

Option	Description	Scope
Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The 'do-nothing' option</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Revesby car park would not be extended</li></ul>
Option 2 (preferred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Extend Revesby MSCP</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construct an additional two levels on the west and three additional levels on the east on the Revesby MSCP</li><li>Provide up to 385 additional car parking spaces</li></ul>

### **2.3.1 The 'do-nothing' option**

Under a 'do-nothing' option, existing access to the car park would remain the same and there would be no changes to the way the car park currently operates. The 'do nothing' option would not address the current or future demand for commuter car parking in the area, potentially limiting the use of public transport and adding to vehicular kilometres travelled by increased car trips for commuter journeys.

The 'do nothing' option was not considered a feasible alternative as it would be inconsistent with NSW Government objectives, would not assist in encouraging the use of public transport, and would not meet the immediate needs of the Revesby or Western Sydney community.

### **2.4 Justification for the preferred option**

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, utilisation of car parks at Revesby were high with all spaces occupied on the average weekday morning. However, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and the government restrictions to avoid further spread, the usage of the current car park has reduced as a substantial number of commuters have opted to work from home full time, or travel to work less frequently. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to abate, NSW Health has been progressively easing restrictions. In turn, commuters have begun to revert toward their previous travel arrangements. This trend is expected to continue, and therefore, car park usage is expected to increase toward and beyond previous levels with time.

Option 1 was not preferred as it would not address the future demand for commuter car parking in the area, potentially limiting the use and investment in public transport and adding to vehicular kilometres travelled by increased car trips for commuter journeys.

Ultimately, Option 2, was preferred as it would directly address the Proposal objectives.

The Proposal is considered the best outcome for customers as it would deliver an improved public transport solution for Revesby, and would enable construction to proceed promptly.

## 3 Proposal description

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Chapter 3 describes the Proposal and summarises key design parameters and construction methodology. The description of the Proposal is based on the concept design and is subject to detailed design.

### 3.1 Scope of works

The Proposal involves the construction of an additional two western and three eastern storeys on the existing Revesby MSCP, as part of the Commuter Car Park Program. The upgrade would maintain existing connections to the existing road network and improve pedestrian network connections. The proposed expansion would provide approximately 385 additional car spaces, increasing the final overall capacity of the MSCP to approximately 1099 spaces (comprised of 964 commuter and 135 short term car parking spaces).

The Proposal would include the following key elements:

- construction and operation of a MSCP expansion, comprised of
  - an additional two storeys on the western side of the existing car park
  - an additional three storeys on the eastern side of the existing car park
  - connection of lifts, stairs and internal ramps,
- structural strengthening works
- provision of additional accessible parking spaces
- installation of closed circuit television (CCTV), lighting and wayfinding signage for improved safety and security
- road pavement and pedestrian pathway upgrades
- addition of solar panels to be installed above the roof top car parking area
- power supply upgrade (if required)
- provision for future electric vehicle charging spaces
- ancillary works including services diversion and/or relocation, drainage works and landscaping
- construction of a pedestrian crossing on the western end of Haydock Lane
- replacement of the existing bicycle parking rack on the northern side of Revesby Station, nearby to the station entrance.

The general layout of key elements for Revesby Station Commuter Car Park Expansion, including ancillary facilities, are shown in Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2. Photomontages of the proposed works are shown in Figure 3-3, Figure 3-4, Figure 3-5 and Figure 3-6. A key features schematic of the Proposal is shown in Figure 3-7.



Figure 3-1 Proposal footprint (indicative only and subject to detailed design).

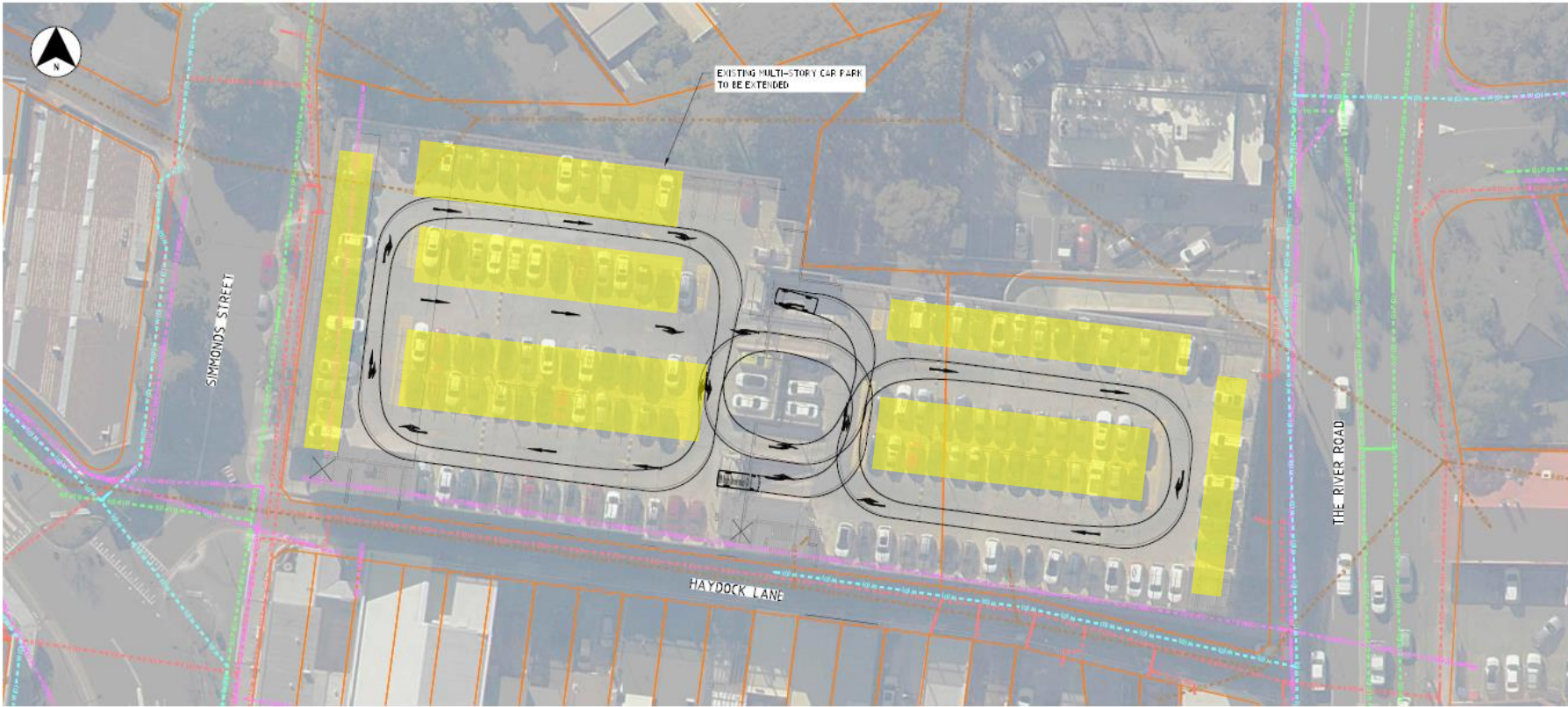


Figure 3-2 Proposed layout of solar panels (shaded yellow) on the car park roof level (indicative only and subject to detailed design).



**Figure 3-3 Photomontage of proposed commuter car park looking from The River Road, facing south (showing shape of expansion only, refer to Figure 3-4 for façade finish). Indicative only and subject to detailed design.**





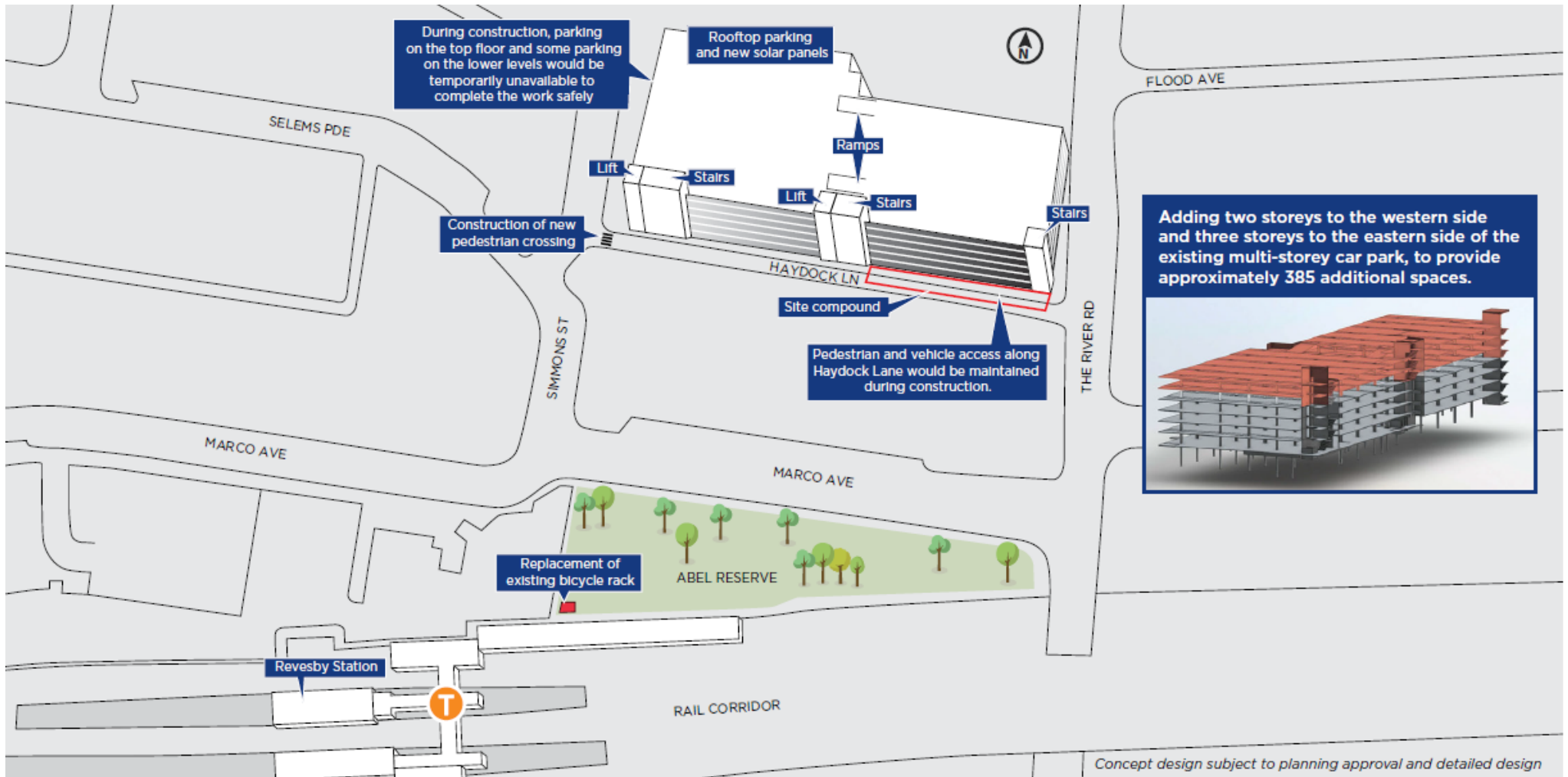
Figure 3-4 Photomontage of proposed commuter car park looking from The River Road, facing north-west. Indicative only and subject to detailed design.



**Figure 3-5 Photomontage of proposed commuter car park looking from Simmons Street, facing south (showing shape of expansion only, refer to Figure 3-4 for façade finish). Indicative only and subject to detailed design.**



**Figure 3-6 Photomontage of proposed commuter car park looking from Matts Lane, facing west (showing shape of expansion only, refer to Figure 3-4 for façade finish). Indicative only and subject to detailed design.**



**Figure 3-7 Key Features of the Proposed Revesby Commuter Car Park Expansion. Solar panels would be installed on the roof of the car park. Indicative only and subject to detailed design.**

### 3.1.1 Materials and finishes

Selection of materials and finishes would be confirmed as part of the detailed design process, and would include consideration of the following:

- durability, low maintenance and cost effectiveness (including the use of anti-graffiti paint or coatings)
- colour options are most likely to use a natural design scheme – neutral tones to blend the car park with the natural elements of the neighbourhood, and to create a less obtrusive façade
- identify appropriate screening treatments which could be applied to maintain optimum ventilation to comply with the requirements of an open-deck car park
- materials are to be selected on the basis of sustainability principles, in particular lower carbon content, use of recycled materials and properties assist with the reduction of the urban heat island effect. Such materials may include recycled glass, lower carbon content concrete and permeable paving
- availability and constructability criteria to ensure resources are readily available, and for the structure to be constructed with ease and proficiency
- consistency with the existing levels of the Revesby MSCP.

Consideration would also be given to life cycle impacts which are calculated by assessing the environmental impacts of materials from the point of extraction, through to transportation, use, operation and end of life.

## 3.2 Design development

### 3.2.1 Engineering and environmental constraints

There are a number of constraints which have influenced the development of design for the Proposal.

**Existing structure:** the placement and integrity of the existing structure was considered during development of the design.

**Utilities:** A Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) search has identified a number of utilities in the vicinity of the proposed works as described in Section 3.3.8.

**Other considerations:**

- minimising impacts to commuter parking and access to Revesby Station
- sustainability including social, economic and environmental sustainability considerations as per Proposal objectives and the *Sustainable Design Guidelines version 4.0* (Transport for NSW, 2019d).
- the Proposal site comprises a number of mature native and introduced trees. These may need to be removed prior to the commencement of construction activities. The trees and their offsetting are discussed in further detail in Section 6.7.

### 3.2.2 Design standards

The Proposal would be designed having regard to the following design standards:

- *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (issued under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992)
- TfNSW Wayfinding Planning Guide, Car Parks, Dec 2018

- TfNSW Commuter Car Parks Urban Design Guidelines
- Building Code of Australia
- relevant Australian Standards
- Asset Standards Authority standards
- *TfNSW Sustainable Design Guidelines – Version 4.0* (TfNSW, 2019d)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles
- Council standards, where relevant.
- National Construction Code
- other Transport for NSW policies and guidelines

### **3.2.3 Sustainability in design**

Transport for NSW is committed to minimising the impact on the natural environment and is committed to the principals of sustainability through the development and use of the *TfNSW Sustainable Design Guidelines version 4.0* (Transport for NSW, 2019d) (Sustainable Design Guidelines).

The Sustainable Design Guidelines seek to deliver sustainable development practices by embedding sustainability initiatives into the planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance of transport infrastructure projects. The development of the guidelines has been influenced by the *TfNSW Environment and Sustainability Policy*. The guidelines incorporate the following key aims:

- Minimising impacts on the environment, whether through transport operations, infrastructure delivery or maintenance.
- Procuring, delivering and promoting sustainable transport options that achieve value for money and reduced life cycle costs.
- Developing, expanding and managing the transport network that is sustainable and climate resilient.

## **3.3 Construction activities**

### **3.3.1 Work methodology**

Subject to approval, construction is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2021 and is expected to be complete by the second quarter of 2022. The construction methodology would be further developed during the detailed design of the Proposal by the nominated construction contractor in consultation with Transport for NSW.

The proposed construction activities for the Proposal are identified in Table 3-1. This staging is indicative and is based on the current concept design and may change once the detailed design methodology is finalised.

**Table 3-1 Indicative construction staging for key activities**

Stage	Activities
Site establishment and enabling works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• footpath/pedestrian management and traffic controls establishment</li> <li>• site compound establishment (erect fencing, site offices, amenities and plant/material storage areas etc.)</li> <li>• environmental control measures establishment of (erosion and sediment controls)</li> <li>• identification of vegetation (landscaped) approved for removal</li> <li>• scaffolding and hoarding erection</li> <li>• tower crane establishment</li> <li>• services identification for protection or relocation</li> <li>• structural integrity testing</li> <li>• top level temporary closure of the existing Revesby MSCP</li> </ul>
Building and Structural Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prepare existing multi storey car park for expansion including demolition works</li> <li>• structural strengthening works</li> <li>• construction of floor slabs, ramps, columns, canopies and walls</li> <li>• extension of stairs and lift shafts</li> <li>• installation of building services including electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, fire protection and CCTV (including modifications to existing services rooms)</li> <li>• power supply upgrade (if required)</li> <li>• construction of footpaths, kerbs, islands, fences and surface treatments where required</li> <li>• installation of lighting, wayfinding, internal car park road surface, line marking, bollards and wheel stops</li> </ul>
Construction of external cladding/façade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• construction of external cladding/façade (subject to detailed design).</li> </ul>
Precinct works (external to the Car Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• installation of new signage where required</li> <li>• completion of kerbing and concrete works</li> <li>• finishing of pavement including any surfacing and re-surfacing works</li> <li>• completion of landscaping and offset planting (subject to detailed design).</li> <li>• installation of footpath and pedestrian crossings</li> </ul>
Testing and commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• defects rectification works</li> <li>• completion of various activities to test and commission power supply, lifts, CCTV and lighting.</li> </ul>
Decommissioning of temporary facilities and site demobilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• removal of temporary site facilities</li> <li>• repair any damage to landscaping and turf removal of footpath / pedestrian management and traffic controls</li> <li>• removal of scaffolding and hoarding</li> <li>• removal of environmental control measures</li> <li>• completion of site clean-up and tidying works</li> </ul>

### 3.3.2 Plant and equipment

An indicative list of plant and equipment that would be required is provided below. Additional equipment that would likely to be used would be identified during detailed design by the Construction Contractor.

- Large tower crane (up to 45m)
- Mobile cranes
- Water trucks
- Road saws
- Rollers
- Trench compactors
- Concrete trucks
- Semi-trailers
- Spoil trucks (truck and dog)
- Welding equipment
- Air compressors
- Concrete saws
- Generators
- Concrete vibrators
- Concrete pumps
- Jack hammers
- Excavator (8-30 tonne)
- Elevated work platforms

### 3.3.3 Working hours

The majority of the work required for the Proposal would be undertaken during standard (NSW) Environment Protection Authority (EPA) construction hours, which are as follows:

- 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday
- 8.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays.
- no work on Sundays or public holidays.

Out of hours works (OOHW) are required in some cases to minimise disruptions to customers, pedestrians, motorists and nearby sensitive receivers. OOHW and can be divided into two periods of sensitivity.

OOHW Period 1 is defined as

- Monday to Saturday 6.00pm to 10.00pm
- Saturday 7.00am to 8.00am and 1.00pm to 10.00pm
- Sunday and public holidays 8.00am to 6.00pm.

OOHW Period 2 is defined as

- Monday to Saturday 10.00pm to 7.00am (nights)
- Sundays and public holidays 6.00pm to 8.00am (nights).

Approval from Transport for NSW would be required for any out of hours work and the affected community would be notified as outlined in the Transport for NSW *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy* (TfNSW, 2019b) (refer to Section 6.3 for further details).

### 3.3.4 Extended Working Hours during COVID-19

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has made a number of Orders under Section 10.17 of the EP&A Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Infrastructure Construction Work Days No. 2) Order 2020* (the ‘Order’), which commenced on 24 December 2020, and is applicable to construction activities for projects which have been subject to an assessment under Division 5.1, or approval under Division 5.2 of the EP&A Act.

The Order extends the standard construction hours to allow infrastructure construction work on Saturday, Sunday and Public holidays (7am to 6pm), without the need for any approval



(excluding high noise generating works such as rock breaking or pile driving and the like). Whilst no further approvals are required for these extended working hours, in the event that Transport for NSW would seek to utilise the extended working hours permitted by the Order, advance notification would be provided to the community.

### **3.3.5 Earthworks**

Excavations and earthworks would generally be required for the following:

- tie-in work in relation to existing roads and pathways
- other minor civil work, including drainage/stormwater works, and trenching activities for underground service adjustments and relocations.

Excavated material would be reused onsite where possible or disposed of in accordance with relevant legislative requirements.

### **3.3.6 Traffic access and vehicle movements**

Traffic and transport impacts associated with the Proposal are assessed in Section 6.1 of this REF. The potential traffic and access impacts expected during the construction of the Proposal include:

- temporary displacement of some existing commuter car parking at the Proposal site during construction
- temporary changes in pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle access and movements
- potential temporary road closures during proposed road work
- potential delays to bus services.

A detailed construction methodology and associated management plans (such as a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)) would be developed prior to construction of the Proposal to manage potential traffic and access impacts.

### **3.3.7 Temporary site facilities**

A temporary construction compound would be required to accommodate a site office, amenities, laydown and storage area for materials. The construction compound and amenities are planned to be located on top of 'B class' hoarding along Haydock Lane or Simmons Street (maintaining through access for vehicles and pedestrians).

A construction zone for materials handling and concrete pours would either be located on the eastern side (The River Road) and/or western side (Simmons Street) of the existing MSCP.

The likely location of the large tower crane would be the grassed/vegetated area to north of car park (refer to Figure 1-4).

### **3.3.8 Service relocation and adjustments**

A 'Dial Before You Dig' search would be completed for the Proposal site. The Proposal would be designed to avoid the relocation of service and utilities where practical, however service location modifications and relocations may be required for the Proposal. Where utilities require relocation or modification, this would be done in consultation with the applicable service provider(s).

### **3.4 Property acquisition**

Transport for NSW does not propose to acquire any property as part of the Proposal. The proposed car park site is wholly located on land jointly managed by Transport for NSW and City of Canterbury Bankstown.

Should the crane's rotational arc swing over commercial or residential properties, an airspace lease (or similar) arrangement may be required. This would be further investigated during detailed design, if the airspace lease is required Transport for NSW would consult with relevant property owners.

### **3.5 Operation and maintenance**

The operation and maintenance of the proposed commuter car park is subject to further discussions with Sydney Trains, Transport for NSW and City of Canterbury Bankstown. The MSCP constructed under this Proposal would be maintained by Sydney Trains.

## 4 Statutory considerations

Chapter 4 provides a summary of the statutory considerations relating to the Proposal including consideration of NSW Government policies/strategies, NSW legislation (particularly the EP&A Act), environmental planning instruments, and Commonwealth legislation.

### 4.1 Commonwealth legislation

#### 4.1.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) provides a legal framework to protect and manage nationally and internationally important flora, fauna, ecological communities and heritage places - defined in the EPBC Act as 'matters of National Environmental Significance (NES)'. The EPBC Act requires the assessment of whether the Proposal is likely to significantly impact on matters of NES or Commonwealth land.

NES matters are considered in full in Appendix A. The Proposal would not require removal of any trees or vegetation listed under the EPBC Act, and is unlikely to have an impact on any matters of NES or Commonwealth land. Accordingly, a referral to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment is not required.

#### 4.1.2 Other Commonwealth legislation

**Table 4-1 Other Commonwealth legislation applicable to the Proposal**

Applicable legislation	Considerations
<i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i>	This Act aims to eliminate as far as possible, discrimination against persons on the ground of disability in areas including access to premises and the provision of facilities, services and land. Accessible parking spaces would be provided on the ground floor as part of the Proposal. The proposed car park would have lift access.

## 4.2 NSW legislation and regulations

### 4.2.1 Transport Administration Act 1988

The *Transport Administration Act 1988* establishes Transport for NSW as a public authority who is to exercise its functions in a matter that promotes certain common objectives, including to promote the delivery of transport services in an environmentally sustainable manner.

