

MINUTES OF THE SYDNEY EAST JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING HELD AT PLANNING ASSESSMENT COMMISSION ON THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 11.30AM

PRESENT:

John Roseth	Chair
David Furlong	Panel Member
Sue Francis	Panel Member
Tom Robertson	Panel Member
Michel Reymond	Panel Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Susanna Cheng	North Sydney Council
David Hoy	North Sydney Council
George Youhanna	North Sydney Council
Lucinda Varley	North Sydney Council

APOLOGY: NIL

1. The meeting commenced at 11.35am.

2. Declarations of Interest -

Nil

3. Business Items

ITEM 1 - 2012SYE072 – North Sydney - DA222/12 - Change of use of Levels 4-9 of commercial building to educational establishment (ACU campus) including 2 new lifts and library, for up to 850 persons - 8-20 Napier Street, NORTH SYDNEY

4. Public Submission -

Angus Finney	Addressed the panel against the item
Silvija Smits	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant
Martin Lee	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant

5. Business Item Recommendations

ITEM 1 - 2012SYE072 – North Sydney - DA222/12 - Change of use of Levels 4-9 of commercial building to educational establishment (ACU campus) including 2 new lifts and library, for up to 850 persons - 8-20 Napier Street, NORTH SYDNEY

- 1) The Panel resolves by a majority of 4 to 1 (for: John Roseth, David Furlong, Sue Francis and Tom Robertson; against: Michel Reymond) that it is satisfied with the recommendation of the planning assessment report to approve the application, for the reasons given in the report and subject to the conditions recommended in the report, except that:

- a) The condition requiring the reduction of the height of the external glass tower by two floors is deleted;
 - b) The conditions should be refined to avoid unnecessary and duplicated conditions.
- 2) The Panel requests the planning assessment officer to prepare, by 22 November 2012, a revised set of conditions as indicated above. Following circulation of the revised set of conditions the Panel will determine the application by communicating by electronic means.
 - 3) The reason for the Panel not requiring a reduction of two storeys in the height of the glass tower, recommended in the planning assessment report, is that such a requirement would destroy the purpose of the application and would thus be tantamount to refusal.
 - 4) Councillor Raymond voted to remove the bay nearest to Don Bank for heritage reasons.

6. Business Items

ITEM 2 - 2012SYE086 – North Sydney - 272/12 - Alterations and additions to educational establishment involving three additional floors, reduction of parking and changing vehicle access to rear - 8-10 Berry Street, North Sydney

7. Public Submission -

Angus Finney	Addressed the panel against the item
Silvija Smits	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant
Martin Lee	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant

8. Business Item Recommendations

ITEM 2 - 2012SYE086 – North Sydney - 272/12 - Alterations and additions to educational establishment involving three additional floors, reduction of parking and changing vehicle access to rear - 8-10 Berry Street, North Sydney

1. The Panel resolves unanimously that it is satisfied with the recommendation of the planning assessment report to approve the application, for the reasons given in the report and subject to the intent of the conditions recommended in the report, except that those conditions need to be refined to avoid unnecessary and duplicated conditions.
2. The Panel wishes to adopt the condition suggested by the representative of the Precinct relating to the collection of waste and garbage, which the applicant indicated it will accept.
3. The Panel requests the planning assessment officer to prepare, by 22 November 2012, a revised set of conditions as indicated above. Following circulation of the revised set of conditions, the Panel will determine the application by communicating by electronic means.

The meeting concluded at 1.20pm.

Endorsed by

John Roseth
Chair, Sydney East
Joint Regional Planning Panel
15 November 2012