



Schools at the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

Project update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Schools at the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

A project is underway to relocate Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School to the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct, following the construction of new facilities.

The Meadowbank Education Precinct will cater for 1000 primary school students, 1500 secondary school students and a further 120 Intensive English Centre students.

The new school facilities will house the separate primary school and high school in multilevel, multipurpose buildings connected with play spaces and landscaped areas.

Progress summary

The State Significant Development application was approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 21 May 2020.

Site establishment began in June 2020 and remediation works commenced on 1 July 2020.

Next steps

Early construction works are expected to start in late August 2020 starting with earthworks, piling and the installation of in-ground services.

Nearby residents and businesses will be notified prior to this work starting.

Managing construction impacts

As part of the consent to carry out the work, the main contractor is required to develop plans that details how construction impacts on nearby local residents will be minimized. These impacts include noise, vibration and vehicle movements.

You can view the consent conditions, including those required for managing construction impacts via the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment's Major Projects portal at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10581.

Your feedback

You can contribute to the development of strategies to effectively manage construction impacts. Your feedback is sought on how we propose to manage construction activities listed in the table below. Please provide your feedback by Wednesday 19 August 2020 via email or phone.

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Activity	Consent condition and proposed activities
General	<p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.▪ Noise levels on site will not exceed the noise control guidelines that are outline in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works.▪ Construction works, including the delivery of materials to and from the site, are currently approved to take place between 7:00am and 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays and between 8:00am and 1:00pm on Saturdays. No night work is currently approved for this project and no work is currently approved on Sundays or public holidays.
Construction	<p>Consent condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All reasonable steps must be taken to minimise dust generated during all works. <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Exposed surfaces and stockpiles will be managed with regular watering to minimise dust.▪ Public roads will be kept clean.▪ All trucks entering or leaving the site with loads will have their loads covered.
Construction	<p>Consent condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Measures are to be implemented to ensure road safety and network efficiency during construction. <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trucks will be well maintained and will be required to observe speed limits.▪ Trucks will only use approved truck routes to and from the site.▪ On-site parking is required for construction workers to minimise demand for parking in nearby streets.
Construction	<p>Consent condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Achieve the noise management levels in EPA’s Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009).▪ Measures are to be implemented to manage high noise generating works, in close proximity to sensitive receivers. <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If high noise generating works are planned, neighbours will be notified of this before work starts.▪ If rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving and similar activities are required, effective equipment will be chosen and respite periods for local residents be put in place. Rock breaking hours will be strictly limited to approved hours of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday to Friday▪ 2:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday; and▪ 9:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday.▪ For high noise generating works, if complaints are received, work will be managed to reduce the impact to local residents by implementing shorter time periods, or alternating with quieter work methods were practical.
Construction	<p>Consent condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provide a mechanism for the community to discuss or provide feedback regarding construction impacts. <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The community information phone line and email address will be available throughout the project and for a minimum of 12 months following completion of the project:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Phone: 1300 482 651▪ Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au

Frequently asked questions

Will street parking be impacted during construction?

There will be minimal impact to street parking as parking will be available on site for workers. The impact of our project on the community is considered in our planning. We work with council and the community to identify issues and put in place mitigation measures.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust?

The contractor will implement dust and noise control measures. Dust and noise are minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

Will utility services be interrupted as part of construction?

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) coordinates upgrades or new supplies of utility services with local providers to minimise disruption. In the event that there will be any disruption to the local area, we will notify businesses and residents well in advance.

Why was the planning approval for this project been fast tracked?

The schools at the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct is among the first wave of projects that had their assessments fast tracked. Having the SSD application fast tracked will mean the project can get underway sooner and the overall construction pipeline can continue to grow.

Does this mean the usual checks and community consultation will be waived to fast track the projects?

The assessment process was accelerated, not changed. The usual planning rules and policies will apply, and all projects have been assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Will the community still get to have a say on projects that are being fast tracked?

All of the projects being fast tracked have completed the substantive planning work and are post the exhibition and community consultation phase. We will continue to engage and inform the community during the project.

Due to the need to meet requirements under Public Health Orders, a range of digital engagement tools will be used to communicate with the community and stakeholders to seek any comment or feedback. This will include digital project updates, online sharing of information session material, the SINSW website, community information line and mailbox.

What will the standard construction hours be?

SINSW works with the local council and stakeholders to minimise the impact of construction works on the local community. This means we comply with the local council's standard working hours. Adherence to these guidelines is often a condition of development approval. Construction hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm Saturdays. No work will be conducted on Sundays or public holidays.