This REF has been prepared having regard to, among other things, the specific objectives of Transport for NSW under the *Transport Administration Act 1988*:

#### *2A Objects of Act*

...

- to provide an efficient and accountable framework for the governance of the delivery of transport services,
- to promote the integration of the transport system,
- to enable effective planning and delivery of transport infrastructure and services,
- to facilitate the mobilisation and prioritisation of key resources across the transport sector,
- to co-ordinate the activities of those engaged in the delivery of transport services.
- to maintain independent regulatory arrangements for securing the safety of transport services.

## 2B Common objectives and service delivery priorities of public transport agencies

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### g) Environmental sustainability

*To promote the delivery of transport services in an environmentally sustainable manner.*

### h) Social benefits

*To contribute to the delivery of social benefits for customers, including greater inclusiveness, accessibility and quality of life.*

## 4.2.2 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) establishes the system of environmental planning and assessment in NSW. This Proposal is subject to the environmental impact assessment and planning approval requirements of Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act. Division 5.1 specifies the environmental impact assessment requirements for activities undertaken by public authorities, such as Transport for NSW, which do not require development consent under Part 4 of the Act.

In accordance with Section 5.5 of the EP&A Act, Transport for NSW, as the proponent and determining authority, must examine and take into account to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of the Proposal.

Clause 228 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation) defines the factors which must be considered when determining if an activity assessed under Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act has a significant impact on the environment. Chapter 6 of the REF provides an environmental impact assessment of the Proposal in accordance with clause 228 and Appendix B specifically responds to the factors for consideration under clause 228.

## 4.2.3 Other NSW legislation and regulations

Table 4-2 provides a list of other relevant legislation applicable to the Proposal.

**Table 4-2 Other NSW legislation applicable to the Proposal**

Applicable legislation	Considerations
Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)	<p>The BC Act establishes a framework for assessing and protecting environmental and public interests.</p> <p>Under Section 2.4 of the BC Act it is an offence to damage the habitat of a threatened species or threatened ecological community, as listed in Schedule 1 and 2 of the Act.</p> <p>The Proposal would not require the removal of trees and vegetation that would affect the habitat of identified threatened species or any threatened ecological community.</p> <p>The Proposal was considered unlikely to result in significant impacts to any threatened species (Refer to Section 6.6).</p>
Biosecurity Act 2015	<p>Clause 22 requires any person who deals with a biosecurity matter has a duty to ensure that in so far as is reasonably practicable, the potential biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised. Appropriate management methods would be implemented during construction if priority weeds in the City of Canterbury Bankstown LGA are identified (refer to Section 6.6).</p>

Applicable legislation	Considerations
<i>Heritage Act 1977</i> (Heritage Act)	<p>Sections 57 and 60 require approvals for works which may have an impact upon items listed on the State Heritage Register.</p> <p>Sections 139 and 140 similarly require approval where relics are likely to be exposed or disturbed.</p> <p>For any works which may have an impact upon items listed on a Section 170 heritage and conservation register maintained by a government agency, notification to Heritage NSW may be required.</p> <p>The Proposal is not located in close proximity to any heritage items listed on the local, State or National heritage registers and would be unlikely to impact a heritage item (refer to Section 6.5).</p>
<i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> (PoEO Act)	<p>The Proposal does not involve a 'scheduled activity' under Schedule 1 of the PoEO Act. Accordingly, an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) is not required for the Proposal.</p> <p>However, in accordance with Part 5.7 of the PoEO Act, Transport for NSW would notify the EPA of any pollution incidents that occur onsite. This would be managed in the CEMP to be prepared and implemented by the Construction Contractor.</p>
<i>Roads Act 1993</i> (Roads Act)	<p>Section 138 of the Roads Act requires consent from the relevant road authority for the carrying out of work in, on or over a public road. However, clause 5(1) in Schedule 2 of the Roads Act states that public authorities do not require consent for works on unclassified roads.</p> <p>The Proposal would require temporary adjustment of traffic conditions on Simmonds Lane and Haydock Lane during construction to the west of the Proposal site. City of Canterbury Bankstown is the roads authority and would be consulted during detailed design (refer to Section 6.1).</p>
<i>Sydney Water Act 1994</i>	<p>The Proposal would not involve discharge of wastewater to the sewer.</p>
<i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001</i> (WARR Act)	<p>Transport for NSW would carry out the Proposal having regard to the requirements of the WARR Act. A site-specific Waste Management Plan would be prepared.</p>
<i>Water Management Act 2000</i> (WM Act)	<p>Approval under the WM Act is required for certain types of developments and activities that are carried out in or near a river, lake or estuary. Under section 91E of the WM Act, it is an offence to carry out a controlled activity in, on or under waterfront land unless a controlled activity approval has been issued.</p> <p>The Proposal would not involve any water use (directly from a natural source such as an aquifer, river), water management works, drainage or flood work, controlled activities or aquifer interference.</p>

#### 4.2.4 Key State Environmental Planning Policies

##### State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

The Infrastructure SEPP is the key environmental planning instrument which determines the permissibility of a Proposal and under which part of the EP&A Act an activity or development may be assessed.

Clause 79 in Division 15 of the Infrastructure SEPP permits the development of 'rail infrastructure facilities' on any land on behalf of a public authority without consent. The definition of 'rail infrastructure facilities' under Clause 78 includes 'associated public transport

facilities for railway stations’ which is further defined in Clause 5 to include ‘car parks intended for use by commuters’.

The Proposal is classified as ‘rail infrastructure facilities’ and therefore does not require development consent. However, the environmental impacts of the Proposal have been assessed in accordance with Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act.

Division 1 of the Infrastructure SEPP prescribes the consultation to be undertaken with the Local Council and the relevant public authorities with regards to certain development. Section 5.2 of this REF discusses the consultation undertaken under the requirements of the Infrastructure SEPP.

Clause 8 of the Infrastructure SEPP identifies that the Infrastructure SEPP prevails over all other environmental planning instruments, except where there is an inconsistency with *State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005* or certain provisions of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018*. The Proposal is not affected by *State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005*, or *State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018*. Accordingly, no further consideration of either SEPP is required.

**Greater Metropolitan Regional Environmental Plan No 2—Georges River Catchment**

The aim of this plan is to protect the environment of the Georges River Catchment by ensuring that the impacts of future land uses are considered. The Proposal is located within a part of the City of Canterbury Bankstown LGA managed by the Greater Metropolitan Regional Environmental Plan. The impact of the Proposal on receiving waters including the impacts of stormwater runoff, is considered in Section 6.8.

**4.2.5 Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015**

The City of Canterbury Bankstown was formed from the amalgamation of the Canterbury and Bankstown Local Government Areas. The Proposal site is located within the former Bankstown Local Government Area and is administered under the *Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015* (Bankstown LEP).

Whilst the Infrastructure SEPP prevails over the provisions of the Bankstown LEP, the consistency of the Proposal with the Bankstown LEP has been considered (refer Table 4-3).

**Table 4-3 Relevant provisions of the Bankstown LEP**

Provision description	Relevance to the Proposal
<p>The portion of the proposal for the upgrade of the existing bicycle hoops is located on land zoned RE1 (Public Recreation) (see Figure 1-3). The objectives of the RE1 zone are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.</li> <li>• to provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.</li> <li>• to protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.</li> <li>• to provide sufficient and equitable distribution of public open space to meet the needs of residents.</li> </ul>	<p>The proposed upgrade of the bicycle hoops enables the continuation of the use of the infrastructure for cycling (a recreational purpose), and therefore is consistent with the objectives of the zone.</p>

Provision description	Relevance to the Proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to ensure the suitable preservation and maintenance of environmentally significant or environmentally sensitive land.</li> </ul>	
<p>The proposal is located on land zoned B2 (Local Centre) (see Figure 1-3). The objectives of the RE1 zone are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to provide a range of retail, business, entertainment and community uses that serve the needs of people who live in, work in and visit the local area.</li> <li>to encourage employment opportunities in accessible locations.</li> <li>to maximise public transport patronage and encourage walking and cycling.</li> <li>to provide for certain residential uses that are compatible with the mix of uses in local centres.</li> </ul>	<p>The proposed expansion of the existing MSCP, would aid in maximising public transport patronage. The proposal would provide extra capacity at the commuter car park, and at the bike rack, to allow commuters to complete their journey to work via train</p>
<p>The proposal is located on land zoned (SP2 Infrastructure) (see Figure 1-3). The objectives of the RE1 zone area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide for infrastructure and related uses.</li> <li>To prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.</li> </ul>	<p>The proposed expansion of the existing MSCP would provide infrastructure and is considered consistent with this provision.</p>
<p>The proposal is located on land zoned R2 (Low Density Residential) (see Figure 1-3). The objectives of the RE1 zone are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to provide for the housing needs of the community within a low density residential environment.</li> <li>to enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.</li> <li>to allow for certain non-residential development that is compatible with residential uses and does not adversely affect the living environment or amenity of the area.</li> <li>to allow for the development of low density housing that has regard to local amenity.</li> <li>to require landscape as a key characteristic in the low density residential environment.</li> </ul>	<p>The proposal does not align with the objectives of the zone. Notwithstanding, as detailed above the proposal is permissible without development consent under the Infrastructure SEPP which prevails over the City of Canterbury Bankstown LEP to the extent of any inconsistency. The potential impacts of the proposal to residential land use are further discussed in section 6.2 and 6.3.</p>
<p>Part of the Proposal (replacement of bike rack) is located on land zoned RE1 (Public Recreation) (see Figure 4-1). The objectives of the RE1 zone are;</p>	<p>The Proposal aligns with the objectives of the zone, as the proposed replacement of the bike rack would enable the land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes, and provide</p>

Provision description	Relevance to the Proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.</li> <li>• to provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.</li> <li>• to protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.</li> <li>• to provide sufficient and equitable distribution of public open space to meet the needs of residents.</li> <li>• to ensure the suitable preservation and maintenance of environmentally significant or environmentally sensitive land.</li> </ul>	recreational setting and activities compatible with the land use.

### 4.3 Ecologically sustainable development

Transport for NSW is committed to ensuring that its projects are implemented in a manner that is consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD). The principles of ESD are generally defined under the provisions of clause 7(4) of Schedule 2 to the EP&A Regulation as:

- the precautionary principle – If there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, a lack of full scientific uncertainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation
- intergenerational equity – the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment are maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations
- conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity – the diversity of genes, species, populations and their communities, as well as the ecosystems and habitats they belong to, should be maintained or improved to ensure their survival
- improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms – environmental factors should be included in the valuation of assets and services.

The principles of ESD have been adopted by Transport for NSW throughout the development and assessment of the Revesby Station Car Park Expansion. Section 3.2.3 summarises how ESD has been incorporated in the design development of the Proposal. Section 6.13 includes an assessment of the Proposal on sustainability, and Section 7.2 lists mitigation measures to ensure ESD principles are incorporated during the construction phase of the Proposal.



## 5 Community and stakeholder consultation

This chapter discusses the consultation undertaken to date for the Proposal and the consultation proposed for the future. It also discusses the consultation strategy adopted for the Proposal.

### 5.1 Stakeholder consultation during scoping design

As part of the scoping design development, Transport for NSW has been consulting with key stakeholders on the scope of works, which has included ongoing consultation with the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

### 5.2 Consultation requirements under the Infrastructure SEPP

Part 2, Division 1 of the Infrastructure SEPP contains provisions for public authorities to consult with local councils and other public authorities prior to the commencement of certain types of development. Clauses 13-16 of the Infrastructure SEPP require that public authorities undertake consultation with councils and other agencies, when proposing to carry out development without consent.

Table 5-1 provides details of consultation requirements under the Infrastructure SEPP for the Proposal.

**Table 5-1 Infrastructure SEPP consultation requirements**

Clause	Clause particulars	Relevance to the Proposal
<b>Clause 13   Consultation with Councils – development with impacts on council related infrastructure and services</b>	<p>Consultation is required where the Proposal would result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>substantial impact on stormwater management services</li> <li>generating traffic that would place a local road system under strain</li> <li>involve connection to or impact on a council owned sewerage system</li> <li>involve connection to and substantial use of council owned water supply</li> <li>significantly disrupt pedestrian or vehicle movement</li> <li>involve significant excavation to a road surface or footpath for which Council has responsibility.</li> </ul>	<p>The Proposal includes work that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>require connections or impacts upon the stormwater system (minor)</li> <li>disrupt pedestrian and vehicle movements</li> <li>impact on road pavements under Council's care and control</li> <li>impact on Council-operated footpaths.</li> </ul> <p>Consultation with City of Canterbury Bankstown has commenced and would continue throughout the detailed design and construction phases.</p>
<b>Clause 14   Consultation with Councils – development with impacts on local heritage</b>	<p>Where the Proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>substantially impact on local heritage item (if not also a State heritage item)</li> <li>substantially impact on a heritage conservation area.</li> </ul>	<p>There is no impact to local heritage items. Therefore, consultation with Council is not required under this Clause. 6.5</p>
<b>Clause 15   Consultation with Councils – development with impacts on flood liable land</b>	<p>Where the Proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>impact on land that is susceptible to flooding – reference would be made to Floodplain Development Manual: the management of flood liable land.</li> </ul>	<p>The Proposal is located on flood prone land. Accordingly, consultation with City of Canterbury Bankstown would be undertaken.</p>

Clause	Clause particulars	Relevance to the Proposal
<b>Clause 15A   Consultation with Councils – development with impacts on certain land within the coastal zone</b>	Where the Proposal would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>impact on land within a coastal vulnerability area and is inconsistent with certified coastal management program that applies to that land.</li> </ul>	The Proposal is not located within a coastal vulnerability area. Therefore, consultation with Council is not required
<b>Clause 15AA   Consultation with State Emergency Service – development with impacts on flood liable land</b>	Where the Proposal would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>impact on flood liable land – written notice must be given (together with a scope of works) to the State Emergency Service. Any response to the notice received from the State Emergency Service within 21 days after the notice is given must be taken into consideration.</li> </ul>	The Proposal is located on flood prone land. Accordingly, consultation with the State Emergency Service would be undertaken.
<b>Clause 16   Consultation with public authorities other than Councils</b>	For <i>specified development</i> which includes consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for development that is undertaken adjacent to land reserved under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> , and other agencies specified by the Infrastructure SEPP where relevant.	The Proposal is not located adjacent to land reserved under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> . Accordingly, consultation with the OEH now the Environment, Energy and Science (EES) Group part of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on this matter is not required.
<b>Clause 104   Consultation with Relevant roads authority</b>	For <i>traffic-generating development</i> specified in Column 1 of the Table to Schedule 3 that involves new premises of the relevant size or capacity, or an enlargement or expansion of existing premises, being an alteration or addition of the relevant size or capacity – written notice of the intention to carry out the development must be given to the relevant roads authority in relation to the development. Any response to the notice that is received from the relevant roads authority within 21 days after the notice is given must be taken into consideration.	The Proposal is deemed a traffic-generating development as the car park expansion would generate additional vehicle movements during the AM and PM peak periods. Accordingly, consultation with the relevant division of Transport for NSW is required in regard to this aspect. Refer to Section 6.1.

### 5.3 Consultation strategy

The consultation strategy for the Proposal has been developed to encourage stakeholder and community involvement and foster interaction between stakeholders, the community and the project team. The consultation strategy has been developed having regard to the requirements of the planning process and to ensure that stakeholders, customers and the community are informed of the Proposal and have the opportunity to provide input.

The objectives of the consultation strategy are to:

- provide accurate and timely information about the Proposal to relevant stakeholders and the community

- raise awareness of the various components of the Proposal and specialist environmental investigations
- ensure that the directly impacted community is aware of the key impacts of the Proposal and consulted where appropriate
- provide an opportunity for directly impacted stakeholders and commuters to express their view about the Proposal
- understand and access valuable local knowledge from the community and stakeholders
- record the details and input from community consultation activities
- build positive relationships with identified community stakeholders
- ensure a comprehensive and transparent approach
- establish communication channels to enable stakeholders to be kept informed throughout the Proposal
- inform stakeholders about design changes, if required, and how input as a result of consultation has influenced Proposal outcomes.

#### **5.4 Community consultation**

In response to the evolving Coronavirus situation, Transport for NSW is following NSW Health advice and changing the way it approaches community consultation for transport infrastructure projects.

It is important for the community to have their say on all transport infrastructure projects and Transport for NSW is ensuring all appropriate community consultation is carried out.

Community consultation would adopt a range of online and non-face-to-face consultation mechanisms to ensure social distancing was practiced to limit the spread of Coronavirus, including:

- targeted consultation with local businesses, schools, aged care facilities and other community groups through phone calls and emails
- a community notification distributed to local residents and businesses via letterbox drop and made available to rail customers at the station to inform the community about the Proposal
- installation of project signage at the station and in the existing commuter car parks
- consultation with key stakeholders such as City of Canterbury Bankstown, Sydney Trains, and adjacent land holders
- geographically targeted social media advertising via Facebook to inform the community of the Proposal and invite their feedback online
- development of a dedicated web page and online feedback form for the project on the Transport for NSW website which can be found at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/revesby](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/revesby)

The REF will be placed on public display on the Transport for NSW website, ([www.transport.nsw.gov.au/revesby](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/revesby)) with feedback from the community and other stakeholders invited between 9 and 23 February 2021.

Feedback can be submitted via a feedback form on the website, by emailing [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au), calling the Project Infoline (1800 684 490) or by post (Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 6501, St Leonards NSW 2065).

**Feedback can be sent to:**

- [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au)
- Project Infoline (1800 684 490)
- Commuter Car Park Program – Revesby

**Transport for NSW****Locked Bag 6501****St Leonards NSW 2065****Or submitted:**

- Email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au)

## 5.5 Next steps and ongoing consultation

At the conclusion of the public display period for this REF, Transport for NSW would acknowledge receipt of feedback from each respondent. The issues raised by the respondents would be considered by Transport for NSW before determining whether to proceed with the Proposal.

Should Transport for NSW determine to proceed with the Proposal, the Determination Report would be made available on the Transport for NSW website and would summarise the key impacts identified in this REF, demonstrate how Transport for NSW considered issues raised during the public display period, and include a summary of mitigation measures proposed to minimise the impacts of the Proposal.

Should Transport for NSW determine to proceed with the Proposal, the project team would keep the community, Council and other key stakeholders informed of the process, identify any further issues as they arise, and develop additional measures to minimise the impacts of the Proposal. Further consultation with the community would be undertaken in accordance with a Community Liaison Management Plan to be developed prior to the commencement of construction.

## 6 Environmental impact assessment

Chapter 6 of the REF provides a detailed description of the likely environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Proposal. For each likely impact, the existing environment is characterised and then an assessment is undertaken as to how the Proposal would impact on the existing environment.

This environmental impact assessment has been undertaken in accordance with clause 228 of the EP&A Regulation. A checklist of clause 228 factors and how they have been specifically addressed in this REF is included at Appendix B.

### 6.1 Traffic and transport

A Traffic, Transport and Access Impact Assessment (TTAIA) was prepared by Beca (provided in Technical Paper 1) for the Proposal which identified traffic and transport issues and mitigations. This section of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) includes a summary of the findings of that assessment.

#### 6.1.1 Existing environment

##### Parking

The MSCP near Revesby Station currently provides 579 commuter car parking spaces. An additional 135 spaces are also provided within the MSCP for short-term (3-hour) parking, providing parking for the surrounding retail precinct. Unrestricted kerbside parking is available in nearby local streets within walking distance to the station, adding around 120 all-day parking spaces.

A significant number of on street parking and two at-grade short-term car parks are also provided around Revesby Station to serve the surrounding retail precinct, with varying time restrictions. The location of the MSCP and at-grade car parks is shown in Figure 6-1.

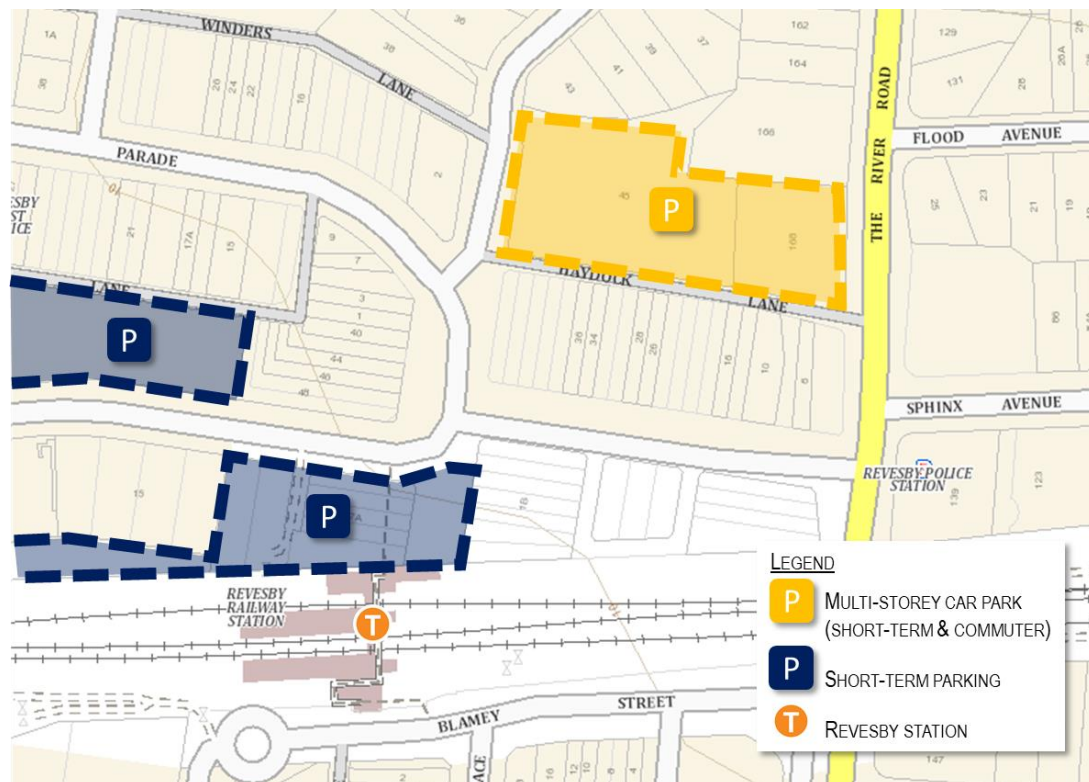


Figure 6-1 Existing parking at Revesby Station

On a typical weekday in February 2020 most of the formal car parking spaces were full by 8:05 am, leading to parking overspill onto adjacent roads. This was observed on nearby Robb Street, Polo Street and Selems Parade north of the station, and Tarro Avenue, Brett Street and Revesby Place south of the station. The COVID-19 pandemic has reduced commuter parking volumes in recent months.

### **Local road network**

The major routes on the local road network are The River Road and Marco Avenue. The River Road is a north-south arterial road connecting Revesby to the M5 Motorway to the north and to Henry Lawson Drive to the south. Marco Avenue is an east-west route through Revesby town centre which connects with Sphinx Avenue to connect to the east.

The main entrance and exit of the MSCP is on Simmons Street, which connects with Selems Parade and Marco Avenue into the wider local road network. An entrance is also provided on The River Road into the MSCP, for northbound traffic only. The median strip on The River Road blocks southbound traffic from turning right into the entrance, southbound traffic is generally observed to turn right at Bransgrove Road and enter via Simmons Street.

