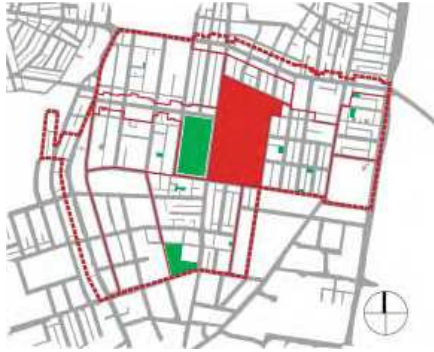


3.2.6 KETTLE STREET



Existing character

This neighbourhood is bounded by Cooper Street to the north, Young Street to the east, Phillip Street to the south and Elizabeth Street to the west.

Kettle Street comprises Department of Housing landholdings, with a mix of 2-3 storey walkups, 9 storey and 17 storey residential blocks. Some buildings align with the street, but characteristically are in a 'landscape setting' – offset from the block geometry and with open space and planting around them. The built form is generally simple, with little articulation, and of red brick. The taller buildings are highly visible from a distance, though large mature trees both on the street and in front setbacks mitigate their visual impact when viewed along the street and from the footpath. The arrangement of clusters of 3 storey buildings results in ambiguity about the division between the public and private domain, and reduces the amenity and usability of spaces intended for communal use. Street closures to Walker, Young and Morehead Streets reduce activity on the street that could improve safety and security, particularly for pedestrians.



Map 3.2.6 Kettle Street

KEY

- Neighbourhood boundary
- ○ ○ ○ Extend / enhance street tree planting
- Require active frontages and awnings to footpath
- Encourage perimeter development
- ||||| Design buildings to align with and address public streets / open space
- - - Strengthen the role of primary neighbourhood centre
- ⋯ Strengthen the role of neighbourhood node
- Enable mixed uses above ground floor retail/commercial
- Enable higher built form
- Retain consistency of existing built form (type and scale)
- Encourage landscaping of front gardens
- Maintain public open space
- Introduce public open space
- Retain landmark quality of building
- Enable local retail / small professional uses in traditional corner commercial buildings
- Open streets to vehicular traffic
- Provide new public street
- ◀ Provide public through-site link (pedestrian)
- Develop interpretive walk
- Create shared zone
- || Introduce traffic calming measures
- ← Enhance street vistas
- ↺ Retain panoramic views
- Adaptive reuse potential
- Redfern Waterloo Authority (RWA)

Future character vision

Kettle Street will be integrated more successfully with the surrounding neighbourhoods, with high amenity for pedestrians and residents, increased safety and security, and a high quality public domain. It will have attractive streetscapes and well designed buildings aligning with and overlooking the street and accessible and useable public and communal open spaces.

Refer to the future character strategies in Map 3.2.6

Future character strategies

Setting and topography

- Maintain and extend street tree planting (Fig. 1)
- Open Walker, Young and Morehead Streets to (at least one way) vehicular traffic while introducing traffic calming measures in the locations of the existing closures
- Enhance visual and physical connections between the community use on Phillip Street / Elizabeth Street and Redfern Oval (Fig. 2)
- Provide a new pocket park on the corner of Young and Redfern Street in conjunction with any redevelopment of this block

Built form

- Should redevelopment of 3-4 storey walk-ups occur, design new development to be street aligned, with slender buildings and adequate building separation to be consistent with the requirements of SEPP 65, and retaining generous landscape setbacks (Fig. 3)
- As a staged process, introduce perimeter development to the block bounded by Redfern Street, Young Street, Phillip Street and Morehead Street, whose buildings range in height from 3 – 6 storeys and with a minimum street setback of 4 metres.
 - Allow for future visual and physical extension of the street network (east-west) by breaking building massing mid-block
 - Allow for future public open space in the form of pocket park(s) to serve the neighbourhood
 - Require generous setbacks and planting of tall tree species to 'green' the street and provide a future tree canopy
- Throughout the remainder of the neighbourhood, limit the height of new development to 3-4 storeys (lower heights where a transition is required to existing lower scale residential neighbourhoods)



Land uses

- The neighbourhood will be predominantly residential, supported by community uses and leisure facilities, and with the potential for local retail / corner store and small café uses
- Locate active uses, including community uses, on corners and/or fronting the proposed pocket park

Unique elements / attractors

- Retain the large scale, generous street tree planting and landscaping of wide front setbacks that characterises this precinct (Fig. 4)



Neighbourhood centre

- While there is no existing neighbourhood centre, there is an opportunity to provide a community focus in the form of new public space with associated community / small retail or commercial uses, in the northern part of the neighbourhood
- Ensure that future development enables greater vehicle and pedestrian permeability to provide access from within the neighbourhood to local retail and services in close proximity, including the Surry Hills Shopping Centre, the shops on the south of Phillip Street, and the Danks Street centre (Fig. 5)

