PARKING ASSESSMENT

FOR

CHANGE OF USE FROM INDUSTRIAL TO

INDOOR RECREATION (GYM)

AT

3-5 DAVIES ROAD PADSTOW

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Transport and Urban Planning Pty Ltd has been engaged to undertake a parking assessment for a change of use to an industrial property at 3-5 Davies Road Padstow.

The change of use is from a smash repairs to an indoor recreational facility (gym).

The parking assessment should be read in conjunction with Planning Statement of Compliance for The Change of Use prepared by City Planning Works and the Architects Plans for the proposal contained in Appendix 1.

2.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Site

The site is located on the eastern side of Davies Road approximately 160 metres south east of Watson Road which is a traffic signal controlled intersection with Davies Road.

Vehicle access to the site is via a combined entry/exit driveway towards the south eastern end of the property. The vehicle access is left in/left out.

The existing development on the site involves three buildings and a relatively large yard area which is used for vehicle parking. Part of the yard area is covered by an awning.

The adjacent development on the eastern side of Davies Road is industrial. On the western side of Davies Road south of Watson Road the adjoining development is residential.

Davies Road is a north south arterial road with three lanes in each direction separated by a median.

2.2 Proposal

The proposal is for a change of use from a smash repairs workshop to an indoor recreational facility, which will operate as a small gym.

The proposal is shown on the architects plans ND04 and ND05 and includes a total floor area of 532m² across the three buildings which includes:

- Main gym building 375m², which incorporates the active gym area (285m²) and entry/exit areas, as well as the reception and circulation areas;
- Toilets, creche and storage area 49m², in a small building adjacent the main gym; and
- A stand alone outbuilding 108m², which will be used for yoga/pilates.

The architect's plan show off street parking for 18 cars.

Vehicle access to the property will be via the existing entry/exit driveway in Davies Road.

3.0 PARKING ASSESSMENT

3.1 Parking Assessment Based on Floor Area

Bankstown DCP (amended June 2019) does not have a parking rate for gymnasiums. Where no parking rate is provided for a particular land use, most Council DCPs rely on the parking rates contained in the former RTA (now TfNSW) Guide to Traffic Generating Developments (October 2002).

The Guide to Traffic Generating Developments does have a parking rate for gymnasiums. For metropolitan, regional and sub regional areas, the Guide suggests a parking provision of 3.0 spaces/100m² and 4.5 spaces per 100m² of floor area respectively.

The Padstow area would be considered to be a sub regional area and therefore a rate of 4.5 spaces for 100m² would be applicable.

The travel and parking demand of a gym is directly related to the number of patrons that will be using the facility at the same time and their travel mode to and from the gym.

As noted in Section 2 the floor area of the gym includes areas actively used by gym members, as well as complimentary areas and that do not increase the patron numbers attending the gym at the same time.

The complimentary areas include, reception, entry and circulation areas, as well as the toilets, the creche and storage areas.

The active areas of the gym have a total floor area of $393m^2$ and include the active area in the main gym building ($285m^2$) and the stand alone outbuilding ($108m^2$) which will be used for yoga/pilates.

Adopting the TfNSW parking rate of 4.5 spaces/100m² would require a parking provision of 17.7 parking spaces.

The proposal accommodates 18 car spaces and therefore complies with TfNSW requirements for parking provision.

3.2 Parking Assessment Based on Proposed Gymnasium Operation

The proposed gym will have a maximum capacity of 30 patrons at any one time. Average patron numbers are expected to be 20 people.

Staff numbers will number 3 at busy times.

Most gyms have their peak visitation rates on weekdays during the early morning period and late afternoon early evening periods.

A large proportion of the gym users are likely to be local residents (from the adjacent area) and or workers from the Padstow industrial area.

Some of these will walk or cycle to the gym from their residence, or work place and therefore will not require parking.

Another portion of gym users, who work out together or go to the gym at the same time will arrive and depart as pairs/groups in the same car.

Based on a maximum of 30 patrons at the gym and adopting a mode split of 65% of patrons travelling by car with an average car occupancy of 1.3 persons per car indicates a parking demand of 15 cars for patrons, plus staff parking.

For the average number of patrons of 20 people attending the gym at the same time, the parking demand is calculated to be 10 car parking spaces, plus staff parking.

3.3 Conclusions

The parking assessment, based on TfNSW parking rates and the floor area, as well as the proposed usage of the gym, indicates that the proposed 18 parking spaces will be adequate parking for the proposed gym.

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