A left-out only exit is provided onto Haydock Lane, from which vehicles are only able to proceed onto The River Road and head northbound.

BECA undertook traffic surveys between 13 to 15 October 2020 (Tuesday to Thursday), between 6am to 9am to capture AM peak traffic data and 4pm to 7pm for the PM peak data. These times aligned with when traffic is expected to be heaviest in the local area as predicted by Google Maps and based on the peak times identified in the TTAIA.

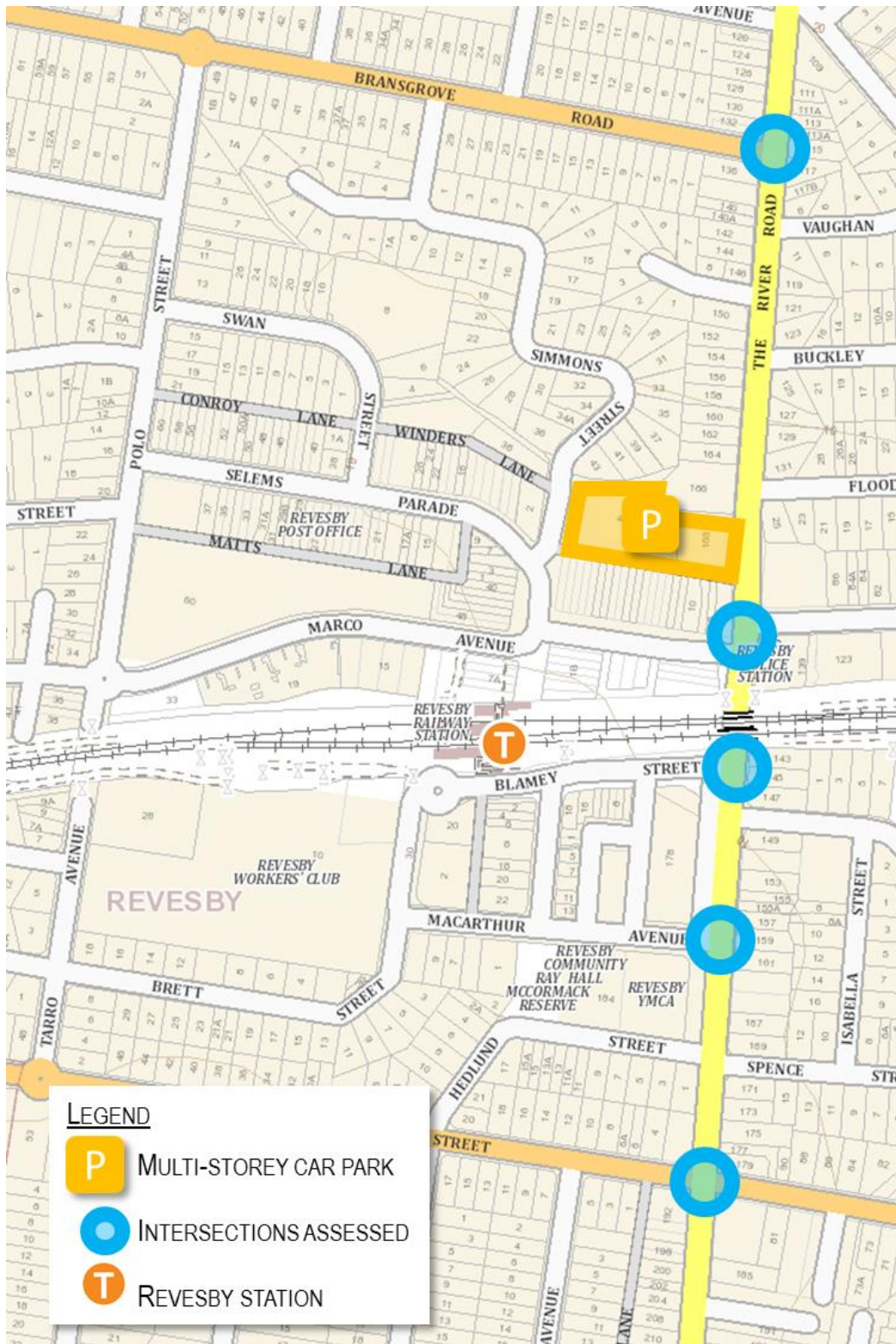
Traffic surveys were conducted on five intersections shown in Figure 6-2, and comprised of:

- The River Road/Bransgrove Road
- The River Road/Sphinx Avenue/Marco Avenue
- The River Road/Blamey Street
- The River Road/MacArthur Avenue
- The River Road/Weston Street/Uranus Road

It should be noted that the COVID-19 pandemic was ongoing during these traffic surveys. Although this may affect the traffic volumes collected, no adjustment was made as the collected traffic volumes were within five per cent of the pre-COVID traffic volumes presented in the TTAIA. It is not known how traffic patterns and volumes would ultimately be affected by the pandemic in the longer term.

Except for the ongoing pandemic, no other significant events (such as school holidays or local events) were observed in the local area that would affect traffic patterns. A summary of the collected traffic survey data is provided in Technical Paper B.

Data from traffic surveys identified an AM peak hour (8am to 9am) and PM peak hour (4.45pm to 5.45pm). These peak hours correspond to the hour where the sum of traffic volumes on all surveyed intersections were at their highest. Traffic data from these peak hours were used to model each intersection.



**Figure 6-2 Intersections surveyed for assessment**

An origin-destination survey of MSCP users was also conducted in the October 2020 traffic survey. The survey of MSCP users identified that 37 per cent of commuter car park users entering during the AM peak period (6am to 9am) enter the MSCP during the identified AM peak hour of 8am to 9am. Similarly, 37 per cent of commuter car park users exiting during the PM peak period (4pm to 7pm) also exited the MSCP during the identified PM peak hour of 4.45pm to 5.45pm.

Of the two Revesby MSCP entrances, the Simmons Street entrance is the most commonly used, with 83 per cent of AM peak hour commuter car park users using this entrance. Similarly, the Simmons Street exit is the most commonly used exit, with 87 per cent of PM peak hour commuter car park users using this exit instead of the Haydock Lane exit.

Intersection models were developed based on the October 2020 survey results. Using the models, significant queuing and lane blockages were identified along The River Road, especially between Marco Avenue and Blamey Street (which are only 60 metres apart). Queues from downstream intersections would often extend into and affect upstream intersections during the identified peak hours. As such, the queue lengths modelled on The River Road / Blamey Street intersection are noticeably lower than those observed during traffic surveys as it was not constrained by the capacity of the intersection itself but by the nearby The River Road / Sphinx Avenue / Marco Avenue intersection.

### **Rail services**

Revesby Station is served by the T8 Airport & South Line, providing train services to Campbelltown and Glenfield towards the west, and Sydney Airport and Sydney CBD towards the east.

The T8 Airport & South Line services a total of 32 services to the city, and 26 services from the city in the AM and 32 services to the city and 30 services from the city in the PM.

### **Bicycle network and facilities**

Cycling infrastructure around Revesby Station is limited, with cycle routes primarily being unmarked, on-road and shared with other vehicles. Marco Avenue is an east/west cycle route, connecting with the off-road cycle network at Virginius Reserve and Little Salt Pan Creek southeast of the station, and running on-road parallel with the rail line towards East Hills Station and Georges River west of the station.

Bicycle parking is provided at the northern and southern entrances to the station shown in Figure 6-3 below. At the northern entrance, there are 12 unsheltered racks provided in three separate locations (refer to Figure 3.4) as well as a bike locker. The bicycle parking stand immediately outside the station entrance is non-compliant with Austroads guidelines and is on a gradient which leads to bikes falling over.

The TTAIA indicates that demand for bicycle parking both north and south of the station appears to exceed supply, as observed in site visits made in December 2019 and January 2020. Bicycles were observed being chained to fencing south of the station.





**Figure 6-3 Revesby Station bicycle network and facilities**

### Bus services

Revesby Station is served by several bus services connecting the station with the local suburban area. Bus stops are located north of the station on Marco Avenue. The station is served by the following bus routes:

- Route 923 operating between Panania and Bankstown via Picnic Street
- Route 924 operating between Bankstown and East Hills via Panania
- Route 926 operating between Bankstown and Revesby Heights
- Route 962 operating between East Hills and Miranda

NightRide bus route N40 also stops at Revesby Station, operating between East Hills and Town Hall Station in the Sydney CBD.

Bus stops are located north of the station on Hume Highway, served by bus routes 904 and N50.

### Taxi, kiss and ride, cycling and pedestrians

A taxi rank is provided south of Revesby Station on the northern side of Blamey Street, with spaces for about six vehicles.

A kiss and ride area is provided south of Revesby Station on the southern side of Blamey Street, with spaces for about three vehicles. No formal kiss and ride area is provided north of the station.

## 6.1.2 Potential impacts

### a) Construction phase

#### Parking

The existing roof level of the MSCP would be temporarily unavailable during construction, reducing car parking capacity by 166 spaces. In addition, seven short-term (1 hour) on-street car parking spaces (on Simmons Street between Winders Lane and Haydock Lane) and 25 MSCP commuter car parking spaces below rooftop level would also be temporarily unavailable during construction to accommodate construction works.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and the government restrictions to avoid further spread, the usage of the current car park has reduced as a number of commuters have opted to work from home full time, or travel to work less frequently. The temporary closure is therefore not considered to have a significant impact as parking at the commuter car parks is down by approximately 25% at the time of preparing this Review of Environmental Factors.

Up to 80 construction site workers per day are expected to commute to the MSCP during construction. An estimated 60 per cent of workers are expected to commute via public transport, as the construction site is well served by the public transport service at Revesby Station and nearby bus stops.

The remaining 40 per cent of workers, assuming a car occupancy rate of 1.5 workers, would require 21 car parking spaces. Workers would not be permitted to park in designated commuter spaces within the MSCP to minimise disruption for commuters, however they may be able to park within the top level of the MSCP (which would be closed to the public during construction). The number of vehicles this would be able to accommodate would be confirmed during detailed design.

#### Local road network and traffic performance

##### *Closure of MSCP Simmons Street entrance*

The MSCP Simmons Street entrance would predominately be open during construction, however there would be intermittent closures and MSCP users would be directed to use the alternative entrance and exit. These closures will be infrequent and only last up to two days each time.

More than 75 per cent of commuter car park users use the Simmons Street entrance to access and exit from the MSCP, therefore the proposed closures of the Simmons Street entrance during construction would severely affect access to the MSCP and result in increased detour traffic.

The alternative MSCP entrance is a left-in only from The River Road. Detour traffic accessing this entrance may put additional pressure on the already poor performing intersection of The River Road / Sphinx Avenue / Marco Avenue. The alternative MSCP exit is on Haydock Lane, which is left-out only and then onto The River Road to head northbound only. This routing would be an inconvenience for vehicles wishing to head south from the MSCP, with no convenient route available to them and no easy U-turn opportunities.

During any closures, consideration of the potential to reverse the direction of the one-way Haydock Lane to improve the egress routes for vehicles exiting the MSCP wishing to head southbound would be undertaken. Appropriate signage would also be in place to direct detour traffic towards the alternative MSCP entrances. The impact of detour traffic on the local road network would also be investigated.

The COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily reduced the demand on both local roads and for commuter parking. The situation remains dynamic, although it is possible that the demand for commuter parking would continue to be suppressed during construction, which would serve to reduce the impacts of detours.

### ***Closures of Winders Lane, Simmons Street and Haydock Lane***

Winders Lane, Simmons Street and Haydock Lane would predominantly be open during construction, however there would be intermittent closures and traffic would be directed to use alternative routes. These closures would be infrequent and only last up to a few days each time. There would also be periods where these roads come under traffic control to allow large vehicle movements into and out of the car park (as described in the following section).

### ***Construction Zone on The River Road or Simmons Street***

Pedestrian and traffic control would be in place to facilitate the proposed construction zone on The River Road or Simmons Street for concrete pours and material delivery.

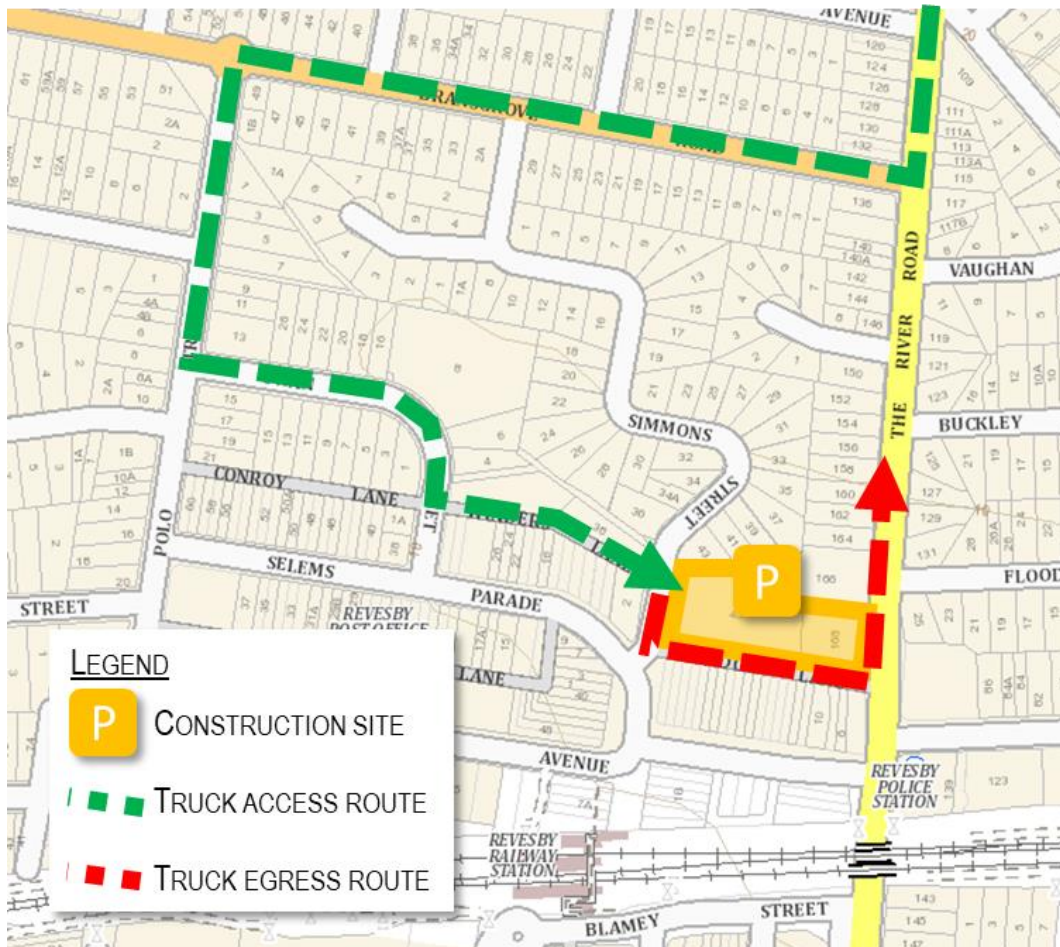
### ***Construction traffic route***

Trucks accessing the MSCP construction site would be required to approach from the north via The River Road, following a cumbersome route via Bransgrove Road, Polo Street, Swan Street, Winders Lane, and entering the site at Simmons Street. Trucks leaving the construction site would exit at Simmons Street, follow Haydock Lane and turn into The River Road to return northbound, before proceeding onto the M5 Motorway to access the wider road network. These routes are shown in Figure 6-4.

No construction access is proposed via the eastern entry and exit portals of the MSCP. No construction trucks would be permitted on Marco Avenue to minimise their impacts on the town centre.

Winders Lane and Haydock Lane provide access to the back entrances to a number of shops. A Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP) should be prepared to coordinate truck movements and notify affected businesses to minimise the impacts of truck movements. Access restrictions to businesses on Winders Lane and Haydock Lane would be intermittent and done in consultation with affected businesses.

A peak of up to 50 trucks per day is expected during concrete pours, which would be spread evenly throughout the day (around six to seven trucks per hour). The impact of these truck movements on the local road network would be minimal in comparison to existing traffic flows.



**Figure 6-4 Proposed construction vehicle routes to and from the MSCP expansion construction site**

### Property access

Winders Lane and Haydock Lane provide access to the back entrances to a number of shops. These lanes would be predominantly open during construction, however there would be intermittent closures as described above.

A CTPMP should be prepared to coordinate truck movements and notify affected businesses to minimise the impacts of truck movements. Access restrictions to businesses on Winders Lane and Haydock Lane would be undertaken in consultation with affected businesses.

### Bicycle network and facilities

Construction of the proposed MSCP expansion is unlikely to affect bicycle network or facilities, as the construction site does not block any existing bicycle routes and is located away from existing bicycle racks. Cycle access through Simmons Street would be predominantly open during construction, however there would be intermittent closures as described in the Closure of Simmons street Section above.

### Rail, bus, taxi, kiss and ride, and pedestrian access

The Proposal would not impact public transport services during construction. The kiss and ride would also continue to operate during construction. Minor road and pedestrian diversions may be required during construction; however, these would be temporary and managed through the CTPMP.

## b) Operation phase

### Parking

The proposed MSCP expansion would provide approximately 385 additional commuter car parking spaces, increasing the capacity of parking spaces within the MSCP from approximately 714 to 1,099 spaces. Within the extended MSCP, 964 of those spaces would be designated all-day parking which can be used by commuters. The remaining 135 spaces provide for short-term 3-hour parking (unchanged).

The MSCP expansion would be future-proofed for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment to accommodate the expected increase in electric vehicle usage. The overall electrical installation (maximum demand calculations) would provision for the necessary power supply for up to five percent of the additional spaces (20 spaces). Additionally, provisions would be made to have sufficient cable containment to enable the installation of EV charging stations for up to 15% of the additional spaces (58 spaces).

Commuter car parks require a precinct-wide provision of a minimum of two per cent of spaces be reserved for accessible parking as per the *Technical Specification for Design of Commuter Car Parks* (Transport for NSW, March 2019). Since the proposed MSCP expansion would provide a total of 964 commuter car parking spaces, 20 of those spaces are required to be accessible car parking spaces. The existing MSCP currently has 12 accessible car parking spaces for commuter car park users, therefore an additional 8 spaces is required.

The 8 new accessible car parking spaces are proposed to be installed within the existing MSCP.

### Local road network

The performance of the intersection of The River Road / Bransgrove Road is largely unaffected by the proposed MSCP expansion. This is because the direction of peak traffic flow is northbound in the AM peak hour (presumably to access the M5 Motorway to the north), and similarly southbound the PM peak hour, whereas the proposed MSCP expansion is expected to increase traffic volumes in the opposite directions. As such, there is sufficient spare capacity on this intersection to handle the expected increase in traffic volumes.

Performance on the intersection of The River Road / Sphinx Avenue / Marco Avenue is generally poor in both AM and PM peak hours in the existing environment, and would slightly worsen due to the proposed MSCP expansion.

Unlike the Bransgrove Road intersection, the direction of peak traffic coincides with the increase in traffic expected from the proposed MSCP expansion. Marco Avenue and The River Road south approach experiences most of the increase in traffic as commuters use this route to access or exit from the MSCP, resulting in longer average delays of around two seconds. Queue lengths on The River Road south approach extend southwards and impact on the nearby Blamey Road intersection, as confirmed in video survey footage of the intersections.

Currently, during both AM and PM peak hours the intersection of The River Road / Blamey Street is heavily impacted by queues which extend from the Sphinx/Marco intersection into the north side of this intersection, resulting in queues extending past this intersection further southwards on The River Road and westwards on Blamey Street. The impact of the proposed MSCP expansion in the AM peak hour is expected to further increase this queueing on The River Road south approach by one to two vehicles per cycle. During the PM peak hour, the queueing on The River Road north approach would also increase by two to three vehicles per cycle, potentially extending the queue into and affecting the performance of the Sphinx/Marco intersection to the north.

The intersection of The River Road / Macarthur Avenue performs well in both AM and PM peak hours, with sufficient capacity to handle the impact of the proposed MSCP expansion.

The performance of the intersection at The River Road / Weston Street / Uranus Road also worsens slightly with the impact of the proposed MSCP expansion. Currently, the worst

performing approach of this intersection the Weston Street approach, with modelling indicating demand is exceeding the capacity of this intersection during both AM and PM peak hours. This approach is expected to receive an additional nine left-turning vehicles from the proposed MSCP expansion in the AM peak hour, and no additional traffic in the PM peak hour. Therefore, queue lengths and the degree of saturation worsens slightly for the AM peak hour with no change in the PM peak hour after the completion of the MSCP expansion.

Overall, the effect of the proposed MSCP would have a minimal impact on the local road network, as the impact of the additional trips generated is relatively small compared to existing traffic volumes, and/or result in additional trips that utilise existing spare capacity at intersections.

### **Traffic performance**

The expected impact of increased traffic flows have been assessed using an assumed figure of 393 additional commuter car parking spaces. This is higher than the current Proposal for 385 additional spaces, as such no update to the traffic generation and modelling was made, as the performance assessment that follows is expected to represent a worse-case scenario.

Based on the above traffic distributions, and the 393 additional commuter car parking spaces assumed, the expected impact of increased traffic flows through the intersections assessed is shown in Figure 6-5 and **Figure 6-6** below. It should be noted that vehicles using routes A, D, E or F may travel through multiple of the modelled intersections, whilst vehicles using routes A or B may travel through none of the modelled intersections.

