

Northbridge Progress Association Inc

Our vision for Northbridge Plaza shopping centre and Council car park

The Association wants the shopping centre to remain a convenient neighbourhood shopping centre with a “village” character, where:

- Any redevelopment is welcomed by the community as an improvement to the shopping centre and the car park but without any significant adverse impact on the amenity and environment of Northbridge; and any redevelopment is seen by shopkeepers and business people in Northbridge and surrounding suburbs as beneficial to the commercial health of the area;
- The scale of any redevelopment of the centre is consistent with the existing low density, residential character of Northbridge; any retail expansion is limited to approximately 10% and is similar in composition, bulk and scale to the present centre; customers can enjoy a variety of independent retailers in the centre; access in the existing shopping centre is improved for the elderly and disabled; and there are facilities in the centre that are considerate of the needs of customers with young children;
- Any expansion of the centre occurs on land owned by Northbridge Plaza and not on Council-owned land such as the car park; and any residential development occurs primarily along Eastern Valley Way and conforms to the existing zoning and to the scale and form of surrounding residential development;
- There is minimal increase in traffic load on Northbridge streets as a result of any changes to the centre or car park; and the amenity of residents who live near the Plaza and car park is not impaired and neighbours of the site are generally accepting of any changes to the centre or car park;
- The car park remains community land in trust and under Council ownership and with no threat of development upon it; the public’s rights to use the Council car park are maintained by virtue of the existing classification of the land and the covenant over it; the existing convenience of the Council car park is maintained, with free parking, at-grade access, short waiting times, etc; the safety and security of the Council car park is improved for pedestrians and vehicles through improved access and egress, separation of private and service vehicles, shade and shelter, etc; and clients of the Baby Health Centre enjoy the same rights and access to the car park and excellent facilities as at present;
- The environmental impact of the centre and car park is enhanced through improved stormwater drainage, better energy conservation, landscaping, plantings and green areas around the site; and, in particular, the size and condition of Harden Park is improved.
- Any redevelopment improves the linkage for pedestrians between the centre and Northbridge Town Centre.

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