



# SERVICES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

(Open to the public)

**Monday 18 November 2019**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 7.57pm

**Attendance**

Councillor Coral Ross (Chairperson)  
Councillor Cynthia Watson (Mayor)  
Councillor Jane Addis  
Councillor Phillip Healey  
Councillor Steve Hurd  
Councillor Jim Parke  
Councillor Felicity Sinfield  
Councillor Jack Wegman

**Apologies**

Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth (Leave of absence)  
Councillor Garry Thompson (Leave of absence)

**Officers**

Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Freer	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Shiran Wickramasinghe	Director City Planning
Carolyn Terry	Executive Manager People Culture and Development
David Thompson	Manager Governance
Zoran Jovanovski	Manager Strategic Planning
Jim Hondrakis	Manager Traffic and Transport
Helen Pavlidis	Acting Coordinator Governance
Jo Liu	Senior Strategic Planner
Eren Cakmakkaya	Media and Advocacy Specialist
Tony Mithen	Strategic Communications Specialist
Elizabeth Manou	Governance Projects Officer

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## **1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes**

Nil

## **2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer**

Nil

## **3. Presentation of officer reports**

### **3.1 Camberwell Green Association Presentation and Next Steps**

The purpose of this report is to enable the Camberwell Green Association (CGA) to present their proposal to Council and outline potential next steps.

The CGA launched a campaign in early 2018 to partially close Reserve Road, Camberwell and convert the Reserve Road car park to public open space (Camberwell Green proposal). In addition, a petition in support of the Camberwell Green proposal was received by Council on 12 June 2019. Further, Camberwell Primary School (CPS) has submitted a proposal requesting the closure of part of Reserve Road between the two CPS campuses and expressing their support to the Camberwell Green proposal.

The Reserve Road Car Park occupies land known as Allotment 113C Boroondara and part of Allotment 113D Boroondara. These allotments are Crown Land managed by Council. According to the Government Gazette (January 1969), the Crown Land parcel Allotment 113C was reserved for “children’s playground / car park”, and Allotment 113D was reserved for “public gardens”. The current configuration of the subject land reflects a change in layout associated with the 2010 upgrades to the Camberwell Civic Centre and environs, which accommodated permanent car parking for a large portion of the site, with a corner of the site providing for open play space benefiting the former Our Lady of Victories (OLV) Primary School and subsequently CPS.

Council officers sought further information from the CGA on the details of the proposal to better understand the aspirations of providing additional open space on the subject land. Following further discussions with the representatives of the CGA, it was agreed the CGA would present their proposal to the Services Special Committee (SSC). Members of the public who have registered an interest regarding the proposal including CPS and community members who had signed the Camberwell Green petition have been invited to the SSC.

As Council is yet to consider the Camberwell Green proposal and assess its merit, this report does not present any recommendations on whether the proposal should be supported. As previously stated the purpose of this report is to enable the CGA to present their proposal to Council.

It is recommended Council notes the proposal and undertake community consultation on the proposal to seek feedback from the broader community. It is also recommended an independent consultant be appointed to undertake further analysis of the proposal and make recommendations for Council to consider at a future meeting in early 2020.

*Fourteen speakers opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.*

### **Procedural Motion - Adjournment**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Healey**

**Seconded Councillor Hurd**

**That the Services Special Committee Meeting be adjourned.**

#### **CARRIED**

*The Services Special Committee Meeting adjourned at 9.36pm.*

### **Procedural Motion - Resumption**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Healey**

**Seconded Councillor Sinfield**

**That the Services Special Committee Meeting be resumed.**

#### **CARRIED**

*The Services Special Committee Meeting resumed at 9.49pm with all councillors present except Councillor Hollingsworth and Councillor Thompson.*

*Four speakers opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.*

*Five speakers in support of the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.*

### **Procedural Motion - Time Limit for Meeting**

**Moved Councillor Healey**

**Seconded Councillor Hurd**

**That the Services Special Committee resolve, in accordance with Clause 22 of the City of Boroondara Meeting Procedure Local Law, that the Services Special Committee meeting continue to 11.30pm.**

#### **CARRIED**

**MOTION**

Moved Councillor Wegman

Seconded Councillor Healey

That the Services Special Committee resolve to:

1. Note the Camberwell Green proposal presented by the Camberwell Green Association.
2. Authorise officers to engage an independent consultant to assess and make recommendations to Council on the Camberwell Green proposal.
3. Authorise officers to undertake public consultation on the Camberwell Green proposal to inform the independent consultant's recommendations to Council on the proposal.

LOST

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Parke**

**Seconded Councillor Sinfield**

**That the Services Special Committee resolve to:**

- 1. Not proceed with community consultation on the Camberwell Green proposal.**
- 2. Not support the Camberwell Green proposal.**
- 3. Not support the funding and ongoing maintenance of public open space at the Reserve Road Car Park in the event the State Government determine to convert the Reserve Road Car Park to public open space.**

**CARRIED****4. General business**

Nil

**5. Urgent business**

Nil

**6. Confidential business**

Nil

**The meeting concluded at 11.16pm**

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson**

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**Date**

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