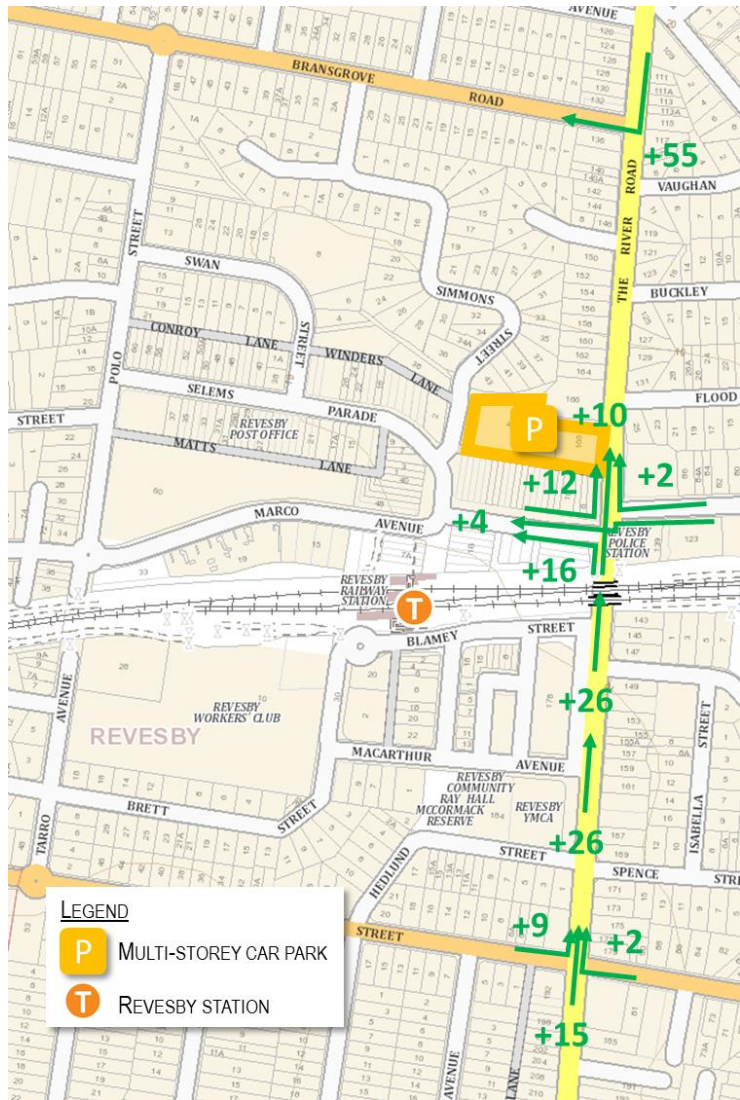


Figure 6-5 Additional trips generated by the proposal (AM peak hour)

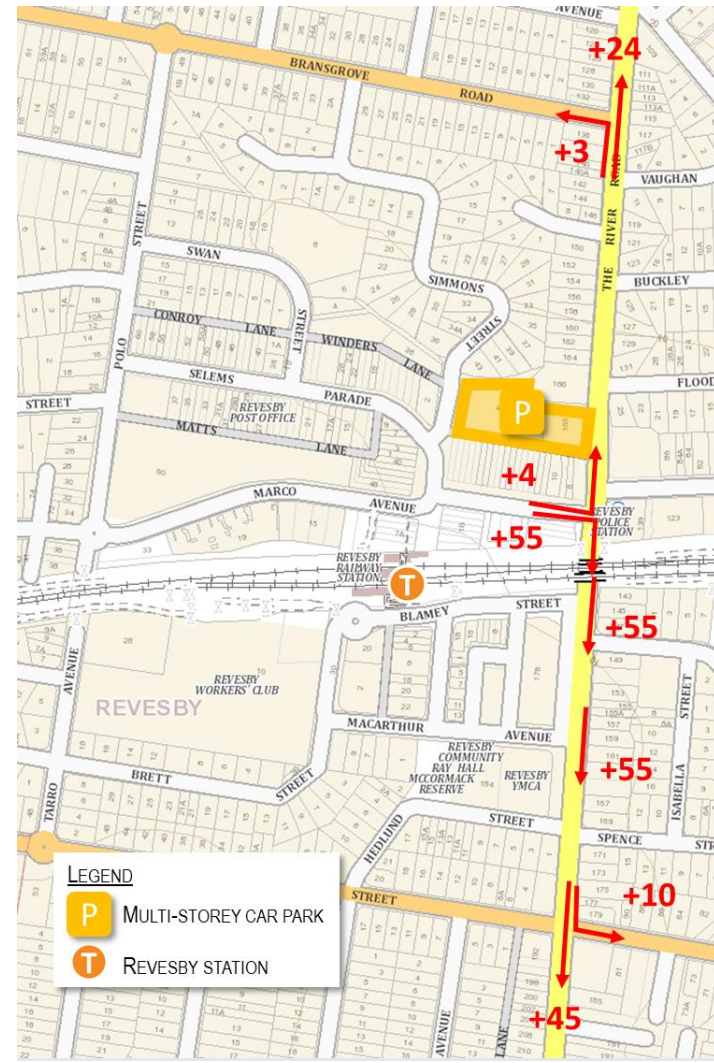


Figure 6-6 Additional trips generated by the proposal (PM peak hour)

## **Bicycle network and facilities**

The proposed MSCP expansion is unlikely to affect the bicycle facilities, as these facilities are located some distance from the MSCP and not on the access route to the MSCP.

In addition to the replacement of the existing bicycle rack, five (5) additional bike racks are currently planned for installation near the existing bike racks in Abel Reserve, north of Revesby Station (as shown in Figure 6-3). This would involve replacing the existing non-compliant bike rack outside the station and include a new shelter for the bike racks.

## **Rail and bus access**

The proposed MSCP expansion is unlikely to affect rail services as the MSCP is located some distance from the rail corridor and Revesby Station. Existing bus stops are also unlikely to be impacted for the same reason.

The speed and reliability of bus routes running along The River Road would be affected by any worsening of intersection performance along this road but as described above, the MSCP does not have a significant impact on performance of the modelled intersections.

## **Taxi, kiss and ride, pedestrians and property access**

The proposed MSCP expansion is unlikely to affect taxi and kiss and ride facilities as these facilities are located some distance from the MSCP and routes to and from the MSCP do not go through the location of the kiss and ride facilities. No changes to these facilities are included in this Proposal. The proposed MSCP expansion is unlikely to have any impact on property access or pedestrian movement in the area.

### **6.1.3 Mitigation measures**

#### **Construction**

- Prior to the commencement of construction, a Construction Traffic & Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP). would be prepared as part of the CEMP and would include at a minimum:
  - ensuring adequate road signage at construction work sites to inform motorists and pedestrians of the work site ahead to ensure that the risk of road accidents and disruption to surrounding land uses is minimised
  - maximising safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists
  - ensuring adequate sight lines to allow for safe entry and exit from the site
  - ensuring access to railway stations, businesses, entertainment premises and residential properties (unless affected property owners have been consulted and appropriate alternative arrangements made)
  - managing impacts and changes to on and off-street parking and requirements for any temporary replacement provision
  - parking locations for construction workers away from stations and busy residential areas and details of how this would be monitored for compliance
  - routes to be used by heavy construction-related vehicles to minimise impacts on sensitive land uses and businesses
  - measures to manage traffic flows around the area affected by the Proposal, including as required regulatory and direction signposting, line marking and variable message signs and all other traffic control devices necessary for the implementation of the TMP



- scheduling roadworks that would affect the existing local road network outside of peak periods or during the night to minimise the impact on local traffic
- scheduling the movement of construction vehicles and deliveries outside of peak periods to minimise the impact on local traffic.
- During intermittent closures of the MSCP Simmons Street entrance:
  - appropriate signage would be in place to warn users that the Simmons Street entrance is closed, and direct traffic to The River Road entrance
  - consideration would be undertaken of the potential to reverse the direction of the one-way Haydock Lane to improve egress routes for vehicles exiting the MSCP wishing to head southbound
  - the impact of any detour traffic on the local road network would also be investigated
- Scheduling the movement of construction vehicles and deliveries outside of peak periods to minimise the impact on local traffic
- Identification of final construction traffic access routes, site compound, loading zones, and worker and construction vehicle parking
- Confine construction activities within the construction site as much as possible to minimise disruption to the local area
- Workers will not be permitted to park in designated commuter car parking spaces to minimise disruption for commuters
- Consultation with the relevant road authorities would be undertaken during preparation of the TMP. The performance of all project traffic arrangements must be monitored during construction
- Communication would be provided to the community and local residents to inform them of changes to parking, pedestrian access and/or traffic conditions including vehicle movements and anticipated effects on the local road network relating to site works
- Workers will not be permitted to park in designated commuter spaces within the station precinct to minimise disruption for commuters.

## Operations

- In addition to the replacement of the current bicycle rack, 5 additional bike racks are currently planned for installation near the existing bike racks on Abel Reserve, north of Revesby station, replacing the existing non-compliant bike rack outside the station and including a shelter on the bike racks. The improved cycling infrastructure would encourage people to travel via bicycle, reducing traffic on the local road network.
- Future proofing the installation of electric vehicle charging stations by provisioning the power supply for up to 20 charging stations, and cable containment for up to 58 spaces within the additional spaces.

## **6.2 Landscape and visual amenity**

A Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment was prepared by Clouston Associates (refer to Technical Paper 2).

### **6.2.1 Existing environment**

Landscape character is a combination of distinctive qualities of a certain area including readily identifiable elements such as landform, vegetation cover, built-form and architecture, as well as history, seasonal changes, human culture, urban grain, wildlife and land use. Together these elements produce a distinctive character that influences how the landscape is perceived and valued by the community.

#### **Residential Housing**

Low density residential housing, comprised of detached dwellings, is the primary form of housing immediately surrounding the site, and also comprises the majority of housing types in Revesby. Nearby houses exhibit a number of dwelling styles constructed from different materials and time periods, with single and double storey dwellings being the most common. Most dwellings having off street parking and front or back (or both) gardens.

#### **Local Reserves & Public Recreation Spaces**

A number of local reserves are in proximity to the site such as Abel Reserve, Terry Raper Park and Pivetta Park. The local reserves primarily consist of open grass areas with tree planting, as well as some having a small level of play infrastructure primarily aimed at younger children. Revesby as a whole is primarily served through these smaller scale reserves spread throughout the low density residential housing. There are no large reserves or National Parks nearby.

#### **Revesby Commercial Centre**

The Revesby village centre is focused along Marco Avenue and Selems Parade, adjacent to Revesby Station. It is also the site of several local government facilities including a senior citizens centre. A number of business types are located in the area including speciality retailers, cafes, hairdressers and banks.

#### **General Industrial Land Use**

A General Industrial zoned area is located about 1.5 km north of the Proposal site. This is comprised of a number of commercial enterprises of varying scales, with a mixture of building scales throughout the area.

#### **Topography**

Based on the topography of the Proposal area, the area in green on Figure 6-7 would be visible from the top level of the car park and vice versa, without taking into account blocked views from trees or buildings.



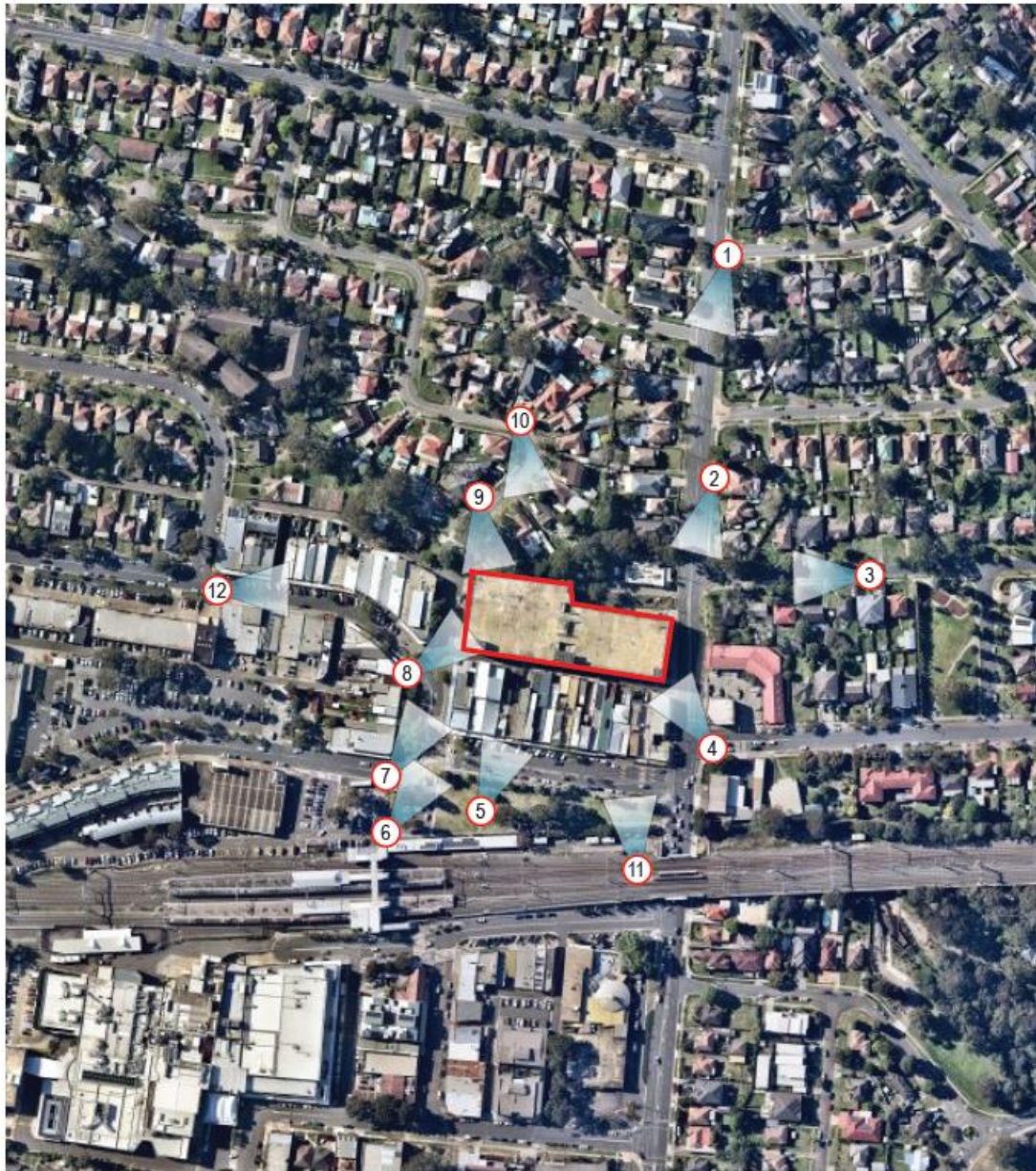
**Figure 6-7 Visibility of Proposal based on topography only**

### 6.2.2 Methodology

The Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment aims to ensure that all possible effects of change and development in the landscape, views and visual amenity are taken into account. It is concerned with how the surroundings of individuals or groups of people may be specifically affected by change in the landscape, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

The assessment followed the steps of the Planning Principles developed by the Commission of the NSW Land and Environment Court that relate to visual impact assessment.

Twelve viewpoint locations were selected and assessed with respect of the level of impact for each of these sites. These sites are shown in Figure 6-8.



 Viewpoint Location  Site Location

**Figure 6-8 Viewpoint locations**

For each of the viewpoint locations, the level of impact the Proposal would have is assessed based on the impact matrix shown in Table 6-1 Visual Impact Rating as a combination of Sensitivity and Magnitude.

**Table 6-1 Visual Impact Rating as a combination of Sensitivity and Magnitude.**

	HIGH MAGNITUDE	MODERATE MAGNITUDE	LOW MAGNITUDE	NEGLIGIBLE MAGNITUDE
HIGH SENSITIVITY	HIGH	HIGH - MODERATE	MODERATE	NEGLIGIBLE
MODERATE SENSITIVITY	HIGH - MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE/ LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
LOW SENSITIVITY	MODERATE	MODERATE/LOW	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE

Source: Environmental Impact Assessment Practice Note: *Guideline for Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment* (EIA-N04), (Source TfNSW, 2018)

### 6.2.3 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

The Proposal would involve a construction phase, with the following temporary visual impacts likely to occur:

- disturbance to landscaped areas and turf
- removal of up to 12 trees, including 6 small native trees, 2 medium sized native tree and 4 small trees native to Western Australia. 1 non-native shrub would also be removed. The trees currently form a screen north of the existing MSCP
- setting up and use of site compounds
- stockpiling
- formwork and concrete pouring
- site fencing
- increased site traffic including heavy vehicles
- permanent removal of trees on the northern and western boundaries to make room for scaffolding and hoarding.

During the construction period, many viewpoints studied within this report are likely to have increased visual impacts. Views of site compounds, storage areas and increased site traffic (including trucks) would lead to a temporary reduction in visual amenity.

Impacts would reduce as viewing distance and screening vegetation increase. Furthermore, these visual impacts would be of a temporary nature and would reduce for all viewpoints once the Proposal is complete and the construction areas restored.

#### b) Operation phase

Overall, the following conclusions can be drawn on the Proposal's impacts to visual amenity within the study area:

- the visual catchment of the Proposal is limited, with the highest impacts restricted to the immediate area surrounding the existing car park structure, particularly from sensitive locations such as Abel Reserve

- mature trees from a number of locations help to filter views of the existing car park and help break up what would be a continuous built facade if not present, and would play a similar role in helping to mitigate the proposed additional levels to the MSCP
- although the Proposal is primarily surrounded by commercial businesses, the additional levels of the MSCP would further increase the height difference between the car park and the surrounding area
- the Proposal is an expansion of the existing MSCP as opposed to an entirely new structure which helps to mitigate the impact of the Proposal given peoples familiarity with the existing structure.

Of the 12 viewpoints selected and analysed, the operational phase impacts are as follows (and shown in Table 6-2):

- the visual catchment of the Proposal is limited, with the highest impacts restricted to the immediate area surrounding the existing car park structure, particularly from sensitive locations such as Abel Reserve
- mature trees from a number of locations help to filter views of the existing car park and help break up what would be a continuous built façade if not present, and would play a similar role in helping to mitigate the proposed additional levels to the MSCP
- although the Proposal is primarily surrounded by commercial businesses, the additional levels of the MSCP would further increase the height difference between the car park and the surrounding area
- the Proposal is an expansion of the existing MSCP as opposed to an entirely new structure which helps to mitigate the impact of the Proposal given peoples familiarity with the existing structure
- the visual catchment for the site is highly limited as a result of vegetation to the north.

**Table 6-2 Summary of visual impact findings (operational phase)**

VIEWPOINT LOCATIONS	RECEPTOR SENSITIVITY	MAGNITUDE					IMPACT RATING
		DISTANCE	QUANTUM OF VIEW	PERIOD OF VIEW	SCALE OF CHANGE	OVERALL MAGNITUDE RATING	
1. Intersection of Vaugh Ave & The River Road	M	M	N	L	N	N	NEGLECTIBLE
2. Footpath outside of 127 The River Road	M	M	L	L	M	M	MODERATE
3. Flood Ave (outside of no. 13)	M	M	L	L	M	L	MODERATE/LOW
4. Intersection of The River Road & Sphinx Ave	M	H	M	L	H	H	HIGH-MODERATE
5. Abel Reserve	H	H	M	M	M	M	HIGH-MODERATE
6. Revesby Station Entrance/Exit	L	M	L	M	M	M	MODERATE-LOW
7. Marco Ave Pedestrian Crossing	L	H	M	M	H	H	MODERATE
8. Selems Parade and Simmons Street Intersection	M	H	H	M	H	H	HIGH-MODERATE
9. Footpath Outside of 34A Simmons Street	M	H	M	M	H	H	HIGH-MODERATE
10. Simmons Street (Approx. no. 27)	M	H	M	M	H	H	HIGH-MODERATE
11. Train Heading East from Revesby Station	L	M	M	L	M	M	MODERATE-LOW
12. Footpath Outside of 21 Selems Parade	M	M	L	L	L	L	MODERATE-LOW

For the five high/moderate impacted viewpoints, a detailed description is provided below.

#### Viewpoint 4: Intersection of The River Road & Sphinx Ave

An increase in height to the MSCP would be noticeable to surrounding receivers, which would further increase the height difference between the car park and surrounding buildings than currently exists. As a result of the height increase, the southern façade would become more visible to both pedestrians and motorists.

Elements of the proposed solar panels on the top level would be visible through the façade mesh and would appear to form a roof structure from this location. The existing panelling on the eastern facade would be continued on the additional levels. As a result of the increase in height to the car park and increase in overshadowing to the surrounding area would occur, however this would vary throughout the day (and year depending on the season).

#### Viewpoint 5: Abel Reserve

The additional levels would result in greater visibility of the southern facade of the car park rising above the commercial properties. Existing vegetation in the foreground would help to filter views of the upper levels somewhat ensuring that an uninterrupted view of the southern facade does not occur. Both the solar panels on the upper level as well as light poles would be visible from this location.

#### Viewpoint 8: Selems Parade and Simmons Street Intersection

The proposed additional levels would noticeably increase the level of built form in the visual scene as a result of the proximity of the viewpoint to the car park. The proposed additions would replicate the existing materials (façade panelling and enclosed glass lift and stairwell) and therefore would not be at odds with the current visual scene in terms of materiality. Views of the solar panels and light poles on the upper level would be possible. As a result of the increase in height, the level of overshadowing in the area would be noticeable at certain times of the day (and year depending on the season).

#### Viewpoint 9: Footpath Outside of 34A Simmons Street

The proposed additional levels would noticeably increase the level of built form within the view-frame. While surrounding vegetation would help to filter views of the car park as they do in the existing view, the increase in height would lead to greater views of the car park to the centre left of the view as a result of a gap in taller trees in this area. A clear section of the upper levels would be visible, as would the solar panels. An increase in overshadowing to the neighbouring properties would result due to the increase in height, and this would vary throughout the day (and year depending on the season). The difference in height between the car park and the surrounding properties would be highly visible from this location.

#### Viewpoint 10: Intersection of The River Road & Sphinx Ave

As a result of the proposed additional levels to the car park, the level of built form in the view would noticeably increase. While much of the car park would be obscured as a result of vegetation to the left of the view, clear views of the upper levels of the northern facade would occur. Views of both the solar panels and light poles on the upper level would be possible, and a noticeable difference between the car park and surrounding buildings would result. An increase in overshadowing to the surrounding properties would occur, and this would vary throughout the day (and year depending on the season).

### **Overshadowing**

Overshadowing analysis has been undertaken to determine the extent to which the proposed expansion of the MSCP would affect neighbouring buildings and structures in terms of the distance and direction of the shadow it casts. Shadow analysis has been produced for both the summer and winter solstice at 9am, Midday and 3pm. The results of this analysis is shown in the technical paper Landscape Character Visual Impact Assessment for the proposal, noting the shadow diagrams reflect the total overshadowing i.e. existing and the proposed. Shadow

diagrams prepared for the existing multi-storey car park in 2011 are also shown in Figure 6-9 to demonstrate the shadow cast by the existing MSCP.

As a result of the expansion of the MSCP a corresponding increase in overshadowing for the surrounding area would occur. During summer (represented by the Summer Solstice diagrams) the increase in overshadowing for the surrounding area is considered to be minimal, and would be most noticeable in the morning. This would see an increase in overshadowing to the west of the MSCP over Simmons Street. A small increase in overshadowing would also occur in Haydock Lane to the south of the car park at Midday, although the Lane currently experiences overshadowing at this time with the existing structure. A small increase in overshadowing to the east of the MSCP is anticipated in the afternoon over The River Road, but this is also considered to be minimal.

The existing MSCP already creates overshadowing to the commercial properties directly to the south. The proposed works would increase the overshadowing on to these buildings. The highest level (total) of overshadowing occurs during winter (represented by the Winter Solstice diagrams). The existing MSCP creates overshadowing to the south throughout the day and this overshadowing would be increased as a result of the expansion of the MSCP. As demonstrated by the diagrams, the area most consistently impacted area by the total overshadowing throughout the day is the grouping of commercial buildings directly to the south of the site (between Haydock Lane and Marco Avenue). The greatest increase in overshadowing to this area would occur in the morning.

An increase in overshadowing would also occur to the east of the site on Simmons Street in the morning, as well as to The River Road in the afternoon. The increase in overshadowing during the winter months is considered to be a moderate as a result of the proposed expansion. However, the winter solstice shadow does not extend to residential properties on Simmons Street. Therefore, existing solar access to these more sensitive land uses is maintained.

