Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Campbelltown Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)?

Campbelltown LSPS provides the broad land use vision for the Campbelltown Local Government Area over the next 20 years and identifies major trends and issues that will influence growth and change within the area.

Campbelltown LSPS also:

- Outlines the characteristics that make our city special;
- Identifies shared values to be enhanced or maintained;
- Directs how future growth and change will be managed;
- Informs future changes to planning rules in Campbelltown Local Environmental Plan 2015 and Council's Development Control Plans;
- Implements the Region and District Plans as relevant to the Campbelltown Local Government Area; and
- Identifies where further detailed strategic planning and studies may be needed.

2. Why do we need a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The NSW Government requires each council to prepare a Local Strategic Planning Statement. The LSPS will guide more detailed planning as our city responds to changes over the next 20 years.

3. What is the difference between the Campbelltown Community Strategic Plan and Campbelltown Local Strategic Planning Statement?

A Community Strategic Plan, which all councils in NSW are required to prepare, provides a broad direction for all aspects of a council's operation. Campbelltown's Community Strategic Plan sets four key objectives for our city's future:

- A vibrant, liveable city;
- A respected and protected natural environment;
- A thriving, attractive city; and
- A successful city.

Campbelltown LSPS has adopted and aligned these outcomes to the Region and District Plan themes, and explores how these outcomes can guide land use, and matters related to land use, in Campbelltown over the next 20 years.

4. How does the Campbelltown Local Strategic Planning Statement relate to Reimagining Campbelltown CBD (Phase 1) – Sydney's Southern Gateway Vision?

Campbelltown LSPS includes a 20 year vision for the Campbelltown Local Government Area, while Reimagining Campbelltown Phase 1 puts forward the community's vision for the future of the Campbelltown, Macarthur and Leumeah centres.

Reimagining Campbelltown CBD Phase 1 has also established six principles to guide future growth and change within the three centres, which are as follows:

- 1. No Grey to be Seen
- 2. City and Bush
- 3. Connected Places and Community

- 4. Confident and Self-Driven
- 5. Centre of Opportunity
- 6. The Good Life

The Reimagining Campbelltown CBD Phase 1 vision and principles have been used to inform development of the broader vision and planning priorities for the whole city that form part of the Campbelltown LSPS.

Council is currently in the process of preparing Reimagining Campbelltown CBD Phase 2, which includes the development of a master plan. This project is listed as an action within the Campbelltown LSPS.

5. What is the difference between the Campbelltown LSPS and Campbelltown Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2015?

Campbelltown LEP 2015 applies planning controls such as land use zones to individual properties. The Campbelltown LSPS establishes the broad land use vision across Campbelltown and provides the reasoning for the allocation of land use zones across Campbelltown in the future.

It also guides future changes to the Campbelltown LEP 2015 as circumstances envisaged by the Campbelltown LSPS unfold. An example of this would be future changes to land use zoning in response to expected increasing demand for housing.

The Campbelltown LSPS also identifies the need for further local strategic planning such as precinct and master planning, local character statements, and local housing and infrastructure strategies.

The LSPS will assist applicants when preparing planning and development related proposals and applications. It will also assist Council staff in the assessment of proposals and applications. The LSPS would also be used to provide clarity on matters referred to the Land and Environment Court.

6. How does the Campbelltown LSPS relate to Campbelltown (Sustainable City) Development Control Plan (DCP) 2015?

The DCP provides detailed requirements for the design of developments, such as the design of new buildings or the subdivision pattern for a new suburb. The LSPS will guide future changes to the Campbelltown DCP 2015 as circumstances envisaged by the LSPS unfold.

An example of this would be to develop urban design principles to guide new subdivisions, development and redevelopment, precinct and master planning.

7. How does the Campbelltown LSPS relate to Local Infrastructure Provision by developers?

The LSPS will assist Council when considering infrastructure needs to support growth. This will promote transparency and clarity by identifying upfront the strategic infrastructure priorities for Campbelltown and the infrastructure that needs to be provided by the development industry, either by development contributions or by planning agreement.

