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Another Successful Community Forum

The second of three Camden Town Centre Enhancement Strategy Community Forum's was held on Wednesday 27 August with approximately 80 members of Camden's business, commercial and residential community in attendance, all eager to participate and have their say on the draft proposal put forward by Council.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak was pleased to host the evening and thanked the community for attending.

"Thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday night's Community Forum. It was great to see so many people sharing their views, thoughts and opinions on the proposed Public Domain Improvement Works and Retail and Commercial Study and Vision".

"The purpose for these events is to provide the community, residents and businesses, with the opportunity to hear firsthand Council's plans and to be able to provide valuable feedback. Both Forums have been positive and extremely productive providing Council with an abundance of valuable information".

"There was much talk at the Forum on the proposed one deck car park in Oxley Street. As I said on the night, the location has not yet been determined. Council has five car parks in the town centre which have all been assessed, however our Oxley Street car park is currently the preferred location for a number of reasons, primarily as it is closest to Argyle Street, providing residents and businesses the best opportunity to access the main street. Council is open to the community's thoughts on the location of the car park – that's what this consultation period is all about, hearing what the community wants in their town. Following the consultation period, if there is support for more car parking at a particular location, Council will then proceed to having design options prepared by an architect. I can't see any point in wasting community money having designs for each of the possible car park locations drawn up when four of them will just go to waste".

All feedback provided at the Community Forum will be collated by Council's consultants, JBA who facilitated the evening, and will provide valuable input into the project. Information from the evening will also be made available on Council's website.

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“We have extended the exhibition period to an eight week period to allow as much feedback to be sought as possible”.

“I am personally passionate about, and committed to, the Camden Town Centre Enhancement Strategy, to ensuring that Camden is a better place when Council moves to Oran Park in 2016 than it is today, and that measures are put in place to see the Camden Central Business District and surrounds continue to flourish both now and into the future”.

“A third Community Forum will be held in the coming weeks. Residents and community members are welcome to attend the event regardless of whether or not they attended either of the previous events”.

The Camden Town Centre Enhancement Strategy is on exhibition until Wednesday 17 September 2014. Exhibition material and feedback can be provided at Council's Customer Service Centres, Camden and Narellan Libraries and Council's website.

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