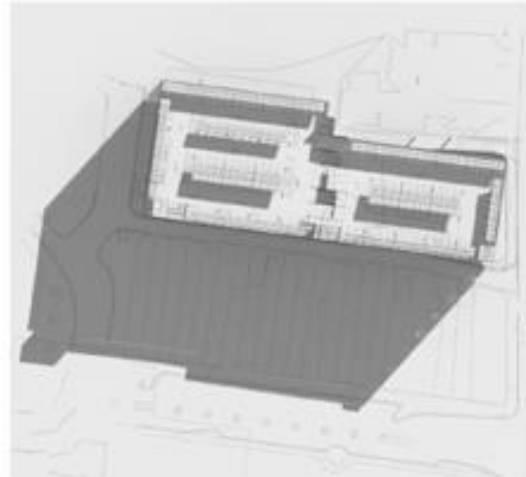


**Overshadowing from existing MSCP  
(Winter Solstice)**

**Overshadowing with proposed expansion  
(Winter Solstice)**



21<sup>st</sup> June (9am)



Winter Solstice (9am)



21<sup>st</sup> June (12pm)



Winter Solstice (Midday)



21<sup>st</sup> June (3pm)



Winter Solstice (3pm)

**Figure 6-9 Overshadowing modelling comparison of the Winter Solstice (Clouston, 2020) for the proposed expansion.**

## 6.2.4 Mitigation measures

### Construction

The following mitigation measures are recommended to be implemented to minimise potential landscape and visual impacts during the construction of the Proposal.

- An Urban Design Plan (UDP) would be prepared in consultation with the relevant council, and submitted to Transport for NSW for endorsement by the Precincts and Urban Design team, prior to finalisation of the detailed design. The UDP, at a minimum, would address the following:
  - a Public Domain Plan and an Urban Design Plan would be prepared which includes replacement planting to address vegetation removed during construction.
  - the appropriateness of the proposed design with respect to the existing surrounding landscape, built form, behaviours and use-patterns (including consideration of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles). This is to include but not be limited to:
    - connectivity with surrounding local and regional movement networks including street networks, other transport modes and active transport networks. Existing and proposed paths of travel for pedestrians should be shown
    - integration with surrounding local and regional open space and or landscape networks. Existing and proposed open space infrastructure/landscape elements should be shown
    - integration with surrounding streetscape including street wall height, active frontages, awnings, street trees, entries, vehicle cross overs etc.
    - integration with surrounding built form (existing or desired future) including building height, scale, bulk, massing and land-use
- All permanent lighting would be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements of standards relevant to AS 1158 *Road Lighting* and AS 4282 *Controlling the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting*.
- Worksite compounds would be screened with shade cloth (or similar material, where necessary) to minimise visual impacts from key viewing locations.
- Temporary hoardings, barriers, traffic management and signage would be removed when no longer required.
- During construction, graffiti would be removed in accordance with Transport for NSW's Standard Requirements.
- Following construction, trees removed during the Proposal would be replaced to provide as good or better screening than was provided by the existing trees that would be removed.

## 6.3 Noise and vibration

A Noise and Vibration Assessment was undertaken by RAPT Consulting (Technical Paper 3). The findings of the assessment are summarised in this section.

### 6.3.1 Existing environment

Unattended noise monitoring was undertaken between 27 October and 2 November 2020. The monitoring was undertaken at 41 Simmons Street, Revesby. This location was selected as it was considered indicative and representative of the background and ambient noise environment at the nearest potentially affected receptors for the project. This site also presented as a secure location whereby minimising the risk of theft or vandalism to the monitoring equipment.

During the site visit it was noted that existing road traffic, rail, light aircraft, wildlife (birds) and an underlying urban “hum” primarily described the ambient noise environment and is indicative of an urban area.

Logged data was reviewed and filtered to exclude extraneous data during the monitoring period. The cumulative background and ambient noise results are provided in Table 6-3 and Table 6-4 below.

**Table 6-3 Background and Ambient Noise Monitoring Results**

Address	Rating background level, $L_{A90}$ , dB(A) <sup>2</sup>			Ambient noise levels, $L_{Aeq}$ dB(A) <sup>3</sup>		
41 Simmons Street	43	40	33	52	57	49

Notes to table:

1: Day: 7:00 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday and 8:00 to 18:00 Sundays & Public Holidays , Evening: 18:00 to 22:00 Monday to Sunday & Public Holidays , Night: 22:00 to 7:00 Monday to Saturday and 22:00 to 8:00 Sundays & Public Holidays

2:  $L_{A90}$ , dB(A) The  $L_{A90}$  descriptor is used to measure the background noise level. This descriptor represents the noise level that is exceeded for 90 per cent of the time over a relevant period of measurement.

3: The  $L_{Aeq}$  is the equivalent continuous noise level which would have the same total acoustic energy over the measurement period as the varying noise measured, so it is in effect an energy average.

**Table 6-4 Summary of Measured Noise Levels 21 July 2020**

Location	Noise Period	Noise Level dB(A)		Noise Sources SPL dB(A) <sup>1</sup>
		$L_{Aeq}(15min)$	$L_{A90}(15min)$	
41 Simmons Street	11:30 am – 11:45 am	52	47	Car Pass-by 54 -58 Light Aircraft 65 – 75 Birds 47 - 50

Notes to table:

1: SPL dB(A) is: a-weighted sound pressure level in decibels

Noise sensitive receivers nearby the Proposal are provided in Table 6-5 and shown below.

**Table 6-5 Noise Sensitive Receiver description 21 July 2020**

Receiver ID and address	Residential Receiver
R1 43 Simmons Street	√
R2 41 Simmons Street	√
R3 39 Simmons Street	√
R4 37 Simmons Street	√
R5 35 Simmons Street	√
R6 162 The River Road	√
R7 160 The River Road	√
R8 158 The River Road	√
R9 33 Simmons Street	√
R10 38 Simmons Street	√
R11 36 Simmons Street	√
R12 34A Simmons Street	√
R13 34 Simmons Street	√
R14 32 Simmons Street	√
R15 131 The River Road	√
R16 129 The River Road	√
R17 127 The River Road	√
R18 25 Flood Avenue	√



Figure 6-10 Noise sensitive receivers

### 6.3.2 Noise Criteria

#### Construction Noise

Construction noise is assessed with consideration to DECCW *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG) (July 2009). The ICNG is a non-mandatory guideline that is usually referred to by local councils and other NSW government entities when construction / demolition works require development approval. The ICNG recommends standard hours for construction activity as detailed in Table 6-6.

Table 6-6 ICNG Recommended Construction Hours

Work type	Recommended standard hours of work
Normal construction	Monday to Friday: 7.00 am to 6 .00pm. Saturday: 8.00 am to 1.00 pm. No work on Sundays or Public Holidays.

The ICNG provides noise management levels for construction noise at residential and other potentially sensitive receivers. These management levels are to be calculated based on the adopted rating background level (RBL) at nearby locations, as shown in Table 6-3.

**Table 6-7 Recommended Construction Noise Management Levels**

Period	Noise Management Level $L_{Aeq(15\text{ min})}$
Residential Recommended standard hours	Noise affected level: RBL + 10 Highly noise affected level: 75 dB(A)
Residential Outside recommended standard hours	Noise affected level: RBL + 5
Classrooms at schools and other educational institutions	Internal Noise Level 45 dB(A) (applies when properties are being used)
Hospital wards and operating theatres	Internal Noise Level 45 dB(A) (applies when properties are being used)
Places of worship	Internal Noise Level 45 dB(A) (applies when properties are being used)
Active recreation areas (characterised by sporting activities and activities which generate their own noise or focus for participants, making them less sensitive to external noise intrusion)	External noise level 65 dB(A)
Passive recreation areas (characterised by contemplative activities that generate little noise and where benefits are compromised by external noise intrusion, for example, reading, meditation)	External noise level 60 dB(A)
Offices, retail outlets	70 dB(A)

The noise management levels (NML) shown in Table 6-7 apply at the boundary of the most affected residences / offices or within 30 metres from the residence where the property boundary is more than 30 metres from the residence.

The *noise affected level* represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. Where the *noise affected level* is exceeded, all feasible and reasonable work practices to minimise noise should be applied and all potentially impacted residents should be informed of the nature of the works, expected noise levels, duration of works and a method of contact. The *noise affected level* is the background noise level plus 10 dB(A) during recommended standard hours and the background noise level plus 5 dB(A) outside of recommended standard hours.

The *highly noise affected level* represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise and is set at 75 dB(A). Where noise is above this level, the relevant authority may require respite periods by restricting the hours when the subject noisy activities can occur, considering:

- Times identified by the community when they are less sensitive to noise (such as mid-morning or mid-afternoon for works near residences).
- If the community is prepared to accept a longer period of construction in exchange for restrictions on construction times.

It is understood most works required for the Proposal would be undertaken during standard construction hours. Based on the above and the RBL (shown in Table 6-3) determined from site monitoring, construction noise management levels have been derived for residential receivers are shown in Table 6-8. Approval from Transport for NSW would be required for any

out of hours work and the affected community would be notified as outlined in Transport for NSW's *Construction and Vibration Noise Strategy* (2019).

**Table 6-8 Construction Noise Management Levels dB(A)  $L_{Aeq}(15min)$**

Period	RBL $L_{A90}$ , dB(A)	Standard hours noise management levels, $L_{Aeq,15min}$ , dB(A)	Out-of-hours noise management levels, $L_{Aeq,15min}$ , dB(A)
Day	43	53	48
Evening	40	-	45
Night	33	-	38

### Operational Noise Criteria

The NSW *Road Noise Policy* (RNP) recommends various criteria for different road and residential developments and uses. Although it is not mandatory to achieve the noise assessment criteria in the RNP, proponents would need to provide justification if it is not considered feasible or reasonable to achieve them. Based on the definitions in the RNP, The River Road is a sub-arterial road and Simmons Street is a local road. The following noise goals are provided in Table 6-9 below.

**Table 6-9 Road Noise Policy Goals**

Road Category	Day	Night
<b>Freeway/ arterial/ sub-arterial roads:</b> Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing freeways/arterial/sub-arterial roads generated by land use developments.	60 $L_{Aeq}(15hr)$ (external)	55 $L_{Aeq}(9hr)$ (External)
<b>Local roads:</b> Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing local roads generated by land use developments	55 $L_{Aeq}(1\text{ hour})$ (external)	50 $L_{Aeq}(1\text{ hour})$ (External)
<b>School Classrooms</b>	40 $L_{Aeq}, (1\text{ hour})$ (internal) when in use	-
<b>Hospital Wards</b>	35 $L_{Aeq}, (1\text{ hour})$ (internal)	35 $L_{Aeq}, (1\text{ hour})$ (internal)
<b>Places of Worship</b>	40 $L_{Aeq}, (1\text{ hour})$ (internal)	40 $L_{Aeq}, (1\text{ hour})$ (internal)
<b>Open space (active use)</b>	60 $L_{Aeq}, (15\text{ hour})$ (external) when in use	--
<b>Open space (passive use)</b>	55 $L_{Aeq}, (15\text{ hour})$ (external) when in use	--

For existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by additional traffic on existing roads generated by land use developments, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB above that of the corresponding 'no build option'.

### 6.3.3 Vibration Guidelines

Vibration during construction and operational activity is expected to primarily originate from trucks and machinery during stages of construction and activities. Blasting and heavy ground impact activities are not expected to occur during the construction works.

## Human Exposure

Vibration goals were adopted from the DECCW's *Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (2006)*, which is based on guidelines contained in British Standard (BS) 6472–1992, *Evaluation of human exposure to vibration in buildings (1–80 Hz)*.

Intermittent vibration is assessed using the vibration dose value (VDV), fully described in BS 6472 – 1992. Acceptable values of vibration dose are presented in Table 6-10.

**Table 6-10 Acceptable Vibration Values for Intermittent Vibration (m/s<sup>1.75</sup>)**

Location	Daytime <sup>1</sup>		Night-time <sup>1</sup>	
	Preferred value	Maximum value	Preferred value	Maximum value
Critical areas <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.20
Residences	0.20	0.40	0.13	0.26
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.80
Workshops	0.80	1.60	0.80	1.60

## Building Damage

Currently, there is no Australian Standard that sets the criteria for the assessment of building damage caused by vibration. Guidance of limiting vibration values is attained from reference to the following International Standards and Guidelines:

- British Standard BS7385.2 - 1993 *Evaluation and Measurement for Vibration in Buildings*, Part 2 - Guide to damage levels from ground borne vibration; and
- German Standard DIN 4150-3: 1999-02 Structural Vibration – Part 3: *Effects of vibration on structures*.

DIN 4150-3: 1999-02 is utilised in this case in the assessment of potential building damage resulting from ground borne vibration produced by the proposed activity.

The recommended Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) guidelines for the possibility of vibration induced building damage are derived from the minimum vibration levels above which any damage has previously been encountered and are presented in Table 6-11.

**Table 6-11 Guideline values for vibration velocity to be used when evaluating the effects of short-term vibration on structures**

Type of Structure	Peak Component Particle Velocity, mm/s			
	Vibration at the foundation at a frequency of			Vibration of horizontal plane of highest floor at all frequencies
	1 Hz to 10 Hz	10 Hz to 50 Hz	50 Hz to 100 Hz*	
Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings, and buildings of similar design	20	20-40	40-50	40
Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or occupancy	5	5-15	15-20	15



Structures that, because of their sensitivity to vibration, do not correspond to those listed in lines 1 and 2 of table 5-7 and are of great intrinsic value (e.g. buildings that are under a preservation order)	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8
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The Transport for NSW *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy* (CNVS) provides guidance for minimum working distances for certain plant and equipment (shown in Table 6-16). This plant and equipment includes; vibratory roller, small hydraulic hammer, medium hydraulic hammer, large hydraulic hammer, vibratory pile driver, pile boring and jack hammer. Of these, only the jackhammer is proposed to be used during the construction of this Proposal. The minimum, working distance for the jackhammer, as set out by this guideline, is 1 metre.

### 6.3.4 Potential impacts

#### Construction phase

Acoustic modelling was undertaken using Bruel and Kjaer's "Predictor" to predict the effects of site noise. Predictor is a computer program for the calculation, assessment and prognosis of noise propagation. Terrain topography, ground absorption, atmospheric absorption and relevant shielding objects are taken into account in the calculations.

The calculated noise levels would inevitably depend on the number and type of plant items and equipment operating at any one time and their precise location relative to the receiver of interest. In practice, the noise levels would vary due to the fact that plant and equipment would move about the worksites and would not all be operating concurrently.

In some cases, reductions in noise levels would occur when plant are located behind obstacles or even other items of equipment. Predicted noise levels have been assessed from each of the work scenarios outlined above.

Results of the predicted construction noise levels are provided in Table 6-12 (for standard construction hours) Table 6-13 (for out of hours day construction), Table 6-14 (for out of hours evening construction), and Table 6-15 (for night construction). The noise levels are representative of the worst-case impact, for a given receiver type and are intended to give an indication of the possible noise levels from construction work when work is at their closest.

For most construction activities, it is expected that construction noise levels would frequently be lower than predicted at the most exposed receiver. A general description of NML exceedance groups are provided below. The impact of these potential exceedances depends on the period in which they were to occur (generally night-time is more sensitive than daytime or evening for most receivers).

- Noise levels 1 – 10 dB(A) above NML – Impact generally marginal to minor
- Noise Levels 11 – 20 dB(A) above NML – Impact generally moderate
- Noise Levels > 20 dB(A) above NML – Impact generally high

**Table 6-12 Predicted Construction Noise Levels SPL dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$  and exceedances of NMLs for standard daytime construction (exceedances shown in red, level of exceedance shown in brackets)**

Receiver	Site Preparation	Utilities Infrastructure	Superstructure	Architectural Features/Finishes	Standard Daytime NML 53dB(A)	Highly Affected Noise Level 75 dB(A)	Exceeds Highly Affected Noise Level?
R1 43 Simmons Street	67 (14)	68 (15)	71 (18)	64 (11)	53	75	No
R2 41 Simmons Street	63 (10)	64 (11)	67 (14)	63 (10)	53	75	No
R3 39 Simmons Street	57 (4)	57 (4)	58 (5)	57 (4)	53	75	No
R4 37 Simmons Street	52	54 (1)	58 (5)	52	53	75	No
R5 35 Simmons Street	42	48	50	41	53	75	No
R6 162 The River Road	34	45	46	31	53	75	No
R7 160 The River Road	49	53	55 (2)	48	53	75	No
R8 158 The River Road	46	53	54 (1)	45	53	75	No
R9 33 Simmons Street	34	44	44	31	53	75	No
R10 38 Simmons Street	65 (12)	65 (12)	65 (12)	62 (9)	53	75	No
R11 36 Simmons Street	63 (10)	63 (10)	67 (14)	60 (7)	53	75	No
R12 34A Simmons Street	61 (8)	61 (4)	63 (10)	57 (4)	53	75	No
R13 34 Simmons Street	50	55 (2)	56 (3)	47	53	75	No
R14 32 Simmons Street	38	51	52	37	53	75	No
R15 131 The River Road	41	51	53	40	53	75	No
R16 129 The River Road	35	52	53	34	53	75	No
R17 127 The River Road	38	56 (3)	56 (3)	37	53	75	No
R18 25 Flood Avenue	43	49	50	36	53	75	No

**Table 6-13 Predicted Construction Noise Levels SPL dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$  and exceedances of NMLs for out of hours daytime construction (exceedances shown in red, level of exceedance shown in brackets)**

Receiver	Site Preparation	Utilities Infrastructure	Superstructure	Architectural Features/Finishes	Out of Hours Daytime NML 48 dB(A)	Highly Affected Noise Level 75 dB(A)
R1 43 Simmons Street	67 (19)	68 (20)	71 (23)	64 (16)	48	75
R2 41 Simmons Street	63 (15)	64 (16)	67 (19)	63 (15)	48	75
R3 39 Simmons Street	57 (9)	57 (9)	58 (10)	57 (9)	48	75
R4 37 Simmons Street	52 (4)	54 (6)	58 (10)	52 (4)	48	75
R5 35 Simmons Street	42	48	50 (2)	41	48	75
R6 162 The River Road	34	45	46	31	48	75
R7 160 The River Road	49 (1)	53 (5)	55 (7)	48	48	75
R8 158 The River Road	46	53 (5)	54 (6)	45	48	75
R9 33 Simmons Street	34	44	44	31	48	75
R10 38 Simmons Street	65 (17)	65 (17)	65 (17)	62 (14)	48	75
R11 36 Simmons Street	63 (15)	63 (15)	67 (19)	60 (12)	48	75
R12 34A Simmons Street	61 (13)	61 (13)	63 (15)	57 (9)	48	75
R13 34 Simmons Street	50 (2)	55 (7)	56 (8)	47	48	75
R14 32 Simmons Street	38	51 (3)	52 (4)	37	48	75
R15 131 The River Road	41	51 (3)	53 (5)	40	48	75
R16 129 The River Road	35	52 (4)	53 (5)	34	48	75
R17 127 The River Road	38	56 (8)	56 (8)	37	48	75
R18 25 Flood Avenue	43	49 (8)	50 (2)	36	48	75

**Table 6-14: Predicted Construction Noise Levels SPL dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$  and exceedances of NMLs for out of hours evening construction (exceedances shown in red, level of exceedance shown in brackets)**

Receiver	Site Preparation	Utilities Infrastructure	Superstructure	Architectural Features/Finishes	Out of Hours Evening NML 45 dB(A)	Highly Affected Noise Level 75 dB(A)
R1 43 Simmons Street	67 (22)	68 (23)	71 (26)	64 (20)	45	75
R2 41 Simmons Street	63 (18)	64 (19)	67 (22)	63 (18)	45	75
R3 39 Simmons Street	57 (12)	57 (12)	58 (13)	57 (12)	45	75
R4 37 Simmons Street	52 (7)	54 (9)	58 (13)	52 (7)	45	75
R5 35 Simmons Street	42	48 (3)	50 (5)	41	45	75
R6 162 The River Road	34	45	46 (1)	31	45	75
R7 160 The River Road	49 (4)	53 (8)	55 (10)	48 (3)	45	75
R8 158 The River Road	46 (1)	53 (8)	54 (9)	45	45	75
R9 33 Simmons Street	34	44	44	31	45	75
R10 38 Simmons Street	65 (20)	65 (20)	65 (20)	62 (17)	45	75
R11 36 Simmons Street	63 (18)	63 (18)	67 (22)	60 (15)	45	75
R12 34A Simmons Street	61 (16)	61 (16)	63 (18)	57 (12)	45	75
R13 34 Simmons Street	50 (5)	55 (10)	56 (11)	47 (2)	45	75
R14 32 Simmons Street	38	51 (6)	52 (7)	37	45	75
R15 131 The River Road	41	51 (6)	53 (8)	40	45	75
R16 129 The River Road	35	52 (7)	53 (8)	34	45	75
R17 127 The River Road	38	56 (11)	56 (11)	37	45	75
R18 25 Flood Avenue	43	49 (4)	50 (5)	36	45	75

**Table 6-15: Predicted Construction Noise Levels SPL dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$  and exceedances of NMLs for out of hours night construction (exceedances shown in red, level of exceedance shown in brackets)**

Receiver	Site Preparation	Utilities Infrastructure	Superstructure	Architectural Features/Finishes	Out of Hours Night-Time NML 38 dB(A)	Highly Affected Noise Level 75 dB(A)
R1 43 Simmons Street	67 (29)	68 (30)	71 (33)	64 (26)	38	75
R2 41 Simmons Street	63 (25)	64 (26)	67 (29)	63 (25)	38	75
R3 39 Simmons Street	57 (19)	57 (19)	58 (28)	57 (19)	38	75
R4 37 Simmons Street	52 (14)	54 (16)	58 (20)	52 (14)	38	75
R5 35 Simmons Street	42 (4)	48 (10)	50 (12)	41 (3)	38	75
R6 162 The River Road	34	45 (7)	46 (8)	31	38	75
R7 160 The River Road	49 (11)	53 (15)	55 (17)	48 (10)	38	75
R8 158 The River Road	46 (8)	53 (15)	54 (16)	45 (7)	38	75
R9 33 Simmons Street	34	44 (6)	44 (6)	31	38	75
R10 38 Simmons Street	65 (27)	65 (27)	65 (27)	62 (24)	38	75
R11 36 Simmons Street	63 (25)	63 (25)	67 (29)	60 (22)	38	75
R12 34A Simmons Street	61 (23)	61 (23)	63 (25)	57 (19)	38	75
R13 34 Simmons Street	50 (12)	55 (17)	56 (18)	47 (9)	38	75
R14 32 Simmons Street	38	51 (13)	52 (14)	37	38	75
R15 131 The River Road	41 (3)	51 (13)	53 (15)	40 (2)	38	75
R16 129 The River Road	35	52 (14)	53 (15)	34	38	75
R17 127 The River Road	38	56 (18)	56 (18)	37	38	75
R18 25 Flood Avenue	43 (5)	49 (11)	50 (12)	36	38	75

The predicted noise levels presented in Table 6-12, Table 6-13, Table 6-14 and Table 6-15 is a worst-case scenario which assumes that all items of plant would be operating at their maximum sound power levels simultaneously. In reality, this is unlikely to occur and actual received sound levels due to construction are expected to be lower than is reported in this assessment. However, in the event this does occur, noise management levels are expected to be exceeded at receivers shown in Table 6-12, Table 6-13, Table 6-14 and Table 6-15.

However, certain less intensive works may need to occur outside standard hours to minimise disruption to customers, pedestrians, road users and nearby sensitive receivers. Approval from Transport for NSW would be required for any out of hours work and the affected community would be notified as outlined in Transport for NSW's *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy*.

