

WEST WALLSEND AND HOLMESVILLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA (HCA)

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT - October 2022

WE ASKED

You to provide feedback on the recommendations in the West Wallsend and Holmesville HCA draft Working Report and share your historical knowledge of properties in the HCA to revise the draft Building Assessment Report.

Feedback was collected between 18 July - 15 August 2022.

You connected



55 submissions received:
33 written submissions via mail or email
28 Online surveys



18 phone call enquires



41 attendees at information sessions
(online and in-person)



24,339 people reached via social media
1329 social media post engagements



933 property assessment sheets
mailed to property owners
2500 postcards to residents in the HCA
and surrounds



1034 visits to project website



5712 newsletter subscribers

TOP THEMES FROM THE SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

Of the 55 submissions, the top five themes that came through in the feedback were:

- Building detail corrections or additions to Building Assessment Report Contributory Grading classifications.
- Historic over-development of West Wallsend impacting on heritage significance, bushland setting and visual amenity.
- Objection to Building Contributory Grading classification.
- Inconsistent heritage conservation development controls applying across both townships.
- Support preserving the heritage significance of West Wallsend and Holmesville.

TOP THEMES FROM THE INFORMATION SESSION FEEDBACK

Key topics raised in the discussions included:

- Issues relating to development at Appletree Grove Estate and how homes present to the street and general West Wallsend area.
- Questions regarding impacts on the Development Application process in the future and what that means for individual properties.
- Discussion on what future controls may entail.
- Questions about individual Building Assessments and understanding why their property received a specific grading.

NEXT STEPS

The feedback received may result in further changes being made to the draft Working Report and draft Building Assessment Report.

The reports will then go to Council for a resolution to seek a Gateway determination from the Department of Planning and Environment to exhibit the proposed changes.

We aim to exhibit the draft Planning Proposal and draft West Wallsend and Holmesville Heritage Conservation Development Control Plan together in 2023.

Residents who have provided feedback will be notified when the public exhibition opens for further consultation.

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