

9 January 2018

Ms Catherine Van Laeren Regional Director Department of Planning and Environment Locked Bag 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Catherine,

Request for Gateway determination - Planning Proposal

On 22 November 2017, Council resolved to prepare a Planning Proposal to rezone Lot 1442 DP 543306 Torres Crescent, Whalan from R2 Low Density Residential to B1 Neighbourhood Centre. We are also seeking to amend the height of building and lots size controls so they are consistent with the adjoining B1-zoned land.

A recent development application for a mixed use development on the adjoining site, which we were compelled to refuse, exposed that our local planning controls may restrict the reasonable development of the site. The proposed LEP amendments will assist in promoting redevelopment options for a wider range of commercial and residential uses to serve the needs of the local community. We consider this to be definitively in the public interest as the adjoining site is considerably run-down and contains a long vacant and dilapidated commercial building.

We prepared the attached Planning Proposal in accordance with the Department's *Guide to Preparing Planning proposals* and relevant standards relating to mapping. The proposed LEP amendments are minor in nature and consistent with the local and statewide planning framework.

Please issue a Gateway determination at your earliest convenience, granting us approval for us to exercise delegation under Section 59 of the Act.

Should you require any further information, please contact our Team Leader Planning Policy, Sarah Sheehan on 9839 6094.

Yours faithfully

Trevor Taylor Manager Development Policy

Encl.

1. Council resolution

2. Draft Planning Proposal

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MinuteNumber: Council Meeting Date:

15/11/2017 Report Number: AD370104

Administration Author: ,

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SUBJECT: AD370104 - General Business: Proposed rezoning of land adjacent to Whalan shops in Torres Crescent, Whalan to facilitate development of a derelict and dilapidated building 127088 & DA-17-00941

General Business item arising from the Planning, Development, Historical & Assets Committee meeting on 15 November 2017.

▼RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Council, as applicant, prepare a Planning Proposal to rezone Lot 1442 DP 543306 Torres Crescent, Whalan from R2 Low Density Residential to B1 Neighbourhood Centre.
- 2. A Planning Proposal be prepared as a matter of urgency and forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment seeking a Gateway Determination.

COMMITTEE DIVISION:

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

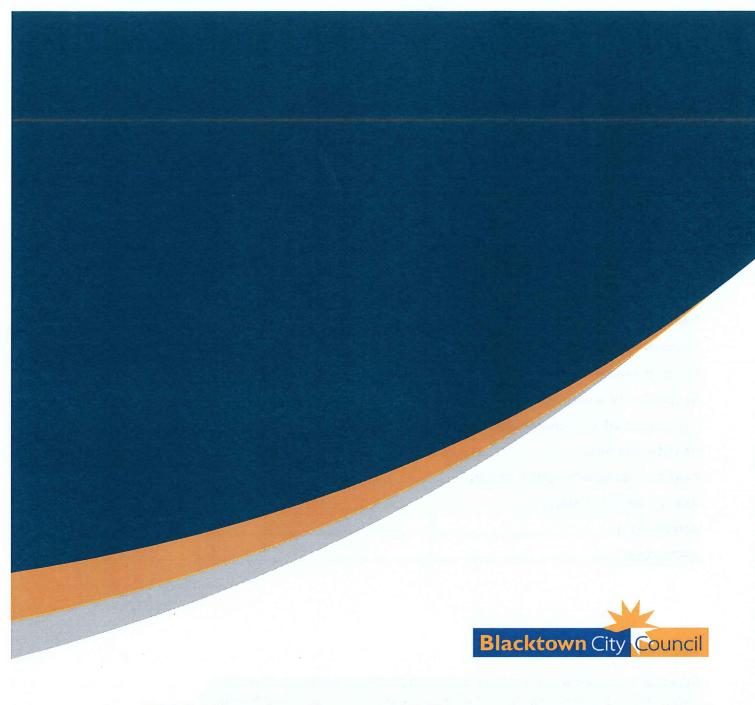
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COUNCIL DIVISION:

Supported: Crs JG Diaz, Quilkey, Singh, Gillies, Griffiths, Benjamin, Collins, Santos,

Israel, Bleasdale, Bunting, Camilleri & Bali

Absent: Crs Brillo and JM Diaz



Draft Planning Proposal – Proposed rezoning of Lot 1442 DP 543306 Torres Crescent, Whalan

Planning Proposal to amend Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015

Prepared by Blacktown City Council
December 2017

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PLANNING PROPOSAL - TORRES CRES, WHALAN

INTRODUCTION

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend *Blacktown Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2015* to rezone a 114m² site, Lot 1442 DP 543306, Torres Crescent, Whalan from R2 Low Density Residential to B1 Neighbourhood Centre. The Planning Proposal will also amend the building height and remove the minimum lot size on the subject site to ensure consistency with development controls on the adjoining B1 Neighbourhood Centre site.

This Planning Proposal has been prepared in accordance with Section 55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act 1979* and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment guidelines including *A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans* (2016) and *A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals* (2016).

