

# Councillor Davis – QoN - Light Square Master Plan

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

Council Member  
Councillor Davis

Public

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### Councillor Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. 'When did the council begin considering the light square master plan?
2. How much money has been spent on the master plan to date?
3. As a high level cost estimate, I have been told it could cost in the range of 30Mil to deliver Master Plan Option 1, is that accurate or can the administration provide a better estimate?
4. Is the Master Plan progressing or has progressed halted? If it is progressing when will the masterplan be finalised?
5. Has any funding been allocated in the council's LTFP for the master plan for this project?'

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## REPLY

### When did the council begin considering the Light Square master plan?

1. Council approved \$75,000 for the development of a Master Plan for Light Square / Wauwi as part of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.
2. The first workshop on the draft Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan (draft Master Plan) was held at the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee on 2 April 2024, following presentation to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 28 March 2024.

### How much money has been spent on the master plan to date?

3. \$284,714 has been spent on the draft Master Plan. This investment has included Phase 1 and Phase 2 consultation activities, supporting assessments such as traffic assessments and this expenditure has occurred across 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.
4. This expenditure was supported by a Council approval for \$250,000 in the 2024/25 City of Adelaide Annual Business Plan and Budget.

### As a high level cost estimate, I have been told it could cost in the range of 30Mil to deliver Master Plan Option 1, is that accurate or can the administration provide a better estimate?

5. As outlined in paragraph 10 below, Council's most recent decision on this proposal has a key check point, namely the assessment of the proposal's feasibility through consideration of a traffic impact assessment, with options related to total cost and approaches to stage delivery to be provided following the finalisation of the traffic impact assessments.
6. The outcomes of the traffic assessment and preliminary cost estimates will be brought to Council in Q4 of 2025/26. This report will include preliminary cost estimates, noting these would also be refined further subject to prioritisation of Council and progress through detailed and final design.
7. Options available to Council, consistent with any other capital proposals could include, not progressing further, progressing in stages, implementing specific elements only in line with future renewals, seeking grant

funding, progressing subject to successful grant funding or fully funding elements Council resolves to prioritise.

**Is the Master Plan progressing or has progressed halted? If it is progressing when will the masterplan be finalised?**

8. On 9 July 2024 Council requested Administration provide advice on how the Master Plan could be delivered through a staged approach prior to approving its release for public consultation.
9. Council endorsed the draft Master Plan for public consultation on 13 August 2024. Staging details were included in the draft Master Plan (refer pages 6 and 7) that progressed for a second phase of public consultation ([Link 1](#)). Phase 2 consultation findings were presented to Council on 11 February 2025.
10. On 25 February 2025, Council resolved the following:
  1. *Reiterates that the City of Adelaide's 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget includes funding to complete the detailed design and cost estimates for priority elements in the draft Light Square/Wauwi Master Plan. These priority elements include a traffic impact assessment and a safety audit, to test the feasibility of the draft Master Plan options, before the next steps are determined.*
  2. *Notes the assessment will examine the impacts of the traffic proposals in Option 1 and Option 2 of the Master Plan, and the need for viable alternative transport solutions.*
  3. *Notes that future stages will be subject to community consultation to ensure that this important priority is fully addressed as the project progresses.*
11. In accordance with part 1 of the Council decision on 25 February 2025, the outcomes of the traffic and safety assessment will inform Council's determination of the next steps for the project. The outcomes of the traffic and safety assessment are scheduled to be presented to Council in Q4 of 2025/26.

**Has any funding been allocated in the council's LTFP for the master plan for this project?**

12. No funding has been allocated in the Lon Term Financial Plan for new and upgrade capital.
13. Any decision to invest in the implementation of any element of the current Master Plan would only occur once Council determines its priorities for the project. At that point, consistent with the recent approaches applied to Main Streets and other new and upgrade capital projects, allocations would be agreed and forecast into the budget and Long Term Financial Plan subject to the prioritisation and decision of Council.

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