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Dear Mr Olive

Thank you for your correspondence regarding planning for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor and the attached 'Unfinished business in the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor' document.

As you know, the NSW Government is working in partnership with the Inner West and Canterbury Bankstown Councils to prepare a new, high-level, planning strategy to guide future development along the corridor. It is vitally important this work continues to ensure a planned and coordinated approach to change in the corridor occurs.

Following the Minister's announcement about the new approach in July, the Department's website provides important background information and is a reference point for the Department and Councils as the new work is undertaken. However, I agree with your concern that people may assume the draft strategies have been adopted so we will make sure our website is clear they are old drafts and will not influence planning decisions.

As you have noted, The Greater Sydney Region Plan - *A Metropolis of Three Cities* (March 2018) identifies Sydenham to Bankstown as one of the Growth Areas and Urban Renewal Corridors. The Eastern City and South District Plans also provide further detail on planning within this corridor.

The Greater Sydney Commission is responsible for the making and review of the Greater Sydney Region Plan and District Plans in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. I have sent a copy of your correspondence on to them and you can contact them directly on (02) 8289 6200 or at info@gsc.nsw.gov.au so you can raise your request to amend the Strategic Plans directly with the Commission.

Developer led planning proposals and rezoning requests that are made while the strategic planning work is underway will be thoroughly assessed through appropriate processes in the planning system. They'll also be checked for consistency with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and District. To reassure you, this assessment will not include the previously exhibited draft strategies.

You can find out more about the planning process in our publication - *A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals*. The document sets out in detail what needs to be addressed in a planning proposal. The rezoning review process provides for the consideration of the strategic merit of planning proposals prior to referral to a Planning Panel. These processes ensure that local character and amenity are protected, and infrastructure needs are addressed in future development. You can find out more local planning and zoning on our website, in the Plans for your Area section.

The Department has finalised an assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed Sydney Metro City and Southwest upgrade. However, the signing of a contract for the construction of the proposal is a matter for Transport for NSW. I have sent a copy of your correspondence and our response on to them.

Thank you for writing to us on this matter. If you have any further questions for the Department of Planning and Environment, please contact either, Ms Elizabeth Kinkade, Executive Director, Housing and Urban Renewal on 9274 6380 or contact Mr David Gainsford, Executive Director, Priority Projects on 02 9274 6200.

Yours sincerely



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