

Killara Station Upgrade

Community notification – Addendum REF determination

Approved design changes

Following the public display of the Killara Station Upgrade Addendum Review of Environmental Factors (REF), and the preparation of a Determination Report, the new design changes proposed for the Killara Station Upgrade have now been approved.

The REF was on public display for two weeks in September 2022. We would like to thank the community for their interest and feedback.

The Determination Report and associated Conditions of Approval are available for the public to view on the Transport for NSW website - transport.nsw.gov.au/killara

The design changes include:

- a deflection wall on the approach of the down track (away from city) in proximity to the footbridge (Culworth Avenue side)
- a deflection wall on the approach of the up track (towards city) in proximity to the footbridge (Werona Avenue side)
- the reduction of the canopy originally proposed from the footbridge extension (retaining canopy coverage at lift waiting areas).

What we heard

The project team received 13 submissions from the community during the Addendum REF period. The submissions were considered by the project team and responded to in the Determination Report.

Key themes which emerged during consultation were:

- concerns relating to the design and visual impact of the deflection walls
- objections to reducing the proposed canopy coverage
- concerns about the heritage impact of the design changes
- concerns about the design and planning process relating to these design changes
- general comments about the station design and amenity.

Canopy reduction and heritage

Killara Station and the suburb of Killara is known for its historic garden setting and relatively intact heritage footbridge and platform buildings. It is recognised the station garden has high importance and is a source of pride in the local community.

Throughout the year and during detailed design development, we investigated lightweight design refinements for the footbridge canopy, to respond to visual dominance concerns previously raised by key stakeholders. However, engineering constraints have made it difficult to achieve this outcome.

The amended design has resulted in the reduction of the proposed canopy of the footbridge to provide cover for the lift landing areas only. This simplified design will reduce the visual impact of new structures at the station by minimising the bulk and scale of the project. It will also minimise disruption of views to the rail corridor and heritage gardens and maintains a scale that better compliments existing heritage structures.

Deflections walls and ongoing design development

Deflection walls are often constructed to protect existing structures from collapse in the event of a train derailment and meet safety requirements.

During the development of the original REF in mid 2021, a support structure (deflection wall) was identified as the best way to protect the footbridge structures on the Culworth Avenue side of the station.

During the detailed design phase of the project, collision protection for the footbridge structure on the Werona Avenue side of the station was also explored. Further consultation with Sydney Trains identified the need for deflection walls on the Werona Avenue side of the station also, to protect the supports of the existing heritage footbridge from collision and collapse should there be impact from a train derailment.

A *Heritage Landscape Plan* will be prepared to identify ways the visual impact of the deflection walls can be reduced, and the design will continue to be developed in consultation with a qualified heritage architect and key stakeholders.



Artist's impression of the proposed deflection walls at Killara Station, subject to detailed design

Next steps

Early work on the approved design changes is due to commence in November 2022, weather permitting.

We will continue to consult with Ku-ring-gai Council and other key stakeholders regarding design development and will continue to keep the community informed throughout construction.

Have your say

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team:

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