Highly affecting noise levels are also predicted to be complied with at all assessed locations. While actual noise levels are not expected to be of this magnitude, it is recommended a construction noise and vibration management plan (CNVMP) be implemented as part of this Proposal to manage and minimise construction noise and vibration.

### c) Operation phase

#### Roads

For existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by additional traffic on existing roads generated by land use developments, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB above that of the corresponding 'no build option'. An  $L_{Aeq}$  noise level increase of more than 2 dB(A) is equivalent to approximately a 60 percent increase in total road traffic. Based on the data in the Futurerail publication, *Commuter Car Park Program – Traffic, Transport and Access Impact Assessment Revesby Commuter Car Park* (Futurerail 2020), The comparison of network performance with and without the expansion of the MSCP show that the road network around the MSCP would increase by a maximum of 8 per cent. As such, it is unlikely the Proposal would increase road noise levels by 2dB(A).

#### Carpark

To assess the potential noise impacts associated with the operation of the Proposal, two key scenarios were assessed:

- general operational noise from normal car park usage within the MSCP; and
- transient noise events such as car door slams, boot slams or horn and alarm emissions and wheel squeals.

For the assessment of operational noise, a sound power for general car usage (i.e. car movement and engine noise) of 75dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$  was adopted. To assess the impact transient noise events such as door or boot slams a sound power level of 85dB(A)  $L_{max}$  was adopted, 120dB(A)  $L_{max}$  for car horns and alarms and 110dB(A)  $L_{max}$  for wheel squeals were utilised.

Predicted noise levels from the general operation of the car park are less than 38dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$  at all existing identified residential receivers satisfying the minimum applicable nighttime project noise trigger level and *Noise Policy for Industry* (EPA, 2017) sleep disturbance trigger level of 40dB(A)  $L_{eq(15min)}$ . However, predicted maximum noise level events from items such as car alarms, horns, and wheel squeals are greater than 52dB(A)  $L_{max}$  at all existing identified residential receivers, which exceeds the operational maximum noise trigger levels for sleep disturbance. Based on this, it is recommended during detailed design an investigation into methods to reduce potential noise emissions emanating from the operation of the carpark be undertaken. Appropriate mitigation measures would then be implemented where possible.

Site observations noted the MSCP has numerous extended skid marks on all levels indicating persons doing 'burnouts' in the MSCP which creates wheel squeal. Residents have reported this as occurring and is disruptive and intrusive. These activities are expected to continue with

the construction of the Proposal. Receivers are impacted by these activities, in part because of the open-air design of the existing and proposed car park.

### 6.3.5 Construction Vibration

The relationship between vibration and the probability of causing human annoyance or damage to structures is complex. This complexity is mostly due to the magnitude of the vibration source, the particular ground conditions between the source and receiver, the foundation-to-footing interaction and the large range of structures that exist in terms of design (e.g. dimensions, materials, type and quality of construction and footing conditions). The intensity, duration, frequency content and number of occurrences of vibration, are all important aspects in both the annoyances caused and the strains induced in structures.

Energy from construction equipment is transmitted into the ground and transformed into vibrations, which attenuates with distance. The magnitude and attenuation of ground vibration is dependent on the following:

- the efficiency of the energy transfer mechanism of the equipment (i.e. impulsive; reciprocating, rolling or rotating equipment)
- the Frequency content
- the impact medium stiffness
- the type of wave (surface or body)
- the ground type and topography.

Due to the above factors, there is inherent variability in ground vibration predictions without site-specific measurement data.

Generally, piling is not expected to be used in this Proposal but is included for information purposes. Based on distances from the Proposal to nearest receivers which are approximately 30 metres away and items of plant to be used, vibration goals are not expected to be exceeded.

The use of any vibration generating equipment would be undertaken in accordance with the minimum working distances specified in the for NSW *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy* (TfNSW, 2019b).

As a guide, minimum working distances from sensitive receivers for typical items of vibration intensive plant are listed in Table 12, based on cosmetic damage, heritage items and human response. The minimum working distances are indicative and would vary depending on the particular item of plant and local geotechnical conditions. They apply to cosmetic damage of typical buildings under typical geotechnical conditions.

**Table 6-16 Recommended Minimum Safe Working Distances for Vibration Intensive Plant from Sensitive Receiver**

Plant Item	Rating / Description	Minimum Distance Cosmetic Damage		Minimum Distance Human Response (NSW EPA Guideline)
		Residential and Light Commercial (BS 7385)	Heritage Items (DIN 4150, Group 3)	
Vibratory Roller	<50 kN (1-2 tonne)	5m	11m	15m to 20m
	<100 kN (2-4 tonne)	6m	13m	20m
	<200 kN (4-6 tonne)	12m	15m	40m
	<300kN (7-13 tonne)	15m	31m	100m
	>300kN (13-18 tonne)	20m	40m	100m
	>300kN (>18 tonne)	25m	50m	100m
Small Hydraulic Hammer	300kg (5 to 12 t excavator)	2m	5m	7m
Medium Hydraulic Hammer	900kg (12 to 18 t excavator)	7m	15m	23m
Large Hydraulic Hammer	1600kg (18 to 34 t excavator)	22m	44m	73m
Vibratory Pile Driver	Sheet Piles	2m to 20m	5m to 40m	20m
Pile Boring	< 800mm	2m (nominal)	5m	4m
Jack Hammer	Hand Held	1m (nominal)	3m	2m

Given the nearest residential receptors are approximately 30 metres from the project, where vibratory rollers are proposed they would be less than 100 kN (2-4 tonne).

Additionally, if hydraulic hammering were to occur, they would be no larger than medium 900kg (12 to 18 t excavator).



### 6.3.6 Mitigation measures

As compliance with operational noise levels is expected once the Proposal is fully operational, no operational mitigation measures are required.

However, prior to commencement of works, a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) would be prepared and implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2009), *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy* (TfNSW, 2019b) and the Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment for the Proposal (RAPT 2020). The CNVMP would take into consideration measures for reducing the source noise levels of construction equipment by construction planning and equipment selection where practicable.

#### Construction

- The CNVMP would outline mitigation measures to be implemented to reduce the noise impact from construction activities including:
  - regularly training workers and contractors (such as at the site induction and toolbox talks) on the importance of minimising noise emissions and how to use equipment in ways to minimise noise
  - avoiding any unnecessary noise when carrying out manual operations and when operating plant
  - ensuring spoil is placed and not dropped into awaiting trucks
  - avoiding/limiting simultaneous operation of noisy plant and equipment within discernible range of a sensitive receiver where practicable
  - switching off any equipment not in use for extended periods e.g. heavy vehicles engines would be switched off whilst being unloaded
  - avoiding deliveries at night/evenings wherever practicable
  - no idling of delivery trucks
  - keeping truck drivers informed of designated vehicle routes, parking locations and acceptable delivery hours for the site
  - minimising talking loudly; no swearing or unnecessary shouting, or loud stereos/radios onsite; no dropping of materials from height where practicable, no throwing of metal items and slamming of doors.
- The CNVMP would include measures to reduce the construction noise and vibration impacts from mechanical activities. Reasonable and feasible noise mitigation options which would be considered, include:
  - maximising the offset distance between noisy plant and adjacent sensitive receivers and determining safe working distances
  - using the most suitable equipment necessary for the construction works at any one time
  - directing noise-emitting plant away from sensitive receivers
  - regularly inspecting and maintaining plant to avoid increased noise levels from rattling hatches, loose fittings etc
  - using non-tonal reversing/movement alarms such as broadband (non-tonal) alarms or ambient noise-sensing alarms for all plant used regularly onsite (greater than one day), and for any out of hours works
  - use of quieter and less vibration emitting construction methods where feasible and reasonable.

- Works would generally be carried out during standard construction hours (i.e. 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday; 8.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays). Any works outside these hours may be undertaken if approved by Transport for NSW and the community is notified prior to these works commencing. An Out of Hours Work application form would be prepared by the Construction Contractor and submitted to Transport for NSW for approval for any works outside standard hours.
- Works would be undertaken in accordance with the Transport for NSW *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy* (TfNSW, 2019b).
- As per the *Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy* (TfNSW, 2019b), construction activities with special audible characteristics (high noise impact, intensive vibration, impulsive or tonal noise emissions) would be limited to standard hours, starting no earlier than 8.00 am; and to continuous blocks not exceeding three hours each with a minimum respite from those activities and works of not less than one hour between each block, unless otherwise approved by Transport for NSW.
- As the distance to the nearest residential receptor is 30m:
  - If needed, <100 kN (2-4 tonne) vibratory rollers would be used
  - If needed, <900kg (12 to 18 t excavator) hydraulic hammers would be used
- Work would be conducted behind temporary hoardings/screens wherever practicable. The installation of construction hoarding would take into consideration the location of residential receivers to ensure that 'line of sight' is broken, where feasible.
- Vibration resulting from construction and received at any structure outside of the Proposal area would be managed in accordance with:
  - for structural damage vibration - German Standard *DIN 4150: Part 3 – 1999 Structural Vibration in Buildings: Effects on Structures* and British Standard *BS 7385-2:1993 Guide to Evaluation of Human Exposure to Vibration in Buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)*
  - for human exposure to vibration the acceptable vibration - values set out in the *Environmental Noise Management Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline* (Department of Environment and Conservation, 2006) which includes British Standard *BS 7385-2:1993 Guide to Evaluation of Human Exposure to Vibration in Buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)*.
- A noise monitoring program would be included in the CNVMP and implemented to quantify noise emissions from construction activities and guide practical reasonable and feasible noise control measures.

### Operation:

- During detailed design, investigate methods to reduce potential noise emissions emanating from the operation of the carpark. Appropriate mitigation measures would be implemented where reasonable and feasible.
- Design carpark in such a way to ensure tyre squeal is compliant with operational noise criteria.
- Install speed bumps from end to end on all levels of MSCP
- Install antiskid materials on concrete to minimise wheel squealing
- Install video surveillance cameras on all levels (to minimise anti-social driving behaviour).

## 6.4 Aboriginal heritage

### 6.4.1 Existing environment

A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) resulted in no records within 200 metres of the Proposal area.

The Proposal site has low archaeological potential, and it is considered unlikely that any Aboriginal heritage items would be located in the vicinity of the Proposal due to the history of disturbance.

### 6.4.2 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

The Proposal would involve limited ground disturbance. The disturbance would occur on land that has previously been disturbed. There are no AHIMS sites within 200 metres of the Proposal site. As such, it is considered unlikely that Aboriginal heritage items would be encountered.

#### b) Operation phase

The Proposal is not expected to cause any impacts on Aboriginal heritage during operation.

### 6.4.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- All construction staff would undergo an induction in the recognition of Aboriginal cultural heritage material. This training would include information such as the importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage material and places to the Aboriginal community, as well as the legal implications of removal, disturbance and damage to any Aboriginal cultural heritage material and sites.
- If unforeseen Aboriginal objects are uncovered during construction, the procedures contained in TfNSW's *Unexpected Heritage Finds Guideline* (TfNSW, 2016a) would be followed, and works within the vicinity of the find would cease immediately. The Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager so they can assist in co-ordinating next steps which are likely to involve consultation with an Aboriginal heritage consultant, the OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council. If human remains are found, work would cease, the site secured and the NSW Police and the OEH notified. Where required, further archaeological investigations and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit would be obtained prior to works recommencing at the location.

## 6.5 Non-Aboriginal heritage

### 6.5.1 Existing environment

A desktop assessment was undertaken to identify potential non-Aboriginal heritage items within the vicinity of the Proposal. The assessment included a review of the following online databases:

- National Heritage List
- NSW State Heritage Register
- Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015

The assessment did not identify any national or state listed heritage items within the site boundaries.

The following items are listed on the RailCorp s170 Heritage register:

- Revesby Railway Station Group, located about 100 metres to the south of the Proposal, historically associated with major public work completed as an unemployment relief project during the Great Depression, and as a major transport hub for the suburb of Revesby since 1931

There are no items listed on the *Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015* in proximity to the proposal.

### 6.5.2 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

The construction phase of the Proposal would not cause any direct impacts to the heritage items in the vicinity of the Proposal area.

#### b) Operation phase

The operational phase of the Proposal would not cause any direct impacts to the heritage items in the vicinity of the Proposal area.

### 6.5.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- In the event that any unanticipated archaeological deposits are identified within the project site during construction, the procedures contained in TfNSW's *Unexpected Heritage Finds Guideline* (TfNSW, 2016a) would be followed, and works within the vicinity of the find would cease immediately.
- The Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and the TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager so they can assist in co-ordinating the next steps which are likely to involve consultation with an archaeologist and OEH. Where required, further archaeological work and/or consents would be obtained for any unanticipated archaeological deposits prior to works recommencing at the location.

## 6.6 Biodiversity

### 6.6.1 Existing environment

An assessment of the Proposal site in accordance with the Transport for NSW *Vegetation Offset Guide* (2019a) was undertaken by NGH ecologists based on a desktop review of

existing information and a site visit conducted on 13 October 2020 by the environmental consultant.

Six species of flora were identified within the study area which included four natives and two exotic. A number of the native species identified on site were typically utilised as landscape canopy trees and/or street trees. The overall assemblage of species within the landscape is typical of a landscaped vegetation area, which includes:

- *Corymbia sp.* (Bloodwood possibly Red Flowering Gum)
- *Casuarina glauca* (Swamp Oak)
- *Eucalyptus moluccana* (Grey Box)
- *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowood)
- *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* (Tuckeroo)
- *Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon Scented Gum)
- *Syncarpia glomulifera* (Turpentine).

As such, this area has been mapped as 'Urban/Exotic Vegetation'.

### **Habitat assessment**

No trees containing habitat features including hollows, nests or dreys were observed during the site visit. A dense mid storey was absent as was coarse woody debris and dense leaf litter on the ground. The site may occasionally provide a roosting resource or a foraging resource for some woodland birds.

### **Threatened ecological communities**

As the vegetation was mapped as 'Urban/Exotic Vegetation', no Threatened Ecological Communities occur within the study area.

### **Threatened Flora**

Downy Wattle *Acacia pubescens* (flora, EPBC vulnerable, BC vulnerable) has been previously recorded within 500 metres of the Proposal, however no threatened flora was observed during the site visit of the study area.

### **Threatened Fauna**

Fauna that has been previously recorded within 500 metres of the Proposal include Grey-headed Flying Fox *Pteropus poliocephalus* (EPBC vulnerable, BC vulnerable). Despite no threatened fauna being observed within the study area during the site visit, the area may occasionally be utilised as a roosting/ foraging resource for threatened fauna.

## **6.6.2 Potential impacts**

### **a) Construction phase**

Transport for NSW has prepared a *Vegetation Offset Guide* (TfNSW, 2019a) to assist in meeting biodiversity sustainability targets and provide a consistent approach for offsetting impacts to vegetation on Transport for NSW projects.

The Proposal would clear 6 small native trees and one medium native tree and 4 small trees native to Western Australia as shown in Table 6-17 and Figure 6-11. In addition a non-native shrub would also be removed (no. 7).

**Table 6-17 Vegetation impacts**

Tree number	Species	Native	Size	Impact from Proposal
1	Bloodwood <i>Corymbia sp.</i>	No - Native to Western Australia	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
2	Bloodwood <i>Corymbia sp.</i>	No - Native to Western Australia	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
3	Bloodwood <i>Corymbia sp.</i>	No - Native to Western Australia	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
4	Bloodwood <i>Corymbia sp.</i>	No - Native to Western Australia	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
5	Swamp Oak <i>Casuarina glauca</i>	Yes - Native	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
6	Swamp Oak <i>Casuarina glauca</i>	Yes - Native	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
7	Unidentified exotic plant (not a tree)	No - Exotic	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
8	Grey Box <i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i>	Yes - Native	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
9	Grey Box <i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i>	Yes - Native	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
10	Tallowood <i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Yes - Native but landscape planting	Medium -15-60 cm DBH	Trim
11	Tallowood <i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Yes - Native but landscape planting	Medium -15-60 cm DBH	Cleared
12	Tallowood <i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Yes - Native but landscape planting	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared
13	Tuckeroo <i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	Yes - Native but landscape planting	Small <15 cm DBH	Cleared

Native trees (refer to Table 6-17) may provide marginal foraging habitat for some woodland birds. However, due to better alternative habitat available nearby, the young age of the trees,

these trees are not considered habitat for threatened entities. Additionally, during construction, a small amount of landscaped areas, landscaped shrubs and turf areas would be impacted within the development footprint. Due to the minor to negligible nature of the biodiversity impacts proposed, offsets are not required under the BC Act.

The TfNSW *Vegetation Offset Guide* (2019a) provides offsets requirements where the vegetation proposed to be cleared has an impact on non-threatened vegetation (i.e. plant communities that are not listed as threatened ecological communities on the BC and/or EPBC Acts). As the vegetation proposed to be cleared is part of landscaping, is considered “Native Vegetation” and would pose an impact to a non-threatened vegetation, offsets would be required.

The TfNSW *Vegetation Offset Guide* (2019a) indicates that secondary offsets would be required. Given that there are a total of 8 native trees to NSW that would be cleared by the proposed works, the single tree calculator from the *Vegetation Offset Guide* (2019a) was used. Six trees are considered small (DBH < 15 cm), and one medium (15 cm < DBH <60 cm). Small trees require an offset ratio of 2:1, while medium trees require an offset ratio of 4:1. Therefore a total of 16 native plants would be required for offset.

No Priority Weeds (listed under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*) were observed during the site visit; however, these species may be present as dormant propagules.

Importation of materials and plant and equipment used on other sites could import priority weeds to the Proposal site.

Although they may occur on occasion, due to the lack of habitat features such as nests, dreys, and hollows, the removal of trees is unlikely to cause a significant impact to threatened fauna species.



**Figure 6-11 Trees to be removed for the Proposal (shown in red)**



## b) Operation phase

The operational phase of the Proposal would not cause any direct impacts to the flora and fauna of the area.

### 6.6.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- Construction of the Proposal would be undertaken in accordance with TfNSW's *Vegetation Management (Protection and Removal) Guideline* (TfNSW, 2018c) and TfNSW's *Fauna Management Guideline* (TfNSW, 2019d).
- All workers would be provided with an environmental induction prior to commencing work onsite. This induction would include information on the protection measures to be implemented to protect vegetation, penalties for breaches and locations of areas of sensitivity.
- Disturbance of vegetation would be limited to the minimum amount necessary to construct the Proposal. Trees/vegetation nominated to be removed for the Proposal would be clearly demarcated onsite prior to construction, to avoid unnecessary vegetation removal. Trees to be retained would be protected through temporary protection measures discussed below.
- Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) would be established around trees to be retained. Tree protection would be undertaken in line with AS 4970-2009 *Protection of Trees on Development Sites* and would include exclusion fencing of TPZs.
- A total of 11 trees (7 native trees to NSW) would be cleared by the proposed works. 1 non-native shrub would also be cleared. As per the TfNSW *Vegetation Offset Guide* 2019a, the removal of the native vegetation would require offsets as described above. A total of 16 native plants would be required for offset.
- The area north of the MSCP would be used for at least part of the offset site, to minimise visual impacts to residences north of this Proposal.
- In the event of any tree to be retained becoming damaged during construction, the Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager to coordinate the response which may include contacting an arborist to inspect and provide advice on remedial action, where possible.
- Should the detailed design or onsite works determine the need to remove or trim any additional trees, which have not been identified in the REF, the Construction Contractor would be required to complete TfNSW's Tree Removal Application Form and submit it to TfNSW for approval.
- Weed control measures, consistent with TfNSW's *Weed Management and Disposal Guideline* (TfNSW, 2015), would be developed and implemented as part of the CEMP to manage the potential dispersal and establishment of weeds during the construction phase of the project. This would include the management and disposal of weeds in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2015. Additionally, plant and equipment would be cleaned prior to accessing the Proposal site.

## 6.7 Socio-economic impacts

### 6.7.1 Existing environment

A mixture of housing densities surround the site, with low density detached dwellings to the north and east, and mixed commercial/medium density to the south.

Abel Reserve is located about 70 metres south of the Revesby MSCP, and is the site of the proposed bicycle rack construction. Beyond Abel Reserve lies Revesby Station and the T8 Airport & South Line rail line. The existing MSCP is adjacent to commercial and retail premises to the west, commercial and residential mixed premises to the south and a KFC restaurant to the north.

Revesby Station is an important transport hub for a range of commuters traveling to and from Sydney City and South West Growth Area.

### 6.7.2 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

During construction, the Proposal would have transport and noise and vibration impacts, as described in Section 6.1 and 6.3. These impacts would have socio-economic consequences; temporarily reducing parking spaces during construction and potentially disturbing nearby residences, particularly if residents are working from home.

#### b) Operation phase

It is anticipated that, once operational, the provision of additional parking spaces would increase the number of vehicles operating within the immediate vicinity of the Proposal. However, as identified in the TTAIA, the additional traffic would be limited to peak periods.

There would be an improvement in the connectivity of Revesby Station for commuters as well as an improvement in safety by reducing potential illegal parking and parking in local streets. The new parking facilities would help to encourage more people to use public transport. As a result, it is expected that the Proposal would have a positive impact on existing and planned nearby businesses.

### 6.7.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- Sustainability criteria for the Proposal would be established to encourage the Construction Contractor to purchase goods and services locally, helping to ensure the local community benefits from the construction of the Proposal.
- A Community Liaison Management Plan would be prepared prior to construction to identify all potential stakeholders and best practice methods for consultation with these groups during construction. The plan would also encourage feedback and facilitate opportunities for the community and stakeholders to have input into the project, where practicable.
- Contact details for a 24-hour construction response line, Project Infoline and email address would be provided for ongoing stakeholder contact throughout the construction phase.
- The community would be kept informed of construction progress, activities and impacts in accordance with the Community Liaison Management Plan to be developed prior to construction.

## 6.8 Contamination, geology and soils

### 6.8.1 Existing environment

The Proposal site is comprised of a reinforced concrete MSCP. The proposed construction would disturb a small, landscaped area.

Due to the site history of the MSCP construction, urban development and rail construction, the Proposal site is expected to be on disturbed land comprised of fill materials.

Scaffolding and other construction activities may disturb soils immediately surrounding the existing Revesby MSCP. The construction of the bicycle infrastructure would disturb soils at Abel Reserve. These sites, based on their current land use of recreational parks/landscaped areas, are not expected to hold contamination at surface levels.

There are no mapped acid sulfate soils within the Proposal site. The nearest site notified to the EPA under the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997* is greater than 500 metres away.

### 6.8.2 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

During construction, ground disturbance around the MSCP and at the bicycle rack could result in erosion and sediment impacts. Stockpile areas could be a source of sediment during rain events.

Vehicle movements, particularly of off-road machinery, could cause tracking of sediment across asphalt areas.

These impacts are readily manageable and are therefore considered to be minor and short term.

#### b) Operation phase

The operational phase of the Proposal would not cause any direct impacts or contamination to soils and geology.

