



Coalition of Glebe Groups

3rd October 2016

Subject: Temporary relocation of Ultimo Public School Submission

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of **COGG** (Coalition of Glebe Groups) I write to voice the community's concerns about the short sightedness regarding the future development of Ultimo Public School. There was MOU between City of Sydney and the Department of Education to purchase the council depot site on Wattle St. That site would be most suitable solution to meet the increasing population Glebe/Forest Lodge and Ultimo.

Whilst I understand that the site is contaminated, the whole area shares the same problem, including current Ultimo Public School location and Wentworth Park. That is the result of 200 years of industrialised usage of the area.

The Glebe community has concerns re:

- City of Sydney recently spent money upgrading the Wentworth Park for benefit of all resulting in wastage.
- The proposed rezoning affects City of Sydney's Priority Connection No 6 (Ultimo, Glebe/Forest Lodge) - refer to Draft Walking Strategy and Action Plan Dec 14 must be considered. This benefits health and well being of all residents.
- There should no impediments to residents and cyclists from using existing pathways in order to link with footbridge over Wattle St.

COGG is in concert with City of Sydney and residents in supporting the Ultimo community's preference to retain the use of existing school until a new school is built on the Wattle St council depot site. This plan would have the least impact on pupils and the community. Thus there would be no appropriation of crown land for restricted use. **COGG** supports the temporary relocation of Ultimo Public School should the purchase the Council depot not proceed.

City of Sydney is prepared to renegotiate the terms of the sale of the site to the Department, including the sale price. Until such a renegotiation takes place, the Department of Planning should defer consideration of the proposed amendment to SREP 26 to enable the location of a temporary school at Wentworth Park. In addition no decision should be made until the release and consideration by Parliament of the findings of the NSW Legislative Assembly Committee examining the issues surrounding the Ultimo School redevelopment.

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