Council proposes to exercise their LEP making powers delegated under Section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in regard to this Planning Proposal.

SITE DESCRIPTION

This Planning Proposal applies to land (Lot 1442 DP 543306) at Torres Crescent, Whalan bound by Torres Crescent to the south, B1 Neighbourhood Centre zoned land to the east and R1 Low Density Residential land to the west and north.

The Whalan shopping centre is directly opposite Whalan Public School to the north, two small open space areas and a bus stop directly out the front.

The site is cleared, levelled land that is currently being used informally, as a carpark.

The subject site is 114m² in size and below the minimum lot size control of 450m² under Blacktown LEP 2015. The site is privately owned by the same owners that hold the adjoining B1 site (Lot 1350 DP 234241) to the east.

It is a logical step to rezone the undersized subject site to allow amalgamation with the adjoining B1 site as there is no real development potential for the subject site if it remains R2 Low Density Residential.

Over is a map of the subject site at Figure 1 detailing the nearby zones and Figure 2 demonstrates the broader locality.

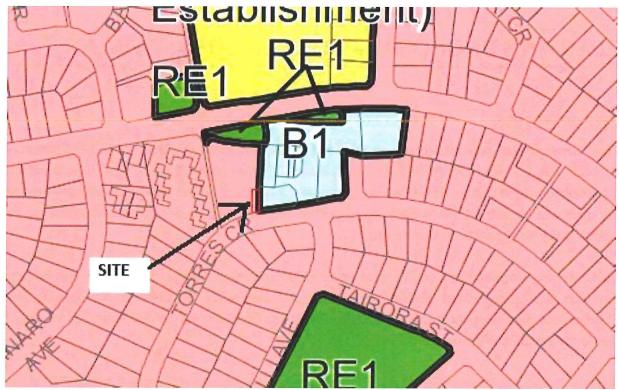


Figure 1: Subject Site (Source: Blacktown LEP 2015)



Figure 2 – Broader Location Plan - subject site highlighted with blue dot (Source: Six Maps 2017)

BACKGROUND

The catalyst for the rezoning was a recently lodged Development Application (DA-17-00941) for a 2 storey mixed-use development comprising 3 ground floor commercial units and 4 x 2 bedroom residential units on the first floor replacing a derelict building in the Whalan shopping strip. The development site consisted of the site subject to this Planning Proposal (Lot 1442) and a site directly adjacent, east of the subject site being Lot 1350 DP 234241.

The subject site Lot 1442 DP 543306 was proposed to provide some car parking for the development. However, under Blacktown LEP 2015 the R2 Low Density Residential zone does not permit standalone car parking or shop-top housing or business uses.

Like a number of smaller neighbourhood retail centres in the Sydney metropolitan area, Whalan has struggled to maintain viability against the larger district centres and large box format shopping mall in nearby Mount Druitt. Council actively supports and encourages the smaller neighbourhood centres acknowledging the important retail function they serve to the local community, providing everyday goods and services within an easy walking distance from homes.

The Planning Proposal provides an opportunity to facilitate redevelopment of a corner site increasing the viability and vibrancy of the Whalan Shopping centre. Currently a rundown and dilapidated building, the site has potential to be a landmark corner block redevelopment in Whalan.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Planning Proposal whilst minor in nature, facilitates the adjoining development of the corner site as proposed under the recent Development Application (DA-17-00941) lodged with Council. Through the rezoning, Council is removing a barrier to enable the development of the adjoining site.

If developed (subject to Council approval) the public benefit will include:

- A new modern development that replaces a vacant, derelict building;
- Diverse housing in the form of shop-top development;
- Additional commercial/retail uses;
- Contributing to a more vibrant and viable local centre;
- Development of a small lot that may otherwise have remained a vacant, informal carpark due to the subject site being 114m2 and undersized for its current zoned residential purpose.

Council's instigation of the Planning Proposal on behalf of a private land owner confirms Council's view that there is significant public benefit associated with the proposal. A development like the one proposed can often be the catalyst to other stakeholders having the confidence to invest in the local centre or upgrade and renovate their own property.

PART 1 - OBJECTIVES AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

The intended outcome of the Planning Proposal is to amend Blacktown LEP 2015 to primarily enable the development of the land in and orderly and economic manner to facilitate the development of the neighbouring B1 Neighbourhood Centre land for a mixed-use development.

This is to be achieved by amending the following provisions of Blacktown LEP 2015 applying to Lot 1442 DP 543306:

- 1. The Land Zoning Map to rezone to B1 Neighbourhood Centre.
- 2. The Height of Buildings Map to 12m maximum height.
- 3. The Lot Size Map to remove the minimum lot size control.

The changes to the Height of Buildings and Lot Size reflect the controls applying to the adjoining existing B1 Neighbourhood Centre zoned land in Whalan.

