

**MINUTES OF THE SYDNEY EAST REGION PLANNING PANEL
MEETING HELD AT THE PLANNING ASSESSMENT
COMMISSION
ON 11 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT:

John Roseth	Chair
David Furlong	Panel Member
Mary-Lynne Taylor	Panel Member
Ted Cassidy	Panel Member
Caroline Stott	Panel Member

APOLOGY: Nil

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Panel.

1. Declarations of Interest - Nil

2. Business Items

ITEM 1 - *2009SYE022 Ashfield Council – DA 10.2009.167 – Two-lot subdivision at 46-56 Liverpool Road & 50-54 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill (Grosvenor Centre)*

3. Public Submission –

Bob Nelson, who represented the Mary MacKillop Outreach, addressed the panel requesting that the decision be deferred to facilitate the opportunity for his organisation to occupy one of the buildings on the site.

Lindsay Fletcher, who is a planning consultant engaged by the applicant, addressed the panel in favour of the application and answered questions. His main point was that the determination of the application for subdivision had no effect on who owned the site and what it was used for.

Mark Lawler, who represented the owner of the site, addressed the panel in favour of the application and responded to questions.

4. Determination

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Ted Cassidy and Caroline Stott voted in favour of deferring the application for the following reasons:

1. Subdivision of the land is not in the public interest and will take away from the people of Ashfield the opportunity to retain the land and buildings for community use.
2. Deferral of this application for a reasonable time frame within the terms of the contract issued for sale will enable Ashfield Council to meet the Premier and the relevant Minister to pursue the retention of this land for community groups such as Mary MacKillop Outreach.
3. The loss of this land to the community will exacerbate the demand for public open space and facilities, given Ashfield Municipality's already very low open space ratio.
4. Subdivision of this land, in the absence of any accompanying master plan for development, deprives the Ashfield Council community of the ability to comment on the suitability of the site for the development that will occur pursuant to the Site Compatibility Certificate previously issued for it.

John Roseth, Mary-Lynne Taylor and David Furlong voted in favour of consent to the application for the following reasons:

1. The application is for the amalgamation of 14 lots into one and the subdivision of the single lot into two. No change in land use is involved.
2. The need for consent arises from the presence of heritage items on the site. No change to the heritage items is involved.
3. The Council's Planning Officer recommended consent on the basis that the proposal complies with the Council's control.
4. There were no objections to the application during the period of exhibition period.
5. The matters raised by Mary MacKillop Outreach are not matters that the Panel can consider under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Resolution

The application for a two-lot subdivision is approved, subject to the conditions recommended by the council planner's report, by a vote of 3 to 2.

The meeting concluded at 7:10 pm

Endorsed by

John Roseth
Chair, Sydney East Region Planning Panel
15 February 2010