

MINUTES OF THE SYDNEY EAST REGION JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING HELD AT LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2011 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

John Roseth	Chair
David Furlong	Panel Member
Mary-Lynne Taylor	Panel Member
Margaret Lyons	Panel Member
Rochelle Porteous	Panel Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Adele Cowie	Leichhardt Council
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APOLOGY: NIL

1. The meeting commenced at 7.08pm.

2. Declarations of Interest -

Nil

3. Business Items

ITEM 1 - 2011SYE002 - Leichhardt - D/2010/663 - Redevelopment to accommodate new Leichhardt Police Station - 29 Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt

4. Public Submission -

Greg Valentine	Addressed the panel against the item
Teena Clerke	Addressed the panel against the item
Michele Mackenzie, Deputy Mayor	Addressed the panel against the item
David Kooney	Addressed the panel against the item
Jillian Clayton	Addressed the panel against the item
Sonya Von Bornemman	Addressed the panel against the item
Jennifer Aaron	Addressed the panel against the item
Cr John Stamolis	Addressed the panel against the item
Elizabeth Ardagna	Addressed the panel against the item
Stuart Harding of Wilana Associates, on behalf of the elected	Addressed the panel against the item
Bret Maynard of GTA, on behalf of the elected Council	Addressed the panel against the item
Mark Murdoch, Local Area Commander, Leichhardt Police Station	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant
Heather Morris, Artas Architects	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant

5. Business Item Recommendations

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- 1) The Panel resolves by a majority of 4 to 1 (for: John Roseth, Mary Lynne Taylor, David Furlong and Margaret Lyons; against: Rochelle Porteous) that it would approve the application if the applicant
 - a) provides 30 additional as yet non-existing parking spaces available at all times within 400m of the site. These 30 spaces are in addition to the 19 already provided on site as well as to the first-response vehicles;
 - b) reduces the width of the 19 on-site car spaces along the Derbyshire Road frontage to the Australian standard, which will result in the number of spaces becoming 25;
 - c) dedicates a 1.5m strip of land along the Derbyshire Road frontage to facilitate the widening of the road; and
 - d) removes the awnings in front of the western elevation of the heritage item.
- 2) In reaching this majority decision, the Panel was mindful of the fact that the Police Force is an important community service, that it must be accommodated somewhere, and that wherever it is located it will have some local impact.
- 3) The Panel was also mindful that the representatives of the Police Force have committed themselves to supporting the introduction of resident parking schemes in the local area. This will avoid staff employed in the Police Station using kerbside parking.
- 4) Councillor Porteous voted for refusal because
 - a) there has been inadequate assessment of traffic impacts;
 - b) there has been no consultation with the RTA for this traffic-generating development;
 - c) the development needs 60 rather than 30 on-site parking spaces;
 - d) there are potential safety issues due to the proximity of the park and the high school, which have not been addressed;
 - e) the Police is unable to adhere to the 40k/h school speed limit;
 - f) there will be unacceptable noise impact of sirens in neighbouring streets;
 - g) there has been inadequate social impact assessment relating to the future demographics of the area;
 - h) there are safety concerns held by the community; and
 - i) the Police is unable to commit itself to a maximum number of staff on the site.
- 5) The Panel requests the applicant to provide the information required in paragraph 1 by 12 August 2011, and the council assessment planner to provide a supplementary report by 26 August 2011. Following this, the Panel will consult by electronic means of communication to make a determination, unless it believes that another public meeting is necessary.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Endorsed by

John Roseth
Chair, Sydney East
Joint Regional Planning Panel
16 July 2011