PART 2 – EXPLANATION OF PROVISIONS

The objectives and intended outcomes of the Planning Proposal will be achieved by amending the Blacktown LEP 2015. The proposed amendments are detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Explanation of Provisions

	Proposed Amendment	Description
1	Amendment to the Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_003	Rezone Lot 1442 DP 543306 from R2 Low Density Residential to B1 Neighbourhood Centre
2	_	Amend maximum height applying to Lot 1442 DP 543306 from 9m to 12m
3	Amendment to the Lot Size Map - Sheet LSZ_003	Remove lot size restriction applying to Lot 1442 DP 543306 from 450m² to no minimum lot size

PART 3 – JUSTIFICATION

Section A – Need for the planning proposal

1. Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

No, the Planning Proposal is not the result of a strategic study or report due to the minor nature of the proposal.

2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

Yes, the Planning Proposal is the most efficient way of achieving the intended outcome.

Section B – Relationship to strategic planning framework

3. Is the planning proposal consistent with the objectives and actions of the applicable regional or sub-regional strategy (including the Sydney Metropolitan Strategy and exhibited draft strategies)?

Yes. The Planning Proposal is consistent with the metropolitan strategy for Sydney, 'A Plan for Growing Sydney'.

'A Plan for Growing Sydney (APfGS) released in December 2014 is the NSW Government's plan for the future of the Sydney Metropolitan Area over the next 20 years. The Plan identifies key challenges facing Sydney including a population increase of 1.6 million by 2034, the need for 689,000 new jobs and 664,000 new homes by 2031. The Plan identifies the Government's vision for Sydney which is for a strong global city and a great place to live.

To achieve this vision, the Government has set down goals that Sydney will be:

- · a competitive economy with world-class services and transport;
- · a city of housing choice with homes that meet our needs and lifestyles;
- a great place to live with communities that are strong, healthy and well connected; and
- a sustainable and resilient city that protects the natural environment and has a balanced approach to the use of land and resources.

To achieve these goals, APfGS sets out directions and actions as well as priorities for each subregion. The relevant directions with respect to this Planning Proposal are outlined below, with a commentary on the Planning Proposal's consistency.

APfGS aims to provide new housing stock around public transport nodes and within areas close to public transport, retail and commercial centres and community facilities.

The Planning Proposal helps to facilitate the redevelopment of adjoining land to provide housing and retail opportunities in Whalan.

Table 2 – Consistency with A Plan for Growing Sydney (2014)

Goal and Direction APfGS	Planning Proposal Consistency
Goal 2 - A city of housing choice with homes that	The Planning Proposal facilitates the development of
meet our needs and lifestyles	land adjoining the site by providing associated car parking. The redevelopment of a rundown site will
APfGS focuses on providing increased and diverse	result in an additional 4 residential units and
housing in well-serviced areas.	associated retail/commercial uses at ground level.
Direction 2.1.1 Accelerate housing supply and local	
housing choice.	
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Goal 3 Sydney's great place to live.	The Planning Proposal will result in the redevelopment of a dilapidated site.
Direction 3.3 – Create healthy built environments.	The proposal will assist in Council's desire to
2 No. 200 (10.20) (20	reinvigorate older retail centres and provide vibrant
	and sustainable local retail centres.

<u>Draft Our Greater Sydney 2056 – A metropolis of three cities (2017)</u>

In October 2017 the Greater Sydney Commission released for comment the draft Greater Sydney Region Plan. The draft Greater Sydney Region Plan proposes a Metropolis of three unique but connected cities – Western Parkland City (includes the Blacktown local government area), Central River City and Eastern Harbour City.

There are four key layers that work together to turn the three cities vision into the reality of a metropolis of three, 30-minute cities:

- Landscape
- Housing and Great Places
- Jobs
- Connectivity

The purpose of the draft Greater Sydney Region Plan is to:

- set a 40-year vision (up to 2056) and establish a 20-year plan to manage growth and change for Greater Sydney in the context of economic, social and environmental matters
- inform district and local plans and the assessment of planning proposals
- assist infrastructure agencies to plan and deliver for growth and change and to align their infrastructure plans to place-based outcomes
- inform the private sector of the vision for Greater Sydney and infrastructure investments required to manage growth
- inform and engage the wider community so the draft Plan can best reflect the values and aspirations of all.

Table 3: Consistency with Draft Our Greater Sydney 2056 - A metropolis of three cities (2017)

Direction and Metrics	Objective	Planning Proposal Consistency
Housing the city	Objective 10 - Greater housing supply	The Planning Proposal facilitates the development of land adjoining the site
Giving people housing		by providing associated car parking.
choices	Objective 11 – Housing is more diverse and affordable	The redevelopment of the adjoining rundown site has the potential to provide an additional 4 residential units and associated retail/commercial uses at ground level.
		The subject site will provide some of the carparking needed for the adjoining development.
A city of great places	Objective 12 - Great places that bring people together	The Planning Proposal supports the future adjoining mixed-use
Designing places for people		development. The dwellings associated with the development are within walking distance of other retail, community and educational uses.

