



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
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Janet Wahlquist
President
The Glebe Society
By email [REDACTED]

Dear Janet

Ernest Pedersen Reserve

I refer to your email about the City's plans to upgrade Ernest Pedersen Reserve, and your request for existing lights in the park to be retained.

The City will not be removing the lights as part of the park's upgrade. This decision was made in response to feedback we received from the local community after our pop-up in the park session on 20 February.

City staff originally considered removing the lights because we have found lighting in parks tends to encourage late night antisocial behaviour and also increases light spill in nearby homes. However, we will retain the existing lights in Ernest Pedersen Reserve as part of the upgrade.

I was pleased to hear most people responded positively to the rest of our plans for the park, including designs for new paths and seating, a new play area with a swing and see saw, a raised bird bath and updated signs. The design aims to use high-quality materials to reflect the heritage character of the neighbourhood and to celebrate the park's historic setting and views.

We expect to start work in September and to complete the upgrade in early 2021.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the upgrade to the reserve, you can contact Helen Rogers, Design Manager, on 9265 9333 or at hrogers@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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