

## **SUPPLEMENTARY**

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING ASSESSMENT REPORT

**FOR** 

# PROPOSED CHINESE TEMPLE & PLACE OF WORSHIP

47-51 Edensor Road Cabramatta West DA807.1/2012

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#### 1. Introduction

I refer to discussion between Council Officers and VT Architects during February 2013 relating to access and parking issues during potential flooding as well as addressing the accident history of the Edensor Road/Meadows road junction.

The purpose of this Supplementary Traffic Report addresses the above Council concerns and the Site Management that is proposed for access and parking and is to be read in conjunction with the Traffic and Parking Assessment Report (October 2012) submitted with the initial DA.

In addition, it is understood that Council has expressed some concern in relation to the road safety operational aspects of the adjacent Edensor Road/Meadows Road junction in respect of the increased potential for accidents. This issue is also addressed below.

The following is offered for Council consideration.

#### 2. Assessed Access & Parking

In the initial WTS Traffic & Parking Assessment Report (October 2012) it was submitted that the operation of the proposed development are anticipated as follows:

#### NORMAL PERATION

Standard Operation/Prayer

Mondays to Sundays

9:00am to 5:00pm

Number of Staff

Max. 3 administrative staff

Expected Attendance

expected 20 people at any one time

**Special Event Occasions** 

1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days of every lunar month operating from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Expected peak attendance 50 people at any one time

1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days of the lunar month coincides with School Holidays or weekends

#### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Chinese New Year (January/February)

Operations

9:00am to Midnight

Expected attendance

450 people during the course of the day

Buddha's Birthday (April)

Operations

9:00am to 5pm

Expected attendance

250-300 people during course of the day

Ullambana (July/August – 7 day festival)

Monday to Sunday

9:00am to 5:00pm

Expected Attendance

180 people on the first Sunday during the 7 day event

All relevant buildings will be used for prayer and the Main Temple for general administrative activities and prayer as required.

Council DCPs in particular Chapter 12 – Car Parking, Vehicle and Access Management (Version 17) at section 12.1 Parking Rate requires the following controls for the type of facilities accommodated by the proposed development:

Place of Worship:

1 space per 6 seats or 1 space per 5m<sup>2</sup> of gross leasable area (whichever is the greater). The appropriateness of this rate should be confirmed by traffic study.

Offices:

! space per 40m<sup>2</sup> gross leasable area when provided on-site

and as the site also provides a caretaker residence that is greater than 400m from railway station or major bus station, requires;

3 or more bedroom unit (i.e. greater than 110m<sup>2</sup>) 2 spaces **plus** 0.25 spaces for visitor parking

It is submitted that on the basis of the proposed development operation, parking demand will be accommodated on-site (excepting for Special Occasions three times per year).

The following car parking requirements have been assessed applying Council's DCP Guidelines and designated worship areas for patrons of the Temple.

It should be noted that the previous submission (WTS October 2012) of ninety-seven (97) carparking spaces has been reviewed as it is considered that the Store/Future Columbarium space be excluded from the carpark calculation as it is not occupiable space and is not a traffic generating use (no windows in that building except near the doors). Further it is not a type of facility that would attract singular patron trips but would be part of a dual-purpose single trip for prayer and visitation to the Columbarium to pay respects.

If this is accepted then the overall calculated carparking requirement, if the Store/Future Columbarium is excluded, is 92 car parking spaces. The proposed number of carparking spaces that can be accommodated on site remains at one hundred and eight (108).

Therefore, the following parking assessment is offered for Council consideration as an appropriate evaluation of the Temple's parking needs.

Level	Building	Calculated GFA	GLFA	Nominated Worship Area	Car Parking Rate	Number of car Parking Spaces Required
First Floor	Kwan Kong Hall	184.27 m <sup>2</sup>	169.47 m <sup>2</sup>	101.08 m <sup>2</sup>	1 space /5m <sup>2</sup>	20.22
	Kwan Yin Hall	184.27 m <sup>2</sup>	169.47 m <sup>2</sup>	101.08 m <sup>2</sup>	1 space /5m <sup>2</sup>	20.22
	Columbarium	258.19 m <sup>2</sup>	240.79 m <sup>2</sup>	42.83 m <sup>2</sup>	1 space /5m <sup>2</sup>	8.56
	Office (1st Floor)	212.10 m <sup>2</sup>	200.47 m <sup>2</sup>		1 space/40m <sup>2</sup>	5.01
	Dining Hall and kitchen	143.51 m <sup>2</sup>	132.24 m <sup>2</sup>		(1 space /5m <sup>2</sup> )	<sup>(1)</sup> See Note below
	Caretaker Residence	118.04 m <sup>2</sup>	118.4 m <sup>2</sup>		2 spaces 3 or more bedrooms + 0.25 visitor	2.25
	Toilet Amenities	49.49 m <sup>2</sup>				
Second Floor	Main Hall	317.46 m <sup>2</sup>	297.12 m <sup>2</sup>	178.43 m <sup>2</sup>	1 space /5m <sup>2</sup>	35.68
	Store/ Future Columbarium	258.19 m <sup>2</sup>	240.79 m <sup>2</sup>		1 space/40m <sup>2</sup>	(2) 6.02
Total		1725.52 m <sup>2</sup>	1568.75m <sup>2</sup>			91.94