Assessment Criteria

A Guide to preparing planning proposals (2016) establishes Assessment Criteria to be considered in the justification of a Planning Proposal. The Assessment Criteria is considered below.

Table 4: Consideration of the Planning Proposal against the Assessment Criteria of 'A Guide to preparing planning proposals'.

Assessment Criteria (a) Does the proposal have strategic merit? Is it: In October 2017 the Greater Sydney Commission Consistent with the relevant regional plan released the draft Western City District Plan (WCP) for outside of the Greater Sydney Region, the public comment. The draft WCP is one of five draft relevant district plan within the Greater Sydney District Plans developed by the Greater Sydney Region, or corridor/precinct plans applying to Commission for each of Sydney's planning districts. The the site, including any draft regional, district or draft WCP contain four key themes of infrastructure and corridor/precinct plans released for public collaboration, liveability, productivity and sustainability. comment. or The Planning Proposal is for a minor rezoning of 114m² that will facilitate the redevelopment of a future adjoining mixed-use site. The Planning Proposal is consistent with the draft District Plans however due to the very minor nature of the proposal the Planning Proposal the most direct correlation to the four key themes is 'liveability'. In terms of liveability, it is considered that the Planning Proposal contributes to improved housing diversity and choice, creating great places to live and renewing great places and local centres. Specific Liveability Planning Priorities are listed below: Planning Priority W5 - Providing housing supply, choice and affordability, with access to jobs and services Planning Priority W6 - Creating and renewing great places and local centres, and respecting the District's heritage. In terms of productivity, the Planning Proposal will assist in the redevelopment of the adjoining land that is proposed to ultimately provide for 3 commercial units. Further the future proposed residential component of the adjoining development has access to jobs, goods and services within 30 minutes of the subject site. Although not endorsed by the Department, Council's Consistent with the relevant local council local strategy Blacktown Community Strategic Plan 2030 strategy that has been endorsed by the has been consulted and the Planning Proposal is Department, or consistent with the strategy. Blacktown Community Strategic Plan 2030 is discussed in detail in (4) below. In this case the Criteria is not applicable to the Planning Responding to a change in circumstances, such Proposal. as the investment in new infrastructure or

changing demographic trends that have not been recognised by existing planning controls.

Criteria	Assessment			
(b) Does the proposal have site-specific merit, having regard to the following:				
The natural environment (including known	Due to the minor nature of the Planning Proposal it does			
significant values, resources or hazards),	not contributed directly to the natural environment,			
	however, as importantly, it does not have any foreseen			
	adverse environmental impacts.			
The existing uses, approved uses, and likely	The Planning Proposal is consistent with the adjoining			
future uses of land in the vicinity of the proposal;	land uses.			
and				
	In fact, the rezoning will facilitate the development of the			
adjoining property for a mixed-use development.				
The services and infrastructure that are or will	The future residential development adjoining the site will			
be available to meet the demands arising from	be served by existing services to the site. The specific			
the proposal and any proposed financial	infrastructure requirements will be assessed at DA stage			
arrangements for infrastructure provision.	however it is not anticipated that the development will create any additional demand for infrastructure and			
	services not already planned and catered for.			
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4. Is the planning proposal consistent with a council's local strategy or other local strategic plan?

Yes. The Planning Proposal is consistent with Council's local strategy *Blacktown Community Strategic Plan 2030*.

Blacktown Community Strategic Plan 2030

The *Blacktown Community Strategic Plan 2030* identifies the strategic direction and integrated planning framework for Blacktown City towards 2030. Sustainability and social equity are the key principles that underpin the objectives and strategic directions of this plan.

Table 5: Consistency with Blacktown City 2030 - City of Excellence

Consistency/Response
This Planning Proposal will help to facilitate the future, adjoining mixed-use development providing
residential and retail/commercial development that will assist in greater activation of the Whalan shopping centre making the area more vibrant, safe and inclusive.
The Planning Proposal will support the future, adjoining mixed-use site that will provide a
moderate increase in housing of an additional 4 dwellings and extend the area zoned as B1 Neighbourhood Centre.
The future adjoining development will provide ground floor retail/commercial space that will provide additional local jobs.

Blacktown City 2030 – City of Excellence	Consistency/Response		
Strategic Directions			
A growing City supported by infrastructure	The site is located in easy walking distance to the		
	Whalan shopping centre and Whalan Public		
Provide well-planned and liveable	School. Locating additional dwellings in an		
neighbourhoods with housing that meets the	existing village centre connects the community		
diverse needs for our growing community and is	and may reduce the need for car dependency.		
supported by transport and infrastructure that			
serves our current and future needs.			

5. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP)?

Yes. The Planning Proposal is considered to be consistent with the applicable SEPPs and deemed SEPPs as demonstrated in the tables below.