### 6.8.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

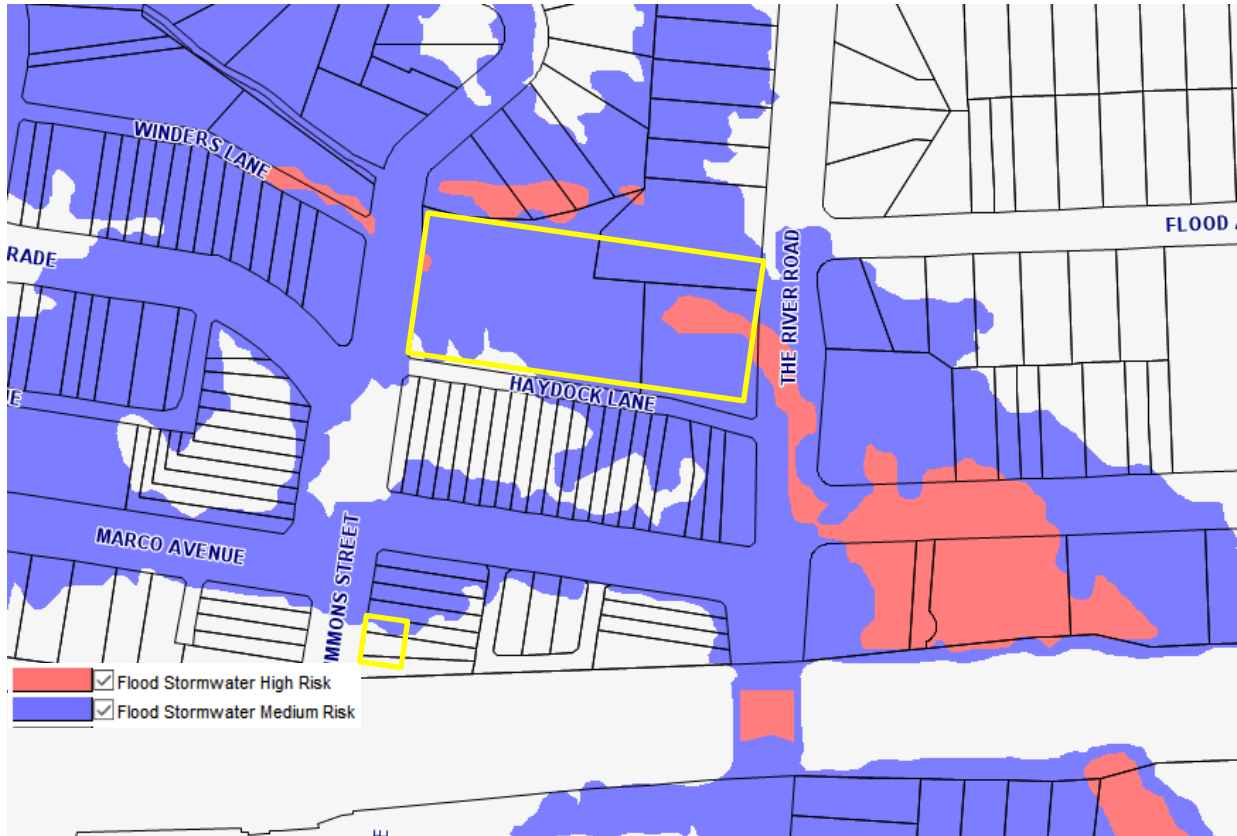
- Prior to commencement of works, a site-specific Erosion and Sediment Control Plan would be prepared in accordance with the 'Blue Book' Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) and updated throughout construction so it remains relevant to the activities. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan measures would be implemented prior to commencement of works and maintained throughout construction.
- Erosion and sediment control measures would be established prior to site establishment activities and would be maintained and regularly inspected (particularly following rainfall events) to ensure their ongoing functionality. Erosion and sediment control measures would be maintained and left in place until the works are complete and areas are stabilised.
- Stockpiles would be located outside of drainage paths and away from drainage lines.

## 6.9 Hydrology and water quality

### 6.9.1 Existing environment

The Proposal would be located on an existing MSCP, constructed from concrete. This area has very low erosion potential. The Proposal site is gently sloping to flat, likely draining east towards Little Salt Pan Creek and to the Georges River. There are no mapped Freshwater Fish Communities nearby to Proposal site.

The Proposal is located predominantly in a 'medium' risk area, with a small portion considered 'high' risk, for stormwater flooding, as shown in Figure 6-12. When the existing Revesby MSCP was constructed, a section of the eastern lower level was left as a flood mitigation area.



**Figure 6-12 Flood risk (stormwater) nearby to the Proposal site. Proposal site shown in yellow (Bankstown LEP, 2015)**

### 6.9.2 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

The greatest risk to hydrology and water quality during construction is from the release of oils, fuel and other hazardous chemicals during construction. Equipment failures such as hydraulic hose failures have the potential to release fuel and oil into the environment, which can then be washed into waterways.

During construction, improperly stored hazardous chemicals such as adhesives, paint and solvents have the potential to be released into the environment. Releases of this kind can have an impact to receiving water quality.

These impacts are readily avoidable and manageable and are therefore considered to be minor and short term.

## b) Operation phase

As exposed hard surface would remain unchanged the Proposal is not expected to increase run off from hard stand areas and is not expected to have a hydrological impact during construction.

While the Proposal is located in a flood prone land, it is not expected to cause any changes to flood patterns as it would not alter the catchment area, or change runoff patterns.

### 6.9.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- A process for preparing the site for flood events would be detailed in the CEMP, and would be enacted if a flood warning is issued.
- Vehicles and machinery would be properly maintained and routinely inspected to minimise the risk of fuel/oil leaks. Construction plant, vehicles and equipment would also be refuelled offsite, or in a designated refuelling area.
- All fuels, chemicals and hazardous liquids would be stored away from drainage lines, within an impervious bunded area in accordance with Australian Standards, EPA Guidelines and TfNSW's *Chemical Storage and Spill Response Guidelines* (TfNSW, 2018e).
- Adequate water quality and hazardous materials procedures (including spill management procedures, use of spill kits and procedures for refuelling and maintaining construction vehicles/equipment) would be implemented in accordance with relevant EPA guidelines and the TfNSW *Chemical Storage and Spill Response Guidelines* (TfNSW, 2018e) during the construction phase. All staff would be made aware of the location of the spill kits and be trained in how to use the kits in the case of a spill.
- In the event of a pollution incident, works would cease in the immediate vicinity and the Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager. The EPA would be notified by TfNSW if required, in accordance with Part 5.7 of the POEO Act.
- The existing drainage systems would remain operational throughout the construction phase.

## 6.10 Air quality

### 6.10.1 Existing environment

The Proposal site is located with low density residential sites to the north and east, a train-station and recreational parks to the south and shopping areas to east, south and west. Each of these sites are considered sensitive air quality receivers. About 60 metres south-east of the Proposal site is KU Revesby Preschool.

The air quality at the Proposal site would be influenced by The River Road, immediately to the east of the Proposal site, which experiences moderate volumes of traffic. The National Pollutant Inventory does not show any sites within 500 m of the Proposal site.

### 6.10.2 Potential impacts

#### a) Construction phase

During construction, machinery used to complete the proposed works would generate low levels of emissions. Given the location of the site on a road contribution is expected to be negligible.

The proposed construction activities, such as concrete saw cutting and stockpiles may result in dust emissions during construction. Given these impacts are considered readily manageable, this impact is considered short term and minor.

## **b) Operation phase**

The Proposal would result in marginally higher volume of traffic accessing the Revesby MSCP which would increase the air quality impacts during peak times. In the overall context of the site, this impact is minor given the moderate volumes of traffic that use The River Road nearby.

The Proposal would promote the use of public transport and may result in less commuters journeying via car for their whole commute. This may have a long-term positive air quality impact.

### **6.10.3 Mitigation measures**

#### **Construction**

- Air quality management and monitoring for the Proposal would be undertaken in accordance with TfNSW's *Air Quality Management Guideline* (TfNSW, 2018f).
- Methods for management of emissions would be incorporated into project inductions, training and pre-start/toolbox talks.
- Plant and machinery would be regularly checked and maintained in a proper and efficient condition. Plant and machinery would be switched off when not in use, and not left idling.
- Vehicle and machinery movements during construction would be restricted to designated areas and sealed/compacted surfaces where practicable.
- To minimise the generation of dust from construction activities, the following measures would be implemented:
  - apply water (or alternate measures) to exposed surfaces (e.g. unpaved roads, stockpiles, hardstand areas and other exposed surfaces)
  - cover stockpiles when not in use
  - appropriately cover loads on trucks transporting material to and from the construction site and securely fix tailgates of road transport trucks prior to loading and immediately after unloading
  - prevent mud and dirt being tracked onto sealed road surfaces.

## **6.11 Waste and resources**

### **6.11.1 Potential impacts**

#### **Construction phase**

Construction activities would generate waste from the following streams:

- demolition waste (predominantly comprised of concrete and some reinforcing steel)
- packaging transportation materials
- surplus and wasted construction materials
- concrete washout
- food and household waste from construction personnel

## a) Operation phase

The operational phase of the Proposal is not expected to cause additional waste to be generated or resources to be used.

### 6.11.2 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- The CEMP (or separate Waste Management Plan, if necessary) must address waste management and would at a minimum:
  - identify all potential waste streams associated with the works and outline methods of disposal of waste that cannot be reused or recycled at appropriately licensed facilities
  - detail other onsite management practices such as keeping areas free of rubbish
  - specify controls and containment procedures for hazardous waste and asbestos waste
  - outline the reporting regime for collating construction waste data.
- All spoil and waste must be classified in accordance with the *Waste Classification Guidelines Part 1: Classifying Waste* (EPA, 2014) prior to disposal.
- Any concrete washout would be established and maintained in accordance with TfNSW's *Concrete Washout Guideline* (TfNSW, 2018g) with details included in the CEMP and location marked on the ECM.

## 6.12 Bushfire risk

### 6.12.1 Existing environment

The Proposal areas is highly urbanised, and the site has not been identified as bush fire prone land or poses significant extent of contiguous vegetation.

### 6.12.2 Potential impacts

#### Construction phase

Some construction activities that may cause or increase the risk of bush fire include:

- site preparation activities such as vegetation removal and use of power tools
- operating a petrol, gas or diesel-powered vehicles or plants near land containing combustible material
- operating plant fitted with power hydraulics on land containing combustible material
- undertaking 'hot' works (for example welding, use of oxy acetylene torches)
- storage of fuel.

Due to the distance from the vegetation to the west of the site, the increased risk would be minimal.

#### Operation phase

The Proposal would be unlikely to increase bushfire risk in the vicinity of the Proposal. The Proposal would not increase bushfire fuel volumes or increase the risk of ignition of vegetation.

### 6.12.3 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- Bushfire risk management measures would be incorporated in the CEMP to minimise risk of bushfire from construction activities particularly during high risk days. High risk activities would be undertaken with care or avoided where possible during high risk bushfire weather.
- To minimise risk from bushfires to the Proposal during operation the following would be considered during detailed design:
  - limited use of timber
  - urban design is to limit selection of large canopy trees close to buildings
  - adequate ventilation to minimise risk of bushfire smoke impacts.

### 6.13 Sustainability

The design of the Proposal would be based on the principles of sustainability, including the application of the Transport for NSW Environmental Management System, which includes the use of the benchmarking tool, *TfNSW Climate Change Risk Assessment Guidelines* (TfNSW, 2016b), *TfNSW Sustainable Design Guidelines Version 4.0* (TfNSW, 2019d) and the *TfNSW Carbon Estimation and Reporting Tool* (TfNSW, 2017d).

Approximately 90 per cent of construction waste and demolition waste (by weight) would aim to be diverted from landfill. All usable spoil would be to be beneficially reused on site where possible. Water consumption during construction would be monitored and reported on and consumption of potable water would be reduced where practicable.

The Proposal would provision for future electric vehicle charging stations. This would include cable containment for up to 58 electric vehicle charging stations and ensuring sufficient power supply for electric vehicle charging stations (up to 20, to be determined in detailed design). The Proposal would target additional levels of sustainability in accordance with the *TfNSW Sustainable Design Guidelines – Version 4.0* (TfNSW, 2019d).

#### 6.13.1 Mitigation measures

##### Construction

- Inclusion of solar panels during detailed design and incorporated into the operation of the car park.
- A detailed Climate Change Risk Assessment would be undertaken during detailed design, including options detailed in Section 6.14. Recommendations made in the assessment would be implemented unless otherwise agreed with Transport for NSW Sustainability team.
- All new electrical equipment for the car park to be at least market average star rating. In categories where no star ratings are available, equipment purchased should be recognised as high efficiency either by being ENERGY STAR accredited, in a high efficiency band under Australian Standards or being above-average efficiency of Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) registered products.

### 6.14 Climate change

The dynamic nature of our climate system indicates a need to focus attention on how to adapt to the changes in climate and understand the limitation of adaptation. The effects of climate on the Sydney region can be assessed in terms of weather changes, storm intensity, flooding and increased risk of fire.



A climate Risk Assessment was undertaken for the Commuter Car Park Program (Transport for NSW, 2020), which identified the following key risks:

- extreme temperature events
- extreme rainfall events
- storms and strong winds
- bushfires.

Climate change is expected to cause an increase in the intensity of rainfall events, whereby, for example, the rainfall expected to occur in a one or ten per cent Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood event would occur more frequently. The Proposal site is located on identified flood prone area (refer to Section 6.9). Water Sensitive Urban Design options would be investigated during development of detailed design of the Proposal, along with identification of options to reduce the runoff burden to the existing drainage system.

Detailed design would include a detailed Climate Change Risk Assessment. The assessment would include options to minimise impacts of extreme heat, including selection of materials for durability in extreme conditions and that minimise heat retention, urban design elements that provide adequate shade (such as rooftop shading provided by solar panels), and minimise water use. Furthermore, the Climate Change Risk Assessment would consider relevant wind codes, surface water modelling and asset protection from hail and lightning.

While climate change cause challenges for the transport network at large, the Proposal is not expected to be threatened by climate change in any specific way. This is because; the Proposal is not located in an area of coastal vulnerability, or subject to bushfire risk. Flood may pose some risk to the Revesby MSCP; however mitigation measures were incorporated into the design of the existing MSCP. The Proposal would be constructed at a height beyond flood levels.

## 6.15 Greenhouse gas emissions

An increase in greenhouse gas emissions, primarily carbon dioxide, would be expected during construction of the Proposal due to exhaust emissions from construction machinery and vehicles transporting materials and personnel to and from site.

The detailed design process would undertake a carbon foot printing exercise in accordance with Transport for NSW's *Carbon Estimate and Reporting Tool Manual* (TfNSW, 2017). The carbon footprint would be used to inform decision making in design and construction. Materials used in construction of the Proposal would be selected on the basis of sustainability principles, in particular lower carbon content and use of recycled materials to minimise generation of greenhouse gases.

Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the construction activities of the Proposal would be short-term and temporary. Furthermore, greenhouse gas emissions generated during construction would be kept to a minimum through the implementation of the standard mitigation measures detailed in Chapter 7.

It is anticipated that, once operational, the provision of additional parking spaces would increase the number of vehicles operating within the immediate vicinity of the Proposal however many of these vehicles already travel to the station and park either in the existing car park or on the surrounding streets. However longer trips to major employment areas such as the CBD may be reduced through uptake of public transport. A modal shift in transport usage may reduce the amount of fuel consumed by private motor vehicles with a corresponding relative reduction in associated greenhouse gas emissions in the local area.

Furthermore, solar panels would be incorporated into detailed design. By adopting solar panels, the operation of the car park would be less reliant on electricity from the grid; and would therefore result in benefits including and not limited to:

- Reducing the car park's demand for grid electricity during peak times and therefore result in reduced loads on the electricity network;

- Reducing the operations greenhouse gas emissions, consequently reducing the car park's carbon footprint and therefore contributing to the NSW's Governments net-zero emissions by 2050 target;
- Contributing to the decarbonisation of the electricity network as a result of any excess energy produced from solar being fed back in to the local electricity grid;
- Reducing the heat load on the building's roof and in the building as a whole and contributing to lower summer temperatures at the car park, as a result of the shadowing from solar panels; and
- Reducing the risk of exposure to escalating energy costs and carbon pricing in the future; as well as cost savings in grid electricity bills over the life of the car park.

Solar panels may have a visual impact to surrounding residents and park users, however given the existing height of the car park it is considered this would have a minimal impact and would be further considered through detailed design and Urban Design Plan.

During operation, if the Proposal successfully diverts commuters from traveling via personal vehicles and onto public transport. In addition, the Proposal would involve installing the wiring necessary to construct 58 electrical vehicle charging locations. If these aspects are realised, the Proposal would contribute to assisting in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

## 6.16 Cumulative impacts

Cumulative impacts occur when two or more projects are carried out concurrently and in close proximity to one another. The impacts may be caused by both construction and operational activities and can result in a greater impact to the surrounding area than would be expected if each project were to be undertaken in isolation. Multiple projects undertaken at a similar time/similar location may also lead to construction fatigue, particularly around noise, traffic and air quality impacts, if not appropriately managed.

A search of the DPIE's Major Projects Register, City of Canterbury Bankstown Panel Development and Planning Register, and City of Canterbury Bankstown Development Application Register in December 2020 identified that two major development applications, that are not yet determined, are listed in about 400 metres south of the site. These developments have not yet been approved and are:

- New Bankstown Private Hospital
- Bingo Revesby Resource Recovery Facility expansion

These developments are likely to generate traffic, noise, air quality and visual impacts. Both of these Proposals are at the 'Prepare EIS' stage and are therefore unlikely to be constructed concurrently with this Proposal. Additionally, both Proposal sites are greater than 1 kilometre from the site of this Proposal. Based on this assessment, no cumulative impacts are expected.

The potential cumulative impacts associated with the Proposal would be further considered as the design develops and as further information regarding the location and timing of potential developments is released. Environmental management measures would be developed and implemented as appropriate.

### 6.16.1 Mitigation measures

#### Construction

- The potential cumulative impacts associated with the Proposal would be further considered as the design develops and as further information regarding the location and timing of potential developments is released. Environmental management measures would be developed in the CEMP and implemented as appropriate.
- Consultation with relevant stakeholders undertaking development in the vicinity of the Proposal would be undertaken prior to finalisation of the detailed design.

## 7 Environmental management

This chapter of the REF identifies how the environmental impacts of the Proposal would be managed through environmental management plans and mitigation measures.

### 7.1 Environmental management plans

A CEMP for the construction phase of the Proposal would be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Transport for NSW Environmental Management System. The CEMP would provide a centralised mechanism through which all potential environmental impacts relevant to the Proposal would be managed and outline a framework of procedures and controls for managing environmental impacts during construction.

The CEMP would incorporate but not be limited to the following key sub plans:

- Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan
- Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Waste Management Plan

The CEMP would also include at a minimum all environmental mitigation measures identified below in Section 7.2 any conditions from licences or approvals required by legislation, and a process for demonstrating compliance with such mitigation measures and conditions.

### 7.2 Mitigation measures

Mitigation measures for the Proposal are listed in Table 7-1: These proposed measures would minimise the potential adverse impacts of the Proposal identified in Chapter 6 should the Proposal proceed.

**Table 7-1: Proposed mitigation measures**

No.	Mitigation measure
<b>General</b>	
1.	A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) would be prepared by the Construction Contractor in accordance with the relevant requirements of <i>Environmental Management Plan Guidelines: Guideline for Infrastructure Projects</i> (NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, 2020) ) for approval by Transport for NSW, prior to the commencement of construction and following any revisions made throughout construction.
2.	A project risk assessment including environmental aspects and impacts would be undertaken by the Construction Contractor prior to the commencement of construction and documented as part of the CEMP.
3.	An Environmental Controls Map (ECM) would be developed by the Construction Contractor in accordance with Transport for NSW's <i>Guide to Environmental Controls Map</i> (TfNSW, 2017b) for approval by Transport for NSW, prior to the commencement of construction and following any revisions made throughout construction.
4.	Prior to the commencement of construction, all contractors would be inducted on the key project environmental risks, procedures, mitigation measures and conditions of approval.

