

Green Square Public School and Community Spaces

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A project is underway to deliver the Green Square Public School and Community Spaces project. It is being delivered by the Department of Education in collaboration with the City of Sydney. It will provide fit-for-purpose learning spaces and core facilities to meet enrolment demand in the area. It also includes a number of community and shared spaces, including multipurpose spaces, a games court and adjacent courtyard, and a community hall.

Demolition activities

Site establishment work started in early August 2022. This includes setting up vehicle entry points, site fencing, moving and installing site sheds.

As part of establishing the site ready for construction to start, we are currently working to remove an underground storage tank and demolish underground structures on the site. These works are taking place under an (existing) approved Development Application through the City of Sydney.

As we have been working to remove the tank and the structures, we have found a higher volume than expected of existing structures and materials in the ground across the site. These appear to be buried foundations of multiple previous structures that have been located on the construction site.

To build the Green Square Public School and Community Spaces, we need to complete a large amount of piling. Piling is the construction of columns in the ground that provide vertical and horizontal support to a building by connecting to stable soil or rock. Scheduled piling works will take place once the unexpected in-ground materials found on the construction site have been removed.

We are working to uncover and demolish the unexpected in-ground materials we have found across the site. Material will first be crushed, then moved off site or used to refill the voids in the ground left behind, depending on the advice of the Site Auditor and Civil Engineer. If material is to be moved offsite, there may be additional movements of construction vehicles.

In order to complete this work as quickly as possible, we will be using 2 excavators on the site.

As works to remove these buried materials continues, we are conducting further investigations to better understand the extent of the removal works required. At this stage, we anticipate work to remove the in-ground materials will continue until the end of the year. We will keep the community updated once more information becomes available.

Remediation activities

The demolition activities will involve working with contaminated materials. When this work is finished, the ground will be contained to ensure that all contaminated materials are confined.

The remediation work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the site-specific Remediation Action Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited contractors, and monitored in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

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The Remediation Action Plan outlines specific safety measures that must be in place to ensure the safety of our construction workers and the community. This plan can be viewed on the City of Sydney's eplanning website, reference D/2020/923/A. It is likely you will see workers wearing personal protective equipment because they regularly work in similar construction sites and handle potentially hazardous material. These are only precautionary, and are required by SafeWork legislation.

Working hours

Working hours for this project are 7 am to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday.

There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise notified.

Under the conditions of approval, all work, including building/demolition and excavation work, and activities in the vicinity of the site generating noise, must only be carried out between 7 am and 6 pm on Mondays to Fridays, and between 8 am and 3:30 pm on Saturdays. Safety inspections are permitted from 7 am workdays.

Health and safety during construction

All work will be undertaken in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations, conditions of planning approval and relevant management plans. The health and safety of the community are our highest priority.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651 (business hours).

For out of hours issues only, please contact the site manager on the phone number listed on the entrance to the construction site.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity. Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important school infrastructure.

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