Table 6: Applicability and Consistency with SEPPs

Title of State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	Applicable	Consistent	Comment
SEPP No 14 – Coastal Wetlands	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 19 – Bushland in Urban Areas	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 21 – Caravan Parks	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 26 – Littoral Rainforests	NO	N/A	ALL CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF
SEPP No 30 – Intensive Agriculture	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 36 – Manufactured Home Estates	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 44 Koala Habitat Protection	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 50 – Canal Estate Development	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 55 – Remediation of Land	YES	YES	There is no knowledge of prior contaminating uses on the land. Contamination will be further considered at Development Application stage.
SEPP No 62 – Sustainable Aquaculture	NO	N/A	
SEPP No 64 – Advertising and Signage	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP No 65 – Design and Quality of Residential Flat Development	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application

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SEPP No 70 – Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes)	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP No 71 – Coastal Protection	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (State Significant Precinct) 2005	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Miscellaneous Consent Provisions) 2007	YES	YES	The Planning Proposal does not contradict or hinder the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Rural Lands) 2008	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Transitional Provisions) 2011	NO	N/A	
SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011	NO	N/A	,
SEPP (Sydney Drinking Water) 2011	NO	N/A	-
SEPP (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Three Ports) 2013	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Western Sydney Parklands) 2011	NO	N/A	
SEPP (Urban Renewal) 2010	NO	N/A	

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.117 directions)?

Yes. The Planning Proposal is considered to be consistent with the applicable s.117 directions as demonstrated in the tables below.

1 Employment and Resources

Garage	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
1.1	Business and Industrial Zones	YES	YES Results in an increase of B1
			Neighbourhood Centre land by 114m ²
1.2	Rural Zones	NO	N/A
1.3	Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries	NO	N/A
1.4	Oyster Aquaculture	NO	N/A
1.5	Rural Lands	NO	N/A

2 Environment and Heritage

	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
2.1	Environmental Protection Zones	NO	N/A
2.2	Coastal Protection	NO	N/A
2.3	Heritage Conservation	NO	N/A
2.4	Recreation Vehicle Areas	NO	N/A
2.5	Application of E2 and E3 Zones and the Environmental	NO	N/A
	Overlays in Far North Coast LEPs		

3 Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development

PAR	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
3.1	Residential Zones	YES	YES
			The Planning Proposal rezones the subject site from R2 Low Density Residential to B1 Neighbourhood Centre. The subject site is only 114m² and well under the minimum lot size of 450m² for a dwelling in the locality.
			By rezoning the subject site, it allows consolidation with the adjoining B1 Neighbourhood Centre site to facilitate a future development of 4 residential units and ground floor retail/commercial development.
3.2	Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates	NO	N/A
3.3	Home Occupations	YES	YES
3.4	Integrating Land Use and Transport	YES	YES
3.5	Development Near Licensed Aerodromes	NO	N/A

4 Hazard and Risk

	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
4.1	Acid Sulphate Soils	NO	NO
4.2	Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land	NO	N/A
4.3	Flood Prone Land	NO	N/A
4.4	Planning for Bushfire Protection	NO	N/A

5 Regional Planning

	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
5.1	Implementation of Regional Strategies	YES	YES
5.2	Sydney Drinking Water Catchments	NO	N/A
5.3	Farmland of State and Regional Significance on NSW Far North Coast	NO	N/A
5.4	Commercial and Retail Development along the Pacific Hwy, North Coast	NO	N/A
5.5	Development in the vicinity of Ellalong, Paxton and Millfield	NO	N/A
5.8	Second Sydney Airport: Badgerys Creek	NO	N/A
5.9	North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy	NO	N/A
5.10	Implementation of Regional Plans	YES	YES

6 Local Plan Making

	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
6.1	Approval and Referral Requirements	YES	YES
6.2	Reserving Land for Public Purposes	NO	N/A
6.3	Site Specific Purposes	NO	N/A

7 Metropolitan Planning

	Direction	Applicable	Consistent
7.1	Implementation of the Metropolitan Strategy	YES	YES
7.2	Implementation of Greater Macarthur Land Release	NO	N/A
	Investigation		
7.3	Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation	NO	N/A
	Strategy		
7.4	Implementation of North West Priority Growth Area	NO	N/A
	Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan		
7.5	Implementation of Greater Parramatta Priority Growth	NO	N/A
	Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure		
	Implementation Plan		
7.6	Implementation of Wilton Priority Growth Area Interim	NO	N/A
	Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan		

Section C - Environmental, social and economic impact

7. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The Planning Proposal involves the rezoning of 114m² of land. The site is cleared and is currently used as an informal carpark.

It is not considered that any habitat will be adversely affected as a result of this Planning Proposal.

8. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

It is not considered that there will be any other environmental effects of this Planning Proposal.

Any future Development Application will require assessment under Section 79C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and will be subject to several provisions and development controls relating to environmental effects of the development.

9. Has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The main social effect of this Planning Proposal is a positive one with the redevelopment of a derelict site. The proposal will result in a contribution to increased vibrancy of the Whalan shopping centre.

