Appendix No. 5 – SEPP 65 & Apartment Design Guide Assessment

<u>SEPP 65</u>

Principles	Requirements	Comments
1. Context & Neighbourhood Character	Good design responds and contributes to its context. Context is the key natural and built features of an area, their relationship and the character they create when combined.	The building responds to the desired future character of the precinct and provides for a logical step in the built form to transition to the south where the height and density envisaged is less. The proposal also aligns with the key DCP controls applying to the Penrith Health and Education Precinct and demonstrates a suitable response to the site's context in terms of desired future character.
2. Building Form & Scale	Good design achieves a scale, bulk and height appropriate to the existing or desired future character of the street and surrounding buildings.	The development achieves an appropriate bulk, height and scale relative to the desired future character of the locality. The proposal aligns with the setback controls and the distribution of the building volumes across the site provides a suitable contextual response.

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3. Density	Good design achieves a high level of amenity for residents and each apartment, resulting in a density appropriate to the site and its context.	High density development on the subject site is desirable given its location near transport nodes and service facilities which are identified as key considerations in the height and FSR controls within the Penrith Health and Education Precinct.
		The proposed density is responsive to the desired and anticipated future character of the locality and the proposal is 21% below the maximum FSR which is a function of achieving appropriate amenity for each unit noting that the ADG key design requirements are achieved which demonstrates a suitable density on the site.
4.Sustainability	Good design combines positive environmental, social and economic outcomes.	Energy and water reduction measures for the proposed development have been detailed in the submitted BASIX Certificate. The proposal has satisfactorily incorporated the commitments nominated in the BASIX Certificate for the Development Application stage of the proposal. Further, the proposal achieves required WSUD measures. The design of the development also embodies sustainability measures given the design maximises natural light and ventilation to the apartments.

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5. Landscape	Good design recognises that together landscape and buildings operate as an integrated and sustainable system, resulting in greater aesthetic quality and amenity for both occupants and the adjoining public domain.	The application has been accompanied by a landscape plan which provides for the high quality embellishment of the site by suitable ground covers, shrubs and trees which, at maturity, will complement the height, scale, design and function of the proposed development. The proposed development provides green spaces that will allow passive recreation and provide a calming environment for residents.
6. Amenity	Good design positively influences internal and external amenity for residents and neighbours. Achieving good amenity contributes to positive living environments and resident wellbeing.	The development provides good amenity for residents both in apartment configurations and in facilities for community living. Enclosed community rooms, roof gardens, easily accessible facilities at grade and landscaped private spaces will provide a variety of positive experiences for residents. Adequate provision has been made for storage areas, common open space and building servicing areas.

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7. Safety	Good design optimises safety and security within the development and the public domain.	Subject to several recommended conditions, the proposed development is considered to be of a safe and satisfactory design which promotes crime prevention in its existing environment. The internal courtyard is the main access route to the dwellings and is overlooked by many of the dwellings giving heightened surveillance. Parking is secure in the basement with direct lift access to buildings. The development optimises the	
		public and private domain. Legible foyers areas, clear sight lines and lighting will provide public and communal areas with good surveillance promoting safety for residents and visitors.	
8. Housing Diversity & Social Interaction	Good design achieves a mix of apartment sizes, providing housing and facilities to suit the existing and future social mix.	A range of dwelling styles are proposed to accommodate various needs with a diversity in apartment sizes as well as a mix of studios, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom units.	

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9. Aesthetics	Good design achieves a built form that has suitable proportions and a balanced composition of elements, reflecting the internal layout and structure.	The design of the proposed development provides an appropriate address to the public domain. The proposed external elevations provide elements of depth and articulation and the proposed colour scheme for the development complement surrounding development. The building design directly responds to its location and use with suitable proportions and a variety of elements, layered to contribute to the streetscape and amenity for residents.

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ADG Element	Requirement	Proposal	Compliance
3A Site Analysis required	Appendix 1 of the ADG	Site analysis provided.	Yes
3B Orientation	Where an adjoining building does not currently receive 2 hours of sunlight in midwinter, solar access should not be further reduced by > 20%	See discussion in report.	See discussion in report.
	4 hours of solar access should be retained to solar collectors on neighbouring buildings	Adjoining properties do not contain solar collectors.	Yes
3C Public Domain Interface	The maximum height of street frontage walls is 1m	N/A	Yes
	Substations, pump rooms, garbage storage rooms and other service rooms should be located in the basement carpark or out of view	The waste rooms are incorporated into the building and are out of view. The substation is provided at the front of the site will be visible, but given the scale of the development the impact is limited.	Yes
3D Communal and Public Open Space	Communal open space has a minimum area equal to 25% of the site	1675m ² required and 1682m ² (25%) provided.	Yes
	50% of the principal COS should receive 2 hours of sunlight between 9am and 3pm	Provided given rooftop.	Yes

