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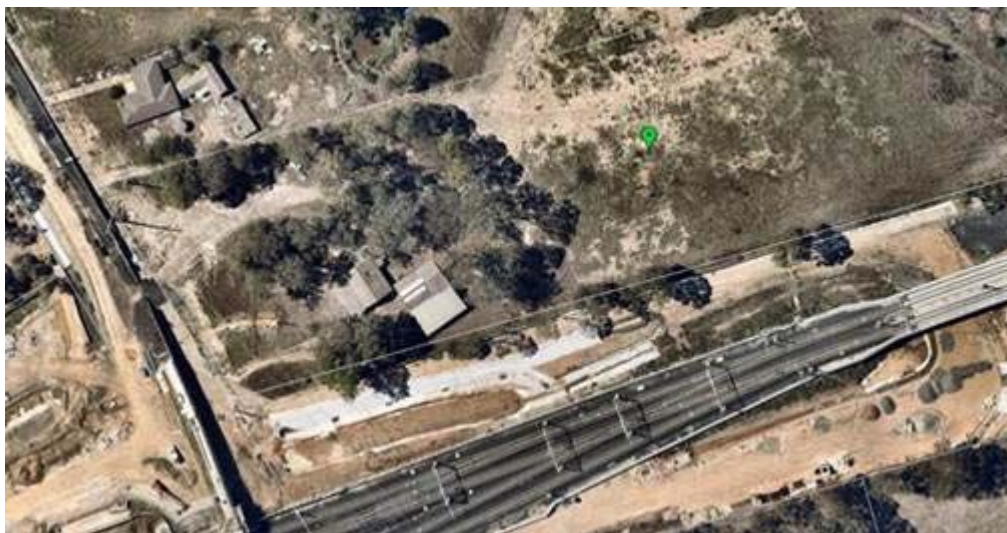
Cc: Judith Portelli

Subject: Questions from Panel regarding trees - 38 Cudgegong Rd, Rouse Hill - JRPP-15-02107 - 2016SYW086

Hi Lisa,

The Applicant has provided further information regarding the current status of trees along the southern boundary of their site.

The Applicant has not undertaken any works on their site, however the adjoining site to the south has been subject to extensive works recently by North West Metro Rapid Transit (NRT) being the operations, trains and systems contractor acting on behalf of Transport for NSW, as shown in the extract below from Nearmaps.



The Applicant has explained that they submitted an Arborist Report in July 2017 prepared by Redgum Horticultural, dated March 2017. This report recommended removal of the 13 trees along the southern boundary which are queried in your email. Although this is not clearly shown in the proposed plans, the Applicant has stated that the reason for these trees to be removed was due to their poor condition and impact during the construction of the rail line. The Applicant has stated that those trees are right along the boundary and few of them are actually on the rail property.

We considered at the time of writing the report that this area to be a highly disturbed site and retention of these trees would be difficult with the rail corridor works adjacent.

As you can see from the current aerial view marked up by the Applicant, the Applicant has reconsidered this matter and have indicated that they could retain these current existing trees along the southern boundary that are not expected to be impacted on by the rail corridor.



DATED 18 Jan 2018

We recommend the following conditions are incorporated into the recommended conditions of consent to ensure these trees are protected and retained:

2 GENERAL

2.1 Scope of Consent

2.1.1 *The attached plan is added as an approved plan in the table*

2.1.2 The existing trees indicated for retention on the approved plan titled 'Plan showing extent of zone for existing trees to be retained' prepared by Zhinar Architects and dated 9 March 2018, are to be retained and protected against damage.

9 DURING CONSTRUCTION (GENERAL)

9.6 Protection of Existing Trees

9.6.1 The existing trees indicated for retention on the approved plan titled 'Plan showing extent of zone for existing trees to be retained' prepared by Zhinar Architects and dated 9 March 2018, are to be retained and protected against damage.

Although these trees were approved for removal in a previous development application, we consider the retention of these trees to provide an opportunity to ensure the development does not result in adverse impacts with regard to environmental impacts, is in the public interest, and assist with preserving the amenity of the area through the preservation of trees, therefore satisfying the objective of clause 5.9 Preservation of trees or vegetation of Appendix 6 Area 20 Precinct Plan of the Growth Centres SEPP 2006.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kind Regards,
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