

**PUBLIC FORUM  
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS  
27 July 2016**



**Questions – Katrina Willis**

**Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – Publishing of Peer Review Report**

On 13 April 2016, Council provided the following response to a question from me about why the Oakton peer review reports had not been published.

***Publishing full peer review reports***

***7. In response to questions to the 27 January 2016 Public Forum about publishing Oakton’s peer review reports, the General Manager advised: “The peer review of governance/stakeholder engagement undertaken by Oakton will be uploaded to Council’s website as soon as the final version is presented to Council.”***

***The full report could not be found on a search of the council website on 29 March 2016. The only publication is the PowerPoint presentation given to councillors in late 2015. When will the full report be provided to council and published?***

***Response – General Manager***

*The personnel involved with the Oakton report have not been available to finalise the report. Council should receive it this month and it will become available with the package of material available with the Determination Report.*

- 1. A check on 19 July 2016 of the documents released as part of the package of material with the Determination Report showed that the Oakton peer review reports were not made available as part of the package. When will council publish the Oakton reports?**

**Response – General Manager’s Office**

Council has published the combined governance and stakeholder engagement peer review undertaken by Oakton and presented to councillors on the website. This outlines the approach, findings and recommendations. A further report has not been received.

**Ellerton Drive Extension – approvals**

In his column in *The Queanbeyan Age* edition of 8 July 2016, the Administrator stated:

*“While Council has agreed to proceed with the project, a number of other processes are required to be finalised before construction commences. These include Commonwealth and NSW Government approvals, the preparation of tender documents and the tender process.”*

**2. Please provide a list of all the processes that are to be finalised before construction commences?**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

The following processes are to be finalised before construction commences:

- Obtain EPBC Approval
- Obtain Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP)
- Complete Transport for NSW Gateway Process
- Obtain Environmental Protection License for the project from EPA
- Prepare tender documents
- Call tenders for the project
- Award the tender

**3. Please provide the project plan for construction setting out key dates including dates for undertaking noise mitigation works for affected properties?**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

There is potential to undertake some early works before the major construction commences. Early works may be undertaken between November 2016 and January 2017 and could include:

- Corridor worksite fencing
- Some clearing works
- Placement of noise walls in locations not affected by the road construction
- Utility relocations

In regards to the key dates for the major components of the project, this will not be known until a successful contractor is selected for the road construction.

**Jumping Creek Estate**

**4. Further to the response on 13 May 2016, please advise progress of the rezoning application for the deferred portion of Jumping Creek Estate? When will the proposed rezoning be exhibited for public comment?**

**Response – Environment, Planning and Development**

A rezoning application (planning proposal) for the remaining areas of Jumping Creek has been lodged with the Council and is currently being reviewed by staff. A number of statutory steps are required to be undertaken prior to the exhibition of any draft plan for the area. This includes reporting the proposal to the Administrator and seeking a formal Gateway determination from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) to progress the draft plan. Due to this process, it is difficult to advise of a potential timeframe for exhibition with any certainty. Council is happy to provide additional advice about this matter when, and if, it receives a formal Gateway determination from DPE.

**5. Has Council received a development application from the proponent to build on the rezoned portions of the estate? If so, please provide details.**

**Response – Environment, Planning and Development**

No.

6. **If the Ellerton Drive Extension is built, what services (e.g. utilities, telecoms) will it convey to the proposed housing development at Jumping Creek Estate?**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

The design of Ellerton Drive Extension includes the provision of a water main connection as well as conduits under the road for future services (eg. electricity, telecommunications) to a potential subdivision.

**Development of a transport strategy for Queanbeyan**

7. **Please provide an update on planning for the development of a transport strategy for Queanbeyan, work that was earmarked to commence this financial year.**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

Due to the merger, the adoption of the new Council's budget was delayed until the Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 20 July. The project brief and scope is being prepared across the broader LGA. Once this is completed, quotations to complete the work will be sought. Notwithstanding, Council had been working with NSW Planning and ACT Government on the South East Regional Plan to incorporate integrated transport and other infrastructure planning between Queanbeyan and the ACT. Joint studies to gather freight, public transport and commuter data is hoped to commence soon. Some of the work will include updating and resetting the cycle and pedestrian plans and projects adopted some years ago.

8. **Will the strategy be extended to cover all of the merged council area?**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

See question 7

9. **What is the timeline for developing the strategy?**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

The timeline for the project has not yet been determined as it will be subject to the engagement to complete the work.

10. **How will the community be involved in the development of the transport strategy?**

**Response – Infrastructure Services**

The Transport Strategy will be made up of various elements, some of which have already had significant consultation completed. It is anticipated the community and stakeholders will be involved in survey and focus group activity in line with an engagement plan to be prepared with the strategy work. The draft strategy will then be publically exhibited for comment.