As previously detailed, like a number of smaller neighbourhood retail centres in the Sydney metropolitan area, Whalan has struggled to maintain viability against the larger district centres and large box format shopping mall in nearby Mount Druitt. Council actively supports and encourages the smaller neighbourhood centres acknowledging the important retail function they serve to the local community, providing everyday goods and services within an easy walking distance from homes.

The Planning Proposal provides an opportunity for redevelopment of a corner site that should increase the viability and vibrancy of the Whalan Shopping centre. Currently a rundown and dilapidated building, the site has potential to be a landmark corner block redevelopment in Whalan.

Section D - State and Commonwealth interests

10. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The Planning Proposal will result in the rezoning of the site to B1 Neighbourhood Centre. The site will be part of an infill mixed-use development that proposes ground floor retail/commercial and 4 shop top housing residential units (subject to future Development Application approval).

The future development is considered minor and will be accommodated under existing infrastructure provisions.

11. What are the views of state and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the Gateway determination?

Consultation with State and Commonwealth authorities will be undertaken post Gateway Determination.

PART 4 - MAPPING

The current Land Zoning Map (Sheet LZN_003), Height of Buildings Map (Sheet HOB_003) and Lot Size Map (Sheet LSZ_003) are contained at **Appendix 1**.

The proposed amended maps for Land Zoning Map (Sheet LZN_003), Height of Buildings Map (Sheet HOB_003) and Lot Size Map (Sheet LSZ 003) are contained at **Appendix 2**.

PART 5 – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Gateway Determination and the Department of Planning and Environment's *Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans*.

The Planning Proposal should be considered as 'low impact' as it is:

- consistent with the pattern of surrounding land use zones and/or land uses
- consistent with the strategic planning framework
- presents no issues with regard to infrastructure servicing
- not a principal LEP
- does not reclassify public land.

Consultation with public authorities will be undertaken according to the conditions of the Gateway Determination.

It is proposed to place the proposal on public exhibition for a period of **14 days** given the Planning Proposal is 'low impact'. Consultation with the community will consist of the following:

- Notice of the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal in the local newspaper
- Notice on the Blacktown City Council website at https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/
- Letters to affected landowners

PART 6 - PROJECT TIMELINE

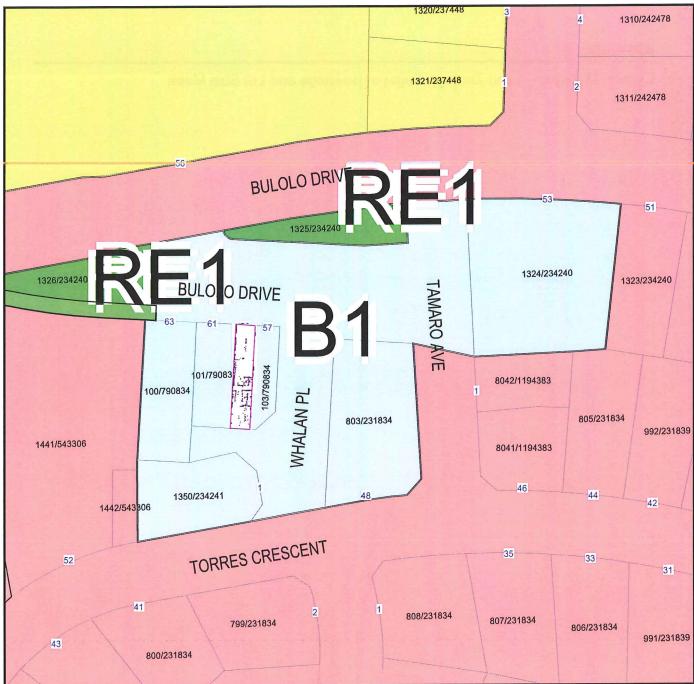
It is considered that this proposal is minor in nature and is consistent with the State's strategic planning framework. It is estimated that the timeframe for this Planning Proposal will be approximately 6-9 months. Additional time may be required if the Gateway Determination requires further consultation.

Table 7: Project Timeline

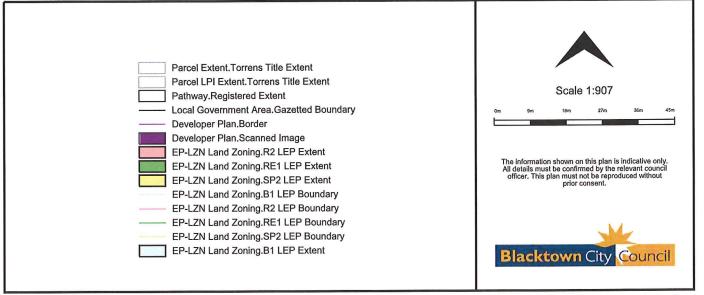
Project stage	Estimated timeframe	
Commencement date	November 2017	
Council sends to Department for Gateway Determination	Mid December	
Gateway Determination issued	End January	
Government agency consultation and Public Exhibition	Early February – End February 2018	
Consideration of submissions	Early February 2018	
Report to Council	End March 2018	
RPA will make plan	Mid April 2018	
RPA forward to the Department for notification	Late April	
Notification of LEP comes in to force	Early May 2018	

