

# **DETERMINATION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS**

SYDNEY CENTRAL CITY PLANNING PANEL

DATE OF DETERMINATION	1 November 2017
PANEL MEMBERS	Prof. Edward Blakely, Mary-Lynne Taylor, Stuart McDonald, David Ryan, Richard Thorp
APOLOGIES	Paul Mitchell
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

Public meeting held at Rydalmere Operations Centre, City of Parramatta, 316 Victoria Rd, Rydalmere on 1 November 2017, opened at 11:45 am and closed at 1:00 pm

#### **MATTER DETERMINED**

2017SWC011— Parramatta — DA/585/2016/A at 30 — 42 Oxford Street, Epping (AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE 1)

### PANEL CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

The Panel considered: the matters listed at item 6, the material listed at item 7 and the material presented at meetings and the matters observed at site inspections listed at item 8 in Schedule 1.

The Panel determined to approve the development application as described in Schedule 1 pursuant to section 96 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Panel adjourned during the meeting to deliberate on the matter and formulate a resolution.

The decision was unanimous.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The reasons for the decision of the Panel were:

- The site is in the Epping Town Centre Urban Activation Precinct, approximately 125 metres from Epping Rail Station and in close proximity to a range of other retail, commercial, educational, open space and recreational facilities.
- The locality has been identified as having a future character of high density, mixed use buildings. The approved 17 storey, two tower mixed use development is consistent with this context.
- The proposed amendments are relatively minor and are considered suitable for the following reasons:
  - There is no net decrease in the amount of commercial floor space approved on the site and it will satisfy the objectives of the B2 Zone.
  - o The location of a commercial unit in Tower B is necessary to ensure permissibility as 'shop top housing', whilst minimising the amount of commercial space without a street frontage.
  - Additional communal facilities have been provided and the amenity of open space is acceptable.
  - Additional building height is justified in order to allow a step-free transition from the public domain to the retail unit.
  - Other amendments to unit mix and sizes, and other design elements are acceptable.

## **CONDITIONS**

The development application was approved subject to the conditions in the Council Assessment Report.

PANEL MEMBERS	
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Prof. Edward Blakely (Chair)	Mary-Lynne Taylor
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Richard Thorp	

SCHEDULE 1			
1	PANEL REF – LGA – DA NO.	2017SWC011- Parramatta - DA/585/2016/A	
2	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Section 96(2) modification to approved 17 storey mixed-use development including, but not limited to, increase in height of Tower A by 420mm, larger balconies at Level 8, reduction in floor area, modified unit mix, addition of essential services, inclusion of basement ventilation stacks and changes to the facade design.	
3	STREET ADDRESS	30 – 42 Oxford Street, Epping	
4	APPLICANT/OWNER	Cardno Pty Ltd / Greaton Epping Holdings Pty Ltd	
5	TYPE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Section 96(2) Modification Application	
6	RELEVANT MANDATORY CONSIDERATIONS	<ul> <li>Environmental planning instruments:         <ul> <li>State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Infrastructure) (ISEPP) 2007</li> <li>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 (Remediation of Land)</li> <li>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 (Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development)</li> <li>State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005</li> <li>State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX)</li> <li>State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011</li> <li>Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013</li> </ul> </li> <li>Draft environmental planning instruments: Nil</li> <li>Development control plans:         <ul> <li>Hornsby Development Control Plan 2013</li> <li>Epping Town Centre Public Domain Guidelines 2015</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planning agreements: Nil</li> <li>Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000</li> <li>Coastal zone management plan: Nil</li> <li>The likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality</li> <li>The suitability of the site for the development</li> <li>Any submissions made in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or regulations</li> <li>The public interest, including the principles of ecologically sustainable development</li> </ul>	
7	MATERIAL CONSIDERED BY THE PANEL	<ul> <li>Council assessment report: dated 18 October 2017</li> <li>Written submissions during public exhibition: Seven (7)</li> <li>Verbal submissions at the public meeting:         <ul> <li>Object – Andrew Christie on behalf of the Epping Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>On behalf of the applicant – John O'Grady</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8	MEETINGS AND SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE PANEL	<ul> <li>Site inspection and briefing meeting 1 March 2017</li> <li>Final briefing meeting to discuss council's recommendation, 1 November 2017 at 10:45. Attendees:         <ul> <li>Panel members: Prof. Edward Blakely, Mary-Lynne Taylor, Stuart McDonald, David Ryan, Richard Thorp</li> <li>Council assessment staff: Alex McDougall, Myfwany McNally</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9	COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	Approval	
10	DRAFT CONDITIONS	Attached to the council assessment report	