No.	Mitigation measure
5.	Site inspections to monitor environmental compliance and performance would be undertaken during construction at appropriate intervals.
6.	Service relocation would be undertaken in consultation with the relevant authority. Contractors would mark existing services on a services plan included with the ECM to avoid direct impacts during construction.
7.	Any modifications to the Proposal, if approved, would be subject to further assessment and approval by Transport for NSW. This assessment would need to demonstrate that any environmental impacts resulting from the modifications have been minimised.
<b>Traffic and transport</b>	
8.	<p>Prior to the commencement of construction, a Construction Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP) would be prepared as part of the CEMP and would include at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensuring adequate road signage at construction work sites to inform motorists and pedestrians of the work site ahead to ensure that the risk of road accidents and disruption to surrounding land uses is minimised</li> <li>• maximising safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists</li> <li>• ensuring adequate sight lines to allow for safe entry and exit from the site</li> <li>• ensuring access to railway stations, businesses, entertainment premises and residential properties (unless affected property owners have been consulted and appropriate alternative arrangements made)</li> <li>• managing impacts and changes to on and off-street parking and requirements for any temporary replacement provision</li> <li>• parking locations for construction workers away from stations and busy residential areas and details of how this would be monitored for compliance</li> <li>• routes to be used by heavy construction-related vehicles to minimise impacts on sensitive land uses and businesses</li> <li>• identification of final site compound, loading zones, and worker and vehicle parking. These activities may be confined to within the construction site to minimise disruption to the local area</li> <li>• details for rail replacement bus stops if required, including appropriate signage to direct patrons, in consultation with the relevant bus operators. Particular provisions would also be considered for the accessibility impaired</li> <li>• measures to manage traffic flows around the area affected by the Proposal, including as required regulatory and direction signposting, line marking and variable message signs and all other traffic control devices necessary for the implementation of the CTMP.</li> <li>• scheduling roadworks that would affect the existing local road network outside of peak periods or during the night to minimise the impact on local traffic.</li> <li>• scheduling the movement of construction vehicles and deliveries outside of peak periods to minimise the impact on local traffic.</li> </ul>

No.	Mitigation measure
9.	During intermittent closures of the MSCP Simmons Street entrance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ appropriate signage should be in place to warn users that the Simmons Street entrance is closed, and direct traffic to the River Road entrance</li> <li>○ direction of the one-way Haydock Lane should be reversed to improve egress routes for vehicles exiting the MSCP wishing to head southbound</li> <li>○ the impact of any detour traffic on the local road network should also be investigated</li> </ul>
10.	Confine construction activities within the construction site as much as possible to minimise disruption to the local area.
11.	Identification of final construction traffic access routes, site compound, loading zones, and worker and construction vehicle parking.
12.	Scheduling the movement of construction vehicles and deliveries outside of peak periods to minimise the impact on local traffic.
13.	Consultation with the relevant road authorities would be undertaken during preparation of the CTMP. The performance of all project traffic arrangements must be monitored during construction.
14.	Communication would be provided to the community and local residents to inform them of changes to parking, pedestrian access and/or traffic conditions including vehicle movements and anticipated effects on the local road network relating to site works.
15.	Workers will not be permitted to park in designated commuter spaces within the station precinct to minimise disruption for commuters.
16.	Future proofing for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations by provisioning the power supply for up to 13 charging stations (to be determined during detailed design), and cable containment for up to 38 spaces within the additional spaces

### **Landscape and visual amenity**

17. An Urban Design Plan (UDP) would be prepared in consultation with the relevant council, and submitted to TfNSW for endorsement by the Precincts and Urban Design team, prior to finalisation of the detailed design. The UDP, at a minimum, would address the following:
- a Public Domain Plan and an Urban Design Plan would be prepared which includes replacement planting to address vegetation removed during construction.
  - the appropriateness of the proposed design with respect to the existing surrounding landscape, built form, behaviours and use-patterns (including consideration of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles). This is to include but not be limited to:
  - connectivity with surrounding local and regional movement networks including street networks, other transport modes and active transport networks. Existing and proposed paths of travel for pedestrians should be shown

No.	Mitigation measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>integration with surrounding local and regional open space and or landscape networks. Existing and proposed open space infrastructure/landscape elements should be shown</li> <li>integration with surrounding streetscape including street wall height, active frontages, awnings, street trees, entries, vehicle cross overs etc</li> <li>integration with surrounding built form (existing or desired future) including building height, scale, bulk, massing and land-use</li> <li>design detail that is sensitive to the amenity and character of heritage items located within or adjacent to the Proposal site</li> <li>minimisation of over-shadowing impacts to nearby residents</li> </ul>
18.	All permanent lighting would be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements of standards relevant to <i>AS 1158 Road Lighting</i> and <i>AS 4282 Controlling the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting</i> .
19.	Worksite compounds would be screened with shade cloth (or similar material, where necessary) to minimise visual impacts from key viewing locations.
20.	Temporary hoardings, barriers, traffic management and signage would be removed when no longer required.
21.	During construction, graffiti would be removed in accordance with TfNSW's Standard Requirements.
22.	Following construction, trees removed during the Proposal would be replaced to provide as good or better screening than was provided by the existing trees that would be removed.
<b>Noise and vibration</b>	
23.	<p>The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) would outline mitigation measures to be implemented to reduce the noise impact from construction activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>regularly training workers and contractors (such as at the site induction and toolbox talks) on the importance of minimising noise emissions and how to use equipment in ways to minimise noise</li> <li>avoiding any unnecessary noise when carrying out manual operations and when operating plant</li> <li>ensuring spoil is placed and not dropped into awaiting trucks</li> <li>avoiding/limiting simultaneous operation of noisy plant and equipment within discernible range of a sensitive receiver where practicable</li> <li>switching off any equipment not in use for extended periods e.g. heavy vehicles engines would be switched off whilst being unloaded</li> <li>avoiding deliveries at night/evenings wherever practicable</li> <li>no idling of delivery trucks</li> <li>keeping truck drivers informed of designated vehicle routes, parking locations and acceptable delivery hours for the site</li> </ul>

No.	Mitigation measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>minimising talking loudly; no swearing or unnecessary shouting, or loud stereos/radios onsite; no dropping of materials from height where practicable, no throwing of metal items and slamming of doors.</li> </ul>
24.	<p>The CNVMP would include measures to reduce the construction noise and vibration impacts from mechanical activities. Reasonable and feasible noise mitigation options which would be considered, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximising the offset distance between noisy plant and adjacent sensitive receivers and determining safe working distances</li> <li>using the most suitable equipment necessary for the construction works at any one time</li> <li>directing noise-emitting plant away from sensitive receivers</li> <li>regularly inspecting and maintaining plant to avoid increased noise levels from rattling hatches, loose fittings etc</li> <li>using non-tonal reversing/movement alarms such as broadband (non-tonal) alarms or ambient noise-sensing alarms for all plant used regularly onsite (greater than one day), and for any out of hours works</li> <li>use of quieter and less vibration emitting construction methods where feasible and reasonable.</li> </ul>
25.	<p>Works would generally be carried out during standard construction hours (i.e. 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday; 8.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays). Any works outside these hours may be undertaken if approved by TfNSW and the community is notified prior to these works commencing. An Out of Hours Work application form would be prepared by the Construction Contractor and submitted to TfNSW for approval for any works outside standard hours.</p>
26.	<p>Works would be undertaken in accordance with the <i>TfNSW Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy</i> (TfNSW, 2019b).</p>
27.	<p>As per the <i>Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy</i> (TfNSW, 2019b), construction activities with special audible characteristics (high noise impact, intensive vibration, impulsive or tonal noise emissions) would be limited to standard hours, starting no earlier than 8.00 am; and to continuous blocks not exceeding three hours each with a minimum respite from those activities and works of not less than one hour between each block, unless otherwise approved by TfNSW.</p>
28.	<p>As the distance to the nearest residential receptor is 30m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If needed, &lt;100 kN (2-4 tonne) vibratory rollers would be used</li> <li>If needed, &lt;900kg (12 to 18 t excavator) hydraulic hammers would be used</li> </ul>
29.	<p>Work would be conducted behind temporary hoardings/screens wherever practicable. The installation of construction hoarding would take into consideration the location of residential receivers to ensure that 'line of sight' is broken, where feasible.</p>

No.	Mitigation measure
30.	<p>Vibration resulting from construction and received at any structure outside of the Proposal area would be managed in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for structural damage vibration - German Standard DIN 4150: Part 3 – 1999 <i>Structural Vibration in Buildings: Effects on Structures</i> and British Standard BS 7385-2:1993 <i>Guide to Evaluation of Human Exposure to Vibration in Buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)</i></li> <li>for human exposure to vibration the acceptable vibration - values set out in the <i>Environmental Noise Management Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation, 2006) which includes British Standard BS 7385-2:1993 <i>Guide to Evaluation of Human Exposure to Vibration in Buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)</i>.</li> </ul>
31.	<p>A noise monitoring program would be included in the CNVMP and implemented to quantify noise emissions from construction activities and guide practical reasonable and feasible noise control measures.</p>
32.	<p>During detailed design, investigate methods to reduce potential noise emissions emanating from the operation of the carpark (existing and proposed). Appropriate mitigation measures would be implemented where reasonable and feasible.</p>
33.	<p>Design carpark in such a way to ensure tyre squeal is compliant with operational noise criteria.</p>
34.	<p>Install speed bumps from end to end on all levels of MSCP</p>
35.	<p>Install antiskid materials on concrete to minimise wheel squealing</p>
36.	<p>Install video surveillance cameras on all levels (to minimise anti-social driving behaviour)</p>
<p><b>Aboriginal heritage</b></p>	
37.	<p>All construction staff would undergo an induction in the recognition of Indigenous cultural heritage material. This training would include information such as the importance of Indigenous cultural heritage material and places to the Indigenous community, as well as the legal implications of removal, disturbance and damage to any Indigenous cultural heritage material and sites.</p>
38.	<p>If unforeseen Indigenous objects are uncovered during construction, the procedures contained in TfNSW's <i>Unexpected Heritage Finds Guideline</i> (TfNSW, 2016a) would be followed, and works within the vicinity of the find would cease immediately. The Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager so they can assist in co-ordinating next steps which are likely to involve consultation with an Aboriginal heritage consultant, the OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council. If human remains are found, work would cease, the site secured and the NSW Police and the OEH notified. Where required, further archaeological investigations and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit would be obtained prior to works recommencing at the location.</p>



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<b>Non-Aboriginal heritage</b>	
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| 39. | In the event that any unanticipated archaeological deposits are identified within the project site during construction, the procedures contained in TfNSW's <i>Unexpected Heritage Finds Guideline</i> (TfNSW, 2016a) would be followed, and works within the vicinity of the find would cease immediately.  |
| 40. | The construction contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and the TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager so they can assist in co-ordinating the next steps which are likely to involve consultation with an archaeologist and OEHL. Where required, further archaeological work and/or consents would be obtained for any unanticipated archaeological deposits prior to works recommencing at the location. |

<b>Biodiversity</b>	
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| 41. | Construction of the Proposal would be undertaken in accordance with <i>TfNSW's Vegetation Management (Protection and Removal) Guideline</i> (TfNSW, 2018c) and <i>TfNSW's Fauna Management Guideline</i> (TfNSW, 2019d).  |
| 42. | All workers would be provided with an environmental induction prior to commencing work onsite. This induction would include information on the protection measures to be implemented to protect vegetation, penalties for breaches and locations of areas of sensitivity.   |
| 43. | Disturbance of vegetation would be limited to the minimum amount necessary to construct the Proposal. Trees/vegetation nominated to be removed for the Proposal would be clearly demarcated onsite prior to construction, to avoid unnecessary vegetation removal. Trees to be retained would be protected through temporary protection measures discussed below.   |
| 44. | Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) would be established around trees to be retained, as nominated in the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report (RPS 2018)). Tree protection would be undertaken in line with AS 4970-2009 <i>Protection of Trees on Development Sites</i> and would include exclusion fencing of TPZs.  |
| 45. | In the event of any tree to be retained becoming damaged during construction, the Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager to coordinate the response which may include contacting an arborist to inspect and provide advice on remedial action, where possible.   |
| 46. | Should the detailed design or onsite works determine the need to remove or trim any additional trees, which have not been identified in the REF, the Construction Contractor would be required to complete TfNSW's <i>Tree Removal Application Form</i> and submit it to TfNSW for approval.  |
| 47. | Weed control measures, consistent with TfNSW's <i>Weed Management and Disposal Guideline</i> (TfNSW, 2015), would be developed and implemented as part of the CEMP to manage the potential dispersal and establishment of weeds during the construction phase of the project. This would include the management and disposal of weeds in accordance with the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> . Additionally, plant and equipment would be cleaned prior to accessing the Proposal site. |

No.	Mitigation measure
<b>Socio-economic</b>	
48.	Sustainability criteria for the Proposal would be established to encourage the Construction Contractor to purchase goods and services locally, helping to ensure the local community benefits from the construction of the Proposal.
49.	A Community Liaison Plan would be prepared prior to construction to identify all potential stakeholders and best practice methods for consultation with these groups during construction. The plan would also encourage feedback and facilitate opportunities for the community and stakeholders to have input into the project, where practicable.
50.	Contact details for a 24-hour construction response line, Project Infoline and email address would be provided for ongoing stakeholder contact throughout the construction phase.
51.	The community would be kept informed of construction progress, activities and impacts in accordance with the Community Liaison Plan to be developed prior to construction.
<b>Soils and water</b>	
52.	Prior to commencement of works, a site-specific Erosion and Sediment Control Plan would be prepared in accordance with the <i>'Blue Book' Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction</i> (Landcom, 2004) and updated throughout construction so it remains relevant to the activities. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan measures would be implemented prior to commencement of works and maintained throughout construction.
53.	Erosion and sediment control measures would be established prior to site establishment activities and would be maintained and regularly inspected (particularly following rainfall events) to ensure their ongoing functionality. Erosion and sediment control measures would be maintained and left in place until the works are complete and areas are stabilised.
54.	Stockpiles would be located outside of drainage paths and away from drainage lines.
<b>Hydrology and water quality</b>	
55.	A process for preparing the site for flood would be detailed in the CEMP, and would be enacted if a flood warning is issued.
56.	Vehicles and machinery would be properly maintained and routinely inspected to minimise the risk of fuel/oil leaks. Construction plant, vehicles and equipment would also be refuelled offsite, or in a designated refuelling area.
57.	All fuels, chemicals and hazardous liquids would be stored away from drainage lines, within an impervious bunded area in accordance with Australian Standards, EPA Guidelines and TfNSW's <i>Chemical Storage and Spill Response Guidelines</i> (TfNSW, 2018e).

No.	Mitigation measure
58.	Adequate water quality and hazardous materials procedures (including spill management procedures, use of spill kits and procedures for refuelling and maintaining construction vehicles/equipment) would be implemented in accordance with relevant EPA guidelines and the TfNSW <i>Chemical Storage and Spill Response Guidelines</i> (TfNSW, 2018e) during the construction phase. All staff would be made aware of the location of the spill kits and be trained in how to use the kits in the case of a spill.
59.	In the event of a pollution incident, works would cease in the immediate vicinity and the Construction Contractor would immediately notify the TfNSW Project Manager and TfNSW Environment and Planning Manager. The EPA would be notified by TfNSW if required, in accordance with Part 5.7 of the POEO Act.
60.	The existing drainage systems would remain operational throughout the construction phase.
<b>Air quality</b>	
61.	Air quality management and monitoring for the Proposal would be undertaken in accordance with Transport for NSW's <i>Air Quality Management Guideline</i> (Transport for NSW, 2018f).
62.	Methods for management of emissions would be incorporated into project inductions, training and pre-start/toolbox talks.
63.	Plant and machinery would be regularly checked and maintained in a proper and efficient condition. Plant and machinery would be switched off when not in use, and not left idling.
64.	Vehicle and machinery movements during construction would be restricted to designated areas and sealed/compacted surfaces where practicable.
65.	<p>To minimise the generation of dust from construction activities, the following measures would be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply water (or alternate measures) to exposed surfaces (e.g. unpaved roads, stockpiles, hardstand areas and other exposed surfaces)</li> <li>• cover stockpiles when not in use</li> <li>• appropriately cover loads on trucks transporting material to and from the construction site and securely fix tailgates of road transport trucks prior to loading and immediately after unloading</li> <li>• prevent mud and dirt being tracked onto sealed road surfaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Waste and contamination</b>	
66.	<p>The CEMP (or separate Waste Management Plan, if necessary) must address waste management and would at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify all potential waste streams associated with the works and outline methods of disposal of waste that cannot be reused or recycled at appropriately licensed facilities</li> <li>• detail other onsite management practices such as keeping areas free of rubbish</li> </ul>

No.	Mitigation measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specify controls and containment procedures for hazardous waste and asbestos waste</li> <li>• outline the reporting regime for collating construction waste data.</li> </ul>
67.	All spoil and waste must be classified in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines Part 1: Classifying waste</i> (EPA, 2014) prior to disposal.
68.	Any concrete washout would be established and maintained in accordance with TfNSW's <i>Concrete Washout Guideline</i> (TfNSW, 2018g) with details included in the CEMP and location marked on the ECM.
<b>Bushfire Risk</b>	
69.	Bushfire risk management measures would be incorporated in the CEMP to minimise risk of bushfire from construction activities particularly during high risk days. High risk activities would be undertaken with care or avoided where possible during high risk bushfire weather.
70.	To minimise risk from bushfires to the Proposal during operation the following would be considered during detailed design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited use of timber</li> <li>• urban design is to limit selection of large canopy trees close to buildings</li> <li>• adequate ventilation to minimise risk of bushfire smoke impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability, climate change and greenhouse gases</b>	
71.	Inclusion of solar panels during detailed design and incorporated into the operation of the car park.
72.	A detailed Climate Change Risk Assessment would be undertaken during detailed design, including options detailed in Section 6.14. Recommendations made in the assessment would be implemented unless otherwise agreed with Transport for NSW Sustainability team.
73.	All new electrical equipment for the car park to be at least market average star rating. In categories where no star ratings are available, equipment purchased should be recognised as high efficiency either by being ENERGY STAR accredited, in a high efficiency band under Australian Standards or being above-average efficiency of Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) registered products.
<b>Cumulative</b>	
74.	The potential cumulative impacts associated with the Proposal would be further considered as the design develops and as further information regarding the location and timing of potential developments is released. Environmental management measures would be developed in the CEMP and implemented as appropriate.
75.	Consultation with relevant stakeholders undertaking development in the vicinity of the Proposal would be undertaken prior to finalisation of the detailed design.

## 8 Conclusion

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This REF has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.5 of the EP&A Act, taking into account to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the Proposal.

The Proposal would provide the following benefits:

- provision of additional commuter parking in close proximity to Revesby Station facilitating improved opportunities to change modes of transport.
- an increase in the accessibility and convenience to and from Revesby Station, potentially increasing the use of public transport
- improvement of the customer experience by providing modern car parking facilities with weather protection and security features including lighting and CCTV cameras
- reduction in the need for commuters to park in local streets, and illegal parking behaviours, potentially improving traffic and road safety.

The following key impacts have been identified should the Proposal proceed:

- minor increases in local traffic movements during operation of the proposed car park
- moderate noise and moderate to high visual impacts including overshadowing associated with the car park expansion
- temporary reduction in parking capacity within the existing car park, changes to access arrangements (including pedestrian diversions) and minor delays on the adjacent road network during construction
- temporary visual, noise and vibration impacts during the construction period
- removal of 11 trees which would be replaced in accordance with the *TfNSW Vegetation Offset Guide* (TfNSW, 2019a).

This REF has considered and assessed these impacts in accordance with clause 228 of the EP&A Regulation and the requirements of the EPBC Act (refer to Chapter 6, Appendix A and Appendix B). Based on the assessment contained in this REF, it is considered that the Proposal is not likely to have a significant impact upon the environment or any threatened species, populations or communities. Accordingly, an EIS is not required, nor is the approval of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

The Proposal has also taken into account the principles of ESD and sustainability (refer to Section 6.13). These would be considered further during the detailed design, construction and operational phases of the Proposal. This would ensure the Proposal is delivered to maximum benefit to the community, is cost effective and minimises any adverse impacts on the environment.

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# Appendix A Consideration of matters of National Environmental Significance

The table below demonstrates Transport for NSW's consideration of the matters of NES under the EPBC Act to be considered in order to determine whether the Proposal should be referred to Commonwealth Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

Matters of NES	Impacts
<p><b>Any impact on a World Heritage property?</b> There are no World Heritage properties within 1km of the Proposal.</p>	Nil
<p><b>Any impact on a National Heritage place?</b> There are no National Heritage places within 1km of the Proposal</p>	Nil
<p><b>Any impact on a wetland of international importance?</b> There are no wetlands of international importance within 1km of the Proposal.</p>	Nil
<p><b>Any impact on a listed threatened species or communities?</b> It is unlikely that the development of the Proposal would significantly affect listed threatened species or communities (see Section 6.6)</p>	Nil
<p><b>Any impacts on listed migratory species?</b> It is unlikely that the development of the Proposal would significantly affect any listed migratory species.</p>	Nil
<p><b>Does the Proposal involve a nuclear action (including uranium mining)?</b> The Proposal does not involve a nuclear action.</p>	Nil
<p><b>Any impact on a Commonwealth marine area?</b> There are no Commonwealth marine areas in the vicinity of the Proposal.</p>	Nil
<p><b>Does the Proposal involve development of coal seam gas and/or large coal mine that has the potential to impact on water resources?</b> The Proposal is for a transport facility and does not relate to coal seam gas or mining.</p>	Nil
<p><b>Additionally, any impact (direct or indirect) on Commonwealth land?</b> The Proposal would not be undertaken on or near any Commonwealth land.</p>	Nil



## Appendix B Consideration of clause 228

The table below demonstrates Transport for NSW's consideration of the specific factors of clause 228 of the EP&A Regulation in determining whether the Proposal would have a significant impact on the environment.

Factor	Impacts
<p><b>(a) Any environmental impact on a community?</b></p> <p>There would be some temporary impacts to the community during construction, particularly in relation to noise, traffic, access and visual amenity. The temporary reduction of parking spaces at the existing car park would be an inconvenience to commuters. Mitigation measures outlined in Chapter 7 would be implemented to manage and minimise adverse impacts.</p>	Minor
<p><b>(b) Any transformation of a locality?</b></p> <p>The Proposal would change a visible element through the expansion of a multi-storey car park at Revesby Station.</p> <p>The Proposal would have a positive contribution to the locality by helping to address the high demand for commuter car parking spaces. The Proposal also provides infrastructure that supports potential growth and provides improved public transport facilities.</p>	Minor
<p><b>(c) Any environmental impact on the ecosystem of the locality?</b></p> <p>Due to the removal of planted vegetation within the site, the Proposal would have a negligible impact on the local ecosystem as discussed in Section 6.6. Vegetation removal would be subject to offsetting in accordance with the Transport for NSW <i>Vegetation Offset Guide</i> (Transport for NSW, 2019).</p>	Negligible
<p><b>(d) Any reduction of the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or other environmental quality or value of a locality?</b></p> <p>Some short-term impacts during construction would be anticipated, particularly in relation to noise, traffic and access and visual amenity. There would be some moderate to high impacts to visual amenity in particular for future residents adjacent the Proposal site.</p> <p>The visual impacts from the Proposal are anticipated to be moderate for adjacent residents during operation. A landscape and visual impact assessment was completed and is summarised in Section 6.2.</p>	Moderate
<p><b>(e) Any effect on a locality, place or building having aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific or social significance or other special value for present or future generations?</b></p> <p>The Proposal site is not located in close proximity to any registered heritage items, and Aboriginal Heritage items are unlikely to be harmed by the Proposal. The visual impacts from the Proposal are anticipated to be moderate.</p> <p>During operation the Proposal would have positive impacts to the community through providing a modern car park structure with improved access, lighting and safety measures (such as CCTV). The car park would be consistent with the form and scale of adjacent developments.</p>	Minor

Factor	Impacts
<p><b>(f) Any impact on the habitat of protected fauna (within the meaning of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>)?</b></p> <p>The impacts on the habitat of protected fauna is likely to be negligible (see Section 6.6). Vegetation removal would be required to facilitate the development of the Proposal and would be subject to offsetting in accordance with the Transport for NSW <i>Vegetation Offset Guide</i> (Transport for NSW, 2019).</p>	Negligible
<p><b>(g) Any endangering of any species of animal, plant or other form of life, whether living on land, in water or in the air?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is unlikely to endanger species (see Section 6.6). Vegetation removal would be required to facilitate the development of the Proposal and would be subject to offsetting in accordance with the Transport for NSW <i>Vegetation Offset Guide</i> (Transport for NSW, 2019).</p>	Negligible
<p><b>(h) Any long-term effects on the environment?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is unlikely to have any long-term effects on the environment.</p>	Nil
<p><b>(i) Any degradation of the quality of the environment?</b></p> <p>The Proposal would result in the minor removal of vegetation. Impacts from the Proposal would be minimised by the implementation of the mitigation measures identified in Chapter 7.</p>	Minor
<p><b>(j) Any risk to the safety of the environment?</b></p> <p>Construction of the Proposal would be managed in accordance with the mitigation measures outlined in this REF and a CEMP. The Proposal is unlikely to cause risks to the safety of the environment provided the recommended mitigation measures are implemented.</p>	Minor
<p><b>(k) Any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is unlikely to have any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment.</p>	Nil
<p><b>(l) Any pollution of the environment?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is unlikely to cause any pollution to the environment provided the recommended mitigation measures are implemented.</p>	Minor
<p><b>(m) Any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is unlikely to cause any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste.</p> <p>All waste would be managed and disposed of in accordance with the EPA <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> (EPA, 2014). Mitigation measures would be implemented to ensure waste is reduced, reused or recycled where practicable.</p>	Negligible
<p><b>(n) Any increased demands on resources (natural or otherwise) that are, or are likely to become, in short supply?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is unlikely increase demands on resources that are or are likely to become in short supply.</p>	Nil

Factor	Impacts
<p><b>(o) Any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities?</b></p> <p>The cumulative effects of the Proposal are described in Section 6.16. Where feasible, environmental management measures would be coordinated to reduce any cumulative construction impacts. The Proposal is unlikely to have any significant adverse long-term impacts.</p>	Moderate
<p><b>(p) Any impact on coastal processes and coastal hazards, including those under projected climate change conditions?</b></p> <p>The Proposal is not located in the coastal zone and would not affect or be affected by any coastal processes or hazards.</p>	Nil

