

MINUTES OF THE HUNTER & CENTRAL COAST JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PUBLIC BRIEFING MEETING HELD AT NEWCASTLE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2011 AT 4:00 PM

PUBLIC BRIEFING REGARDING:

2010HCC028 Newcastle City Council DA 10/1049 - Proposed place of worship (Mosque) and associated community facilities at Croudace Road, Elmore Vale

INTRODUCTION OF PANEL MEMBERS

- Garry Fielding (Chair)
- Cr Brad Luke
- Cr Scott Sharpe (replacing Cr Mike Jackson)
- Jason Perica
- Bob McCotter (replacing Kara Krason)

OPENING COMMENTS FROM CHAIR

- **Public Briefing meeting of the Panel:**
 - Provided for under the *JRPP Operational Procedures* “in circumstances where the application attracts significant community interest”.
 - Opportunity for submitters and the applicant to brief the Panel in a public forum on issues of concern or interest to ensure these issues are addressed in the assessment report.
- **Venue:**
 - City Hall chosen in preference to the Elmore Community Centre because of the large volume of submissions received (1,506)
- **Starting time of meeting:**
 - The Panel’s meetings are always held on Thursday afternoons and usually at 5:30pm where applications of some public interest are involved.
 - Owing to the anticipated large number of speakers wishing to address the Panel on this matter it was considered that an earlier start time was necessary – thus the 4pm start time today.
 - I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.
- **Assessment Report and Determination Meeting:**
 - The Council Officers’ Assessment Report will be provided to the Panel Secretariat by 14 April.
 - Normally Assessment reports are available on the JRPP website for one week prior to the Determination Meeting.
 - In this case, owing to the considerable public interest in the application, but also because of the Easter break and the school holidays, it has been decided that the

Determination Meeting will be held on 5th May, allowing a 3 week period within which the Assessment Report may be viewed on the JRPP website.

- Interested parties may still register to address the Panel at the Determination meeting but we ask that they confine their points to matters not raised with the Panel today.

- **Public Presentations**

- The applicant has been given 15 minutes to provide a brief outline of the proposal including the additional information provided to the Council and been placed on the Council's and JRPP website.
- The Elmore Care Group has been allocated 15 minutes to address the Panel.
- Each other speaker (and we have over 60 registered) will be allocated a maximum of 3 minutes each.
- I ask that speakers when called who feel their matters have been covered by earlier speakers might decide not to address the Panel, in the interests of avoiding unnecessary duplication.
- I ask that each person addressing the Panel does so in a calm, rational and intelligent manner and focuses only on the relevant planning considerations associated with this application.
- I also ask that each speaker be heard in silence while they're addressing the Panel, and that courtesy and respect be maintained throughout this Public Briefing of the Panel.

PRINCIPAL ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- **Traffic Issues**

- Provision of sufficient parking
- Impact of additional traffic on Croudace Road and the surrounding streets
- Effect on pedestrian traffic
- Accuracy of Traffic Report supplied by applicant

- **Acoustic Impact**

- Noise of normal operation
- Noise on special occasions that may fall on a weekend

- **Visual Amenity**

- View of development from residences up hill

- **Size and Recreation Aspect of Development**

- Potential for intensification of use
- Appropriateness for residential area

- **Social Amenity**

- Accuracy of SEE regarding positive social impact

- **Development Process**

- Community Consultation

- Exhibition and notification
- **Flood Impact and Drainage**
 - Suitability of flood impact prevention measures

A number of speakers addressed the Panel in favour of the development.

CLOSING ADDRESS BY CHAIR

- Confirmed that the Council Officers' Assessment Report will be provided to the Panel Secretariat by 14 April.
- The Assessment Report will be available on JRPP Website from 14 April 2011.
- Confirmed that the Determination Meeting will be held on Thursday 05 May 2011.
- Interested parties may still register to address the Panel at the Determination meeting but we ask that they confine their points to matters not raised with the Panel today.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:10 PM

Endorsed by



Garry Fielding
Chair
Hunter & Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel
Date: 04 April 2011