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Minimum dimension of 3m	Minimum dimension of 3m	Yes
A deep soil zone equivalent to 7% of the site area must be provided	469m² required and 12.8% (857m²) provided.	Yes
If the site is between 650m² to 1500m² then the DSZ must have minimum dimensions of 3m	N/A	
If over 1500m ² then min dimensions of 6m	Complies	Yes
12m between habitable rooms (6m)	6.4m-9m	Yes
18m between habitable rooms (9m)	Boundaries = 6.4m-9m	Side Yes Rear Minor Variation at L4.
	Towers= 18m	Yes
	Units B404, B405, C405 & C406 encroach the 9m separation, noting the applicant has argued that given the land to the south is 4 storeys maximum there is no need to provide the 9m setback. To	
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		impacts screens are listed as a condition of consent to south facing windows and screens on the southern ends of balconies which will resolve privacy impacts.	
3J Carparking	Carparking for sites within 800m of a railway station or light rail stop can provide parking at the rate of:	The proposal complies with the parking under Penrith DCP 2014.	Complies with PDCP 2014.
	< 20 units		
	1 space for each unit		
	An additional 0,2 space for each 2br unit		
	An additional 0.5 space per 3br unit		
	0.2 space for visitor parking		
	>20 units		
	Metropolitan Regional (CBD) Centres:		
	0.4 spaces per 1 bedroom unit		
	0.7 spaces per 2 bedroom unit		
	1.20 spaces per 3 bedroom unit		
	1 space per 7 units (visitor parking)		
	Metropolitan Sub- Regional Centres:		
	0.6 spaces per 1 bedroom unit		
	0.9 spaces per 2 bedroom unit		
	1.40 spaces per 3 bedroom unit		

	1 space per 5 units (visitor parking)		
4A Solar Access	70% of Units to receive 2 Hours Solar Access between 9am and 3pm Mid Winter	Windtech Report confirms 72% of apartments achieve 2 hours.	Yes
	A maximum of 15% of apartments receive no direct sunlight between 9am and 3pm Mid Winter	5.2% receive no sunlight.	Yes
4B Natural Ventilation	60% of Units are cross ventilated in a building up to 9 storeys	Windtech Report confirms 44.7% achieve 'deemed to comply' under ADG, however when considering prevailing winds for the area and the façade provided 60.9% of units will achieve 'wind-driven natural ventilation' which aligns with the intent of the ADG.	Yes
	Overall width of a cross over or cross through apartment is < 18m	<18m	Yes
	Unobstructed window openings should be equal to at least 5% of the floor area served	Complies	Yes
4C Ceiling Height	2.7m for habitable and 2.4m for non-habitable.	2.7m-3.5m provided.	Yes

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4D Unit Sizes			
1 bed	50m ²	>50m²	Yes
2 bed	70m ²	>70m²	Yes
3 bed	90m²	>90m²	Yes
+ 5m² for each unit with more than 1 bathroom.		Where second bathrooms are provided for units an additional 5m ² of floor space is provided.	Yes
Bedroom sizes Master	10m ²	Small number of units < 10sqm however acceptable given layouts functional.	Minor Variation to some Units
Other	9m²	9m² or >	Yes
Living rooms/dining areas have a minimum width of:			
3.6m	Studio/1 br	3.6m to 189 of 191 units	Yes with exception of 2
4m	2br/ 3br	4m	units (1%).
Cross- over/Cross- through	4m wide	4m	Yes
Habitable Room Depths	limited to 2.5m x Ceiling Height	N/A as open plan layouts provided	
	(6.75m with 2.7m ceiling heights)		
Open Plan Layouts that include a living, dining room and kitchen	8m to a window	<8m to window	Yes

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4E Private Open Space			
Balcony Sizes	8m ² & 2m depth	> 8m ² & 2m	Yes
1 bed	10m ² & 2m depth	>10m ² & 2m	Yes
2 bed	12m ² & 2.4m depth	>12m ² & 2.4m	Yes
3 bed	Tem a er im aoptii	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	. 55
Ground level/ podium apartments	15m ² & 3m depth	>15m ² & 3m	Yes
4F Common Circulation and Spaces			
Common Circulation	8 -12 units per plate	Maximum 8 per plate	Yes
Units per Plate			
Corridors > 12m	Are articulated	Articulated and light source provided to all but 1 corridor.	Yes
4G Storage			
1 bed	6m ³	6m ³	Yes
2 bed	8m ³	8m ³	Yes
3 bed	10 m ³	10 m ³	Yes
Min. 50% of required storage is within the apartment			
40 Landscape Design			
Site Area >1500m ²	1 large tree or 2 medium trees per 80m ² of DSZ	27 trees which is 1 per 62m ² of DSZ.	Yes