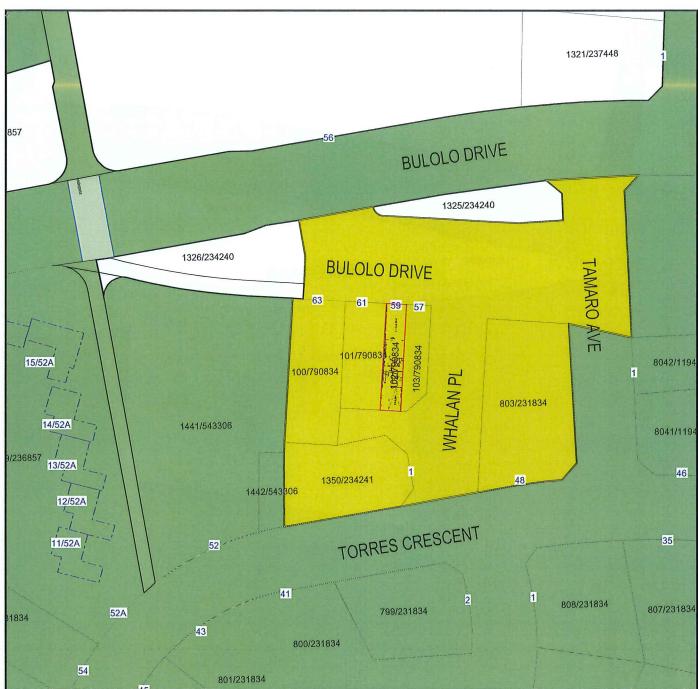
APPENDIX 1

Current Mapping – Land Zoning, Height of Buildings and Lot Size Maps

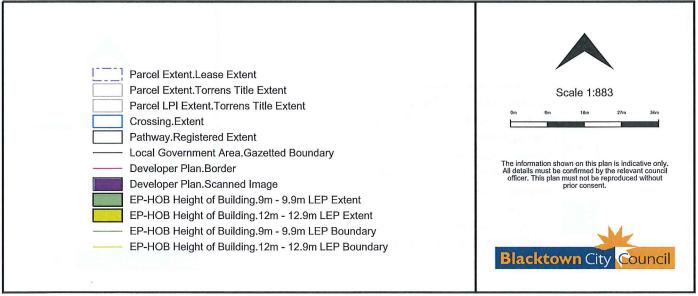


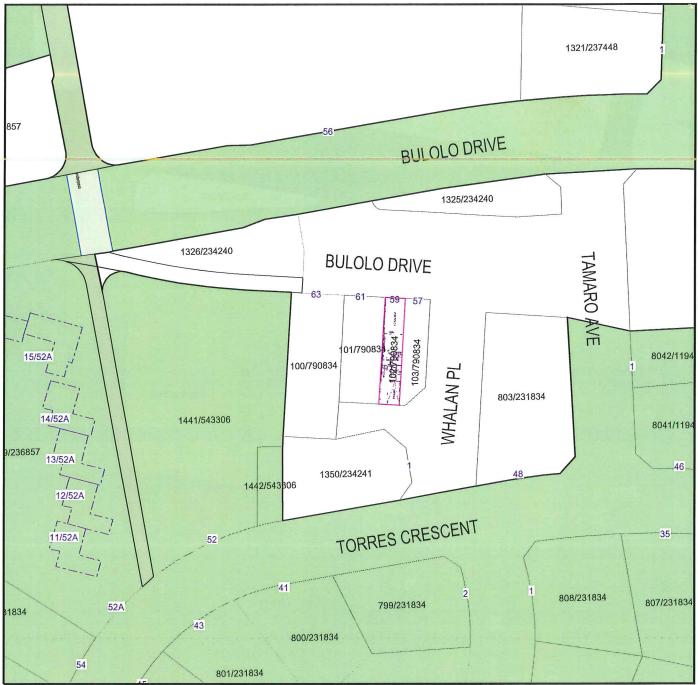
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APPENDIX 2

Proposed Mapping – Land Zoning, Height of Buildings and Lot Size Maps



Land Zoning Map - Sheet LZN_003

Zone

B1 Neighbourhood Centre

B2 Local Centre

B3 Commercial Core

B4 Mixed Use

B5 Business Development

B7 Business Park

E2 Environmental Conservation

E3 Environmental Management

IN1 General Industrial

IN2 Light Industrial

R1 General Residential

R2 Low Density Residential

R3 Medium Density Residential

R4 High Density Residential

RE1 Public Recreation

RE2 Private Recreation

RU4 Primary Production Small Lots

SP1 Special Activities

SP2 Infrastructure

W1 Natural Waterways

UL Unzoned Land

SRGC SEPP (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006

Sydney Regional Environmentsl Plan 30 - St Marys

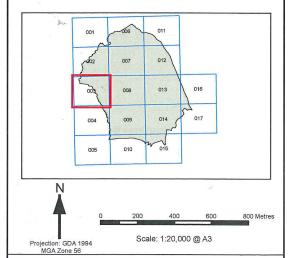
WSP SEPP (Western Sydney Parklands) 2009