8. How does the Campbelltown LSPS relate to Major Infrastructure Provision by the Australian and NSW Governments?

The LSPS will assist Council in identifying the need for major infrastructure in conjunction with population growth that would need to be provided by, or funded by, government.

9. What matters must a Local Strategic Planning Statement address?

An LSPS must be generally consistent with any requirements of the Australian and NSW Governments. In particular, the Campbelltown LSPS must be consistent with:

- Directions for a Greater Sydney 2017-2056;
- Greater Sydney Region Plan A Metropolis of Three Cities Connecting People;
- Building Momentum State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2036;
- Future Transport Strategy 2056;
- Our Greater Sydney 2056 Western City District Plan Connecting Communities;
- Western Sydney City Deal Vision, Partnership, Delivery; and
- Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

The LSPS may also have the ability to inform future updates to the documents listed above, with the intention of ensuring Campbelltown's needs are given due consideration by government.

The LSPS also includes matters that Council will raise with the Australian and NSW Governments that may affect land use planning in Campbelltown. An example would include working with the NSW Government to ensure that major road links, rail services, schools and health facilities are provided in conjunction with major rezonings for new suburbs.

An LSPS also needs to be supported by the NSW Government before it can be made and come into effect.

10. What does the Campbelltown LSPS contain?

The LSPS is required to include or identify:

- The basis for strategic planning in Campbelltown, having regard to economic, social and environmental matters;
- The planning priorities for Campbelltown that are consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan, the Western City District Plan and the Community Strategic Plan;
- The actions required for achieving the identified planning priorities; and
- The basis on which Council will monitor and report on the implementation of the identified actions.

The LSPS also outlines major issues that Council wishes to raise with the other levels of government as circumstances arise. For example, it raises the need with the NSW Government to provide the Spring Farm Parkway connection in the short term to assist with the development of new industrial lands around Glenlee and provide relief for Narellan Road.

11. Does the Campbelltown LSPS provide guidance for land use in particular parts of our city?

The LSPS identifies areas where growth is likely to occur over the next 20 years and areas which have been identified as not being required to accommodate growth, in line with either higher-order or more detailed strategic planning that is already underway.

Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area

Greater Macarthur is an identified Priority Growth Area incorporating the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Precincts and the land release precincts to the south of Campbelltown. The strategic planning for Greater Macarthur is being prepared by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in consultation with Council and the local community but it is not directly informed by the LSPS. The LSPS refers to the Priority Growth Area and discusses potential new dwellings and opportunities for job creation within this area. It also discusses more detailed strategic planning work for land within this area that will generally be led by Council, such as master plans for the existing centre precincts located along the railway line.

Rural Lands

The LSPS reflects the requirements of the Greater Sydney Region Plan and Western City District Plan. The Region and District Plans identify some non-urban areas within the Campbelltown Local Government Area as being part of the Metropolitan Rural Area (MRA). Land within the MRA is not identified as being required to accommodate Greater Sydney's housing needs.

12. Is the Local Strategic Planning Statement already finalised?

The LSPS came into force on 31 March 2020 following receipt of a Letter of Support from the Greater Sydney Commission, formal 'making' of the document by Council (under delegation to the General Manager), and its publication on the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment's eplanning Portal.

The Draft LSPS was exhibited for public comment in June-July 2019. Submissions received were considered by Council at its meeting of 10 December 2019. This was an important part of the process for finalising the Campbelltown LSPS.

13. Will the LSPS ever be updated?

The LSPS will be updated in conjunction with the Campbelltown Community Strategic Plan (CSP) after each Council election. Updates at these times can also address any updates as a result of Australian and NSW Government planning policies. Amendments may also occur at other times if there are major changes that will affect future planning and land use within our city. As Campbelltown grows and changes over time, new issues will emerge and longer term issues, that have already been identified, can be augmented with more detail.

14. Why should I be interested in the Campbelltown LSPS?

The Campbelltown LSPS shows how future growth and change across the Campbelltown Local Government Area is expected to take place, the actions needed and their timing, to ensure the best outcome for Campbelltown.

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