#### NOTES

- (1) This area is considered part of the residential component of the development however will be utilised for serving afternoon teas/refreshments for worshippers during the first and fifteenth day of each lunar month and special events.
- (2) This area has been assessed initially as a storeroom that will ultimately accommodate ashes of the deceased but does not accommodate a prayer area that is provided on the first floor. It is anticipated it will take many years before this Columbarium space is required and is considered would not be a traffic generating use to attract parking.

The above parking calculation has also consider that all worship halls are used concurrently and the parking numbers are total or cumulative totals where as the operation of the temple going by the Site Plan of Management with the given assumed numbers of worshippers demonstrate a non concurrent use of the worship halls. The worshippers will visit each of the worship halls and spend the most time in the main hall. In addition a shuttle bus service will also reduce the parking demand.

The only time in the year parking may be inadequate will be on "Special Occasions" which is addressed in the Site Plan of Management (submitted separately) where the spillover parking will be utilised as well as directing vehicles to two different street parking areas (suggested by Council).

It is proposed to provide 108 car parking spaces (27 as Spillover parking - refer Site Plan of Management), leaving eighty-one (81) "permanent/unimpeded" car parking spaces to service the development (refer Appendix 1) and is considered more than adequate to accommodate parking demand during "Normal Operations". During "Special Occasions", three times a year, the Site Plan of Management will be activated.

Most of the parking demand during operations of the site will occur outside of the peak hour commuter traffic flows and mainly at weekends.

The northern area of the site, containing 27 carparking spaces and designated as "Spillover" parking (refer Appendix 1), is affected by the 1 in 20 year flood cycle and will be sectioned off (except during "Special Occasions"). This area is to be controlled by Temple Management under the **Site Plan of Management**.

#### 3. Site Plan of Management

The Site Plan of Management is submitted separately however contains the relevant Management Action to ensure maximum use of public transport during Normal Operations and Special Occasions.

In particular, the Site Plan of Management introduces extensive traffic management during Special Occasions where "Traffic Wardens" are introduced to ensure save and efficient operatio0n of the carparking facility. As required during Special Occasions drivers will be instructed by Traffic Wardens to park in in designated nearby streets (eastern side of Crosio Place and eastern side of Meadows Road).

This activity is to be published in promotional materials for the upcoming 'Special Event" and these activities will be supported by Two Patrol Officers and two Parking Officers to reduce impacts on the surrounding community. Detailed activities of this on-street parking management are shown in the Site Plan of Management.

#### 4. Site Operational Road Safety

It is understood Council expressed some concern in relation to the road safety operational aspects of the adjacent Edensor Road/Meadows Road junction in respect of the increased potential for accidents

Discussion with Council's Traffic Engineer has been undertaken and it is understood the operation of Edensor Road/Meadows Road junction during the past five (5) years, there were five (5) reported crashes. They all occurred, before the installation of the roundabout at the subject intersection. The roundabout was installed sometime between late 2009 and early 2010.

This data suggests that the installation of the roundabout traffic management has reduced the accidents and it is offered that with the additional traffic generated by the proposed development has the potential to increase the "risk" of accidents occurring. Notwithstanding it is also offered that due to the nature of roundabout traffic management the "risk" of a accident occurring may still remain due to increased traffic volumes but the "severity" of the resultant accident, should it occur, would be minor due to the lower induced speeds of traffic and road alignment associated with roundabout operations.

On the basis of the above it is offered that increased traffic volumes increase accident risk however, due to the nature of the connecting road network that "risk" is considered "low' and resultant outcomes, should an accident occur, is considered minor.

#### 5. Conclusions

It is considered that the proposed development (incorporating managed parking facilities) will not adversely impact the traffic operations within the site or on the surrounding road network during critical peak commuter times.

It is submitted that the proposed parking facilities and management provided on and off site during "Special Occasions" are more than adequate to meet the requirements of the proposed development during the majority of operationally activities.

Overall it is considered that traffic/pedestrian flows and circulation, the vehicular access and parking provisions/supervision within and outside of the proposed development during peak Temple activity times, supported by the Site Plan Of Management are adequate and meet Council requirements.

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# **APPENDIX 1**

## Site Development Plan