WSEA SEPP (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009

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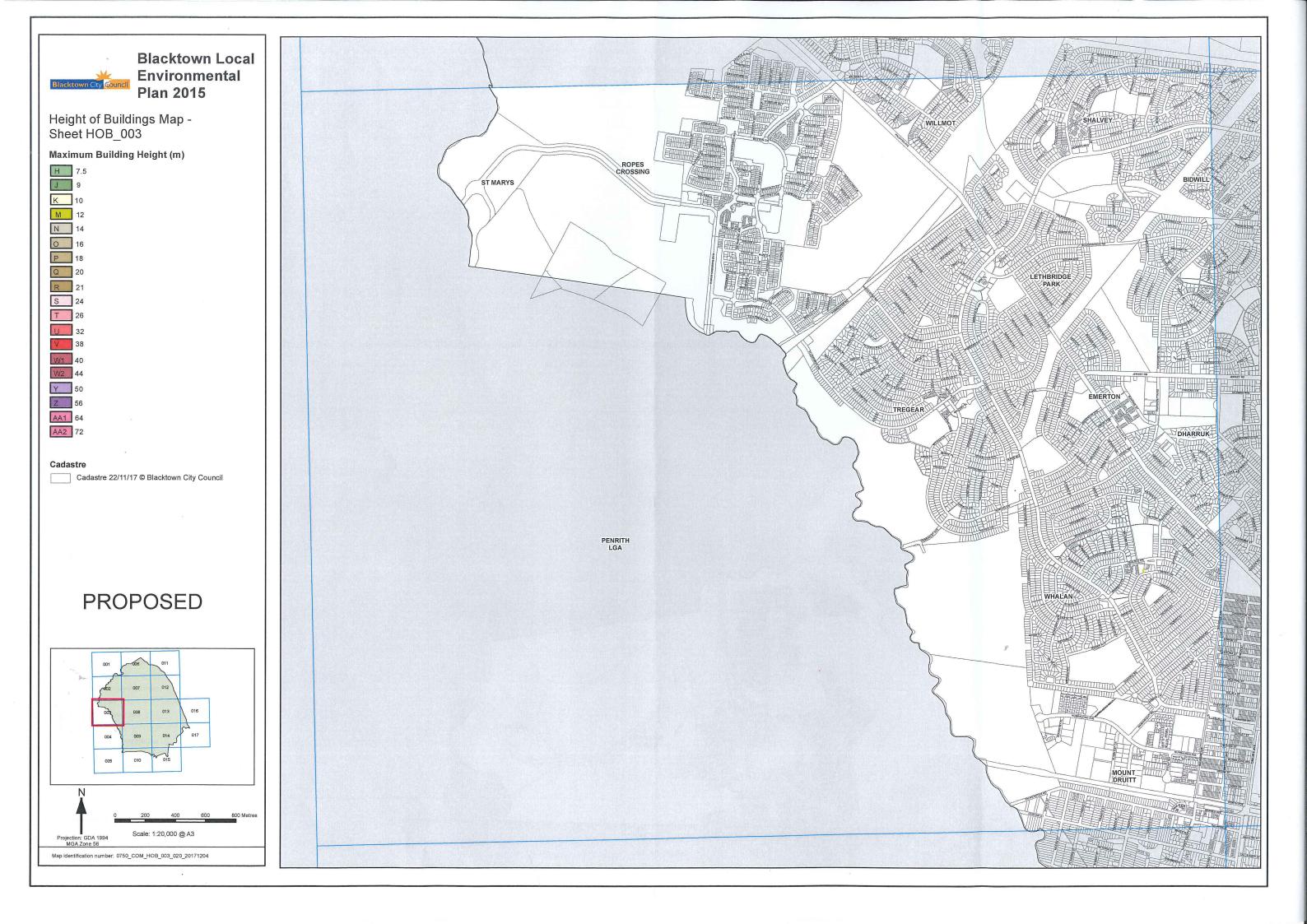
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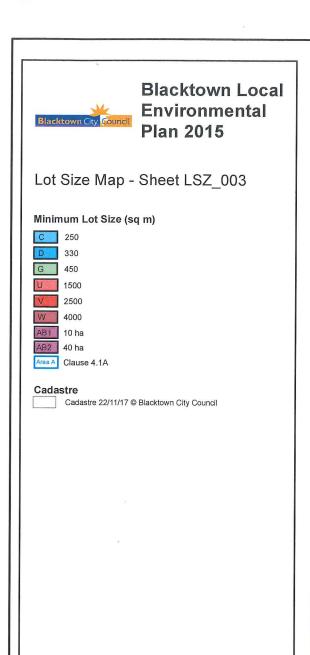
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