

RECORD OF BRIEFING

SYDNEY CENTRAL CITY PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING/DATE/TIME	5 August 2020 10.00am to 10.40am
LOCATION	Teleconference

BRIEFING MATTER

2019CCI028 – City of Parramatta – DA/189/2019, 5, 7 and 8 Parramatta Square, Part Lot 43 in DP 1238612 and 'Church Street Wedge', Parramatta Public domain works within proposed Stage 3 of Parramatta Square including –

- site preparation works to realign levels across the site;
- hard landscaping including paving, street furniture, shade structures and lighting;
- soft landscaping works including tree planting with deep soil planter zones and drainage;
- services infrastructure augmentation, diversions, and re-instatement as required; and
- stormwater drainage

PANEL MEMBERS

	AL TOTAL
	Abigail Goldberg – Chair
IN ATTENDANCE	David Ryan
	Richard Thorp
APOLOGIES	Gabrielle Morrish
	Ms J Fielding declared an interest as the Stage 3 DA extends into the area subject to the St Johns Cathedral Planning Proposal which she has worked, on and which is currently before Council.
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Councillor M Zaiter declared an interest in respect to 5, 7 & 8 Parramatta Square, Parramatta. This is due to the City of Parramatta Council being the owner of the land and himself being an elected Councillor. In addition, he has been involved in various meetings with the applicant and participated in numerous workshops relating to this site.
	Councillor S Pandey declared an interest in respect in relation to the DA due to the City of Parramatta Council being the owner of the land, and himself being an elected Councillor.

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Myfanwy McNally, Paul Sartor and independent consultant planner, Helena Miller
OTHER	Suzie Jattan – Panel Secretariat

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Application is for the second stage of the Parramatta Square public domain works. It is undergoing
 independent assessment as Council is the landowner.
- Following a long period of design iterations, discussions with Council and negotiations, the plans are now generally consistent with the Parramatta Square Masterplan and public domain requirements of Council.

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- Outstanding issues to be resolved are:
 - 1. **Archaeological considerations**: noting the many-facetted importance of the historical market place beneath the square and Town Hall, the location of the interpretive meeting place, including the proposed fig tree and seating area, is still to be finalized.
 - Digital carpet: as a Council led initiative, the details of this feature are still being resolved and will be subject to a separate application, however the current application is required to factor in levels, overland water flows and access for emergency vehicles as a minimum requirement to facilitate the Digital Carpet.
 - 3. **Sun access**: The strict interpretation of the relevant LEP clause creates unintended procedural requirements that are to be addressed in the Council assessment report.
 - 4. **Design excellence**: Procedural requirements to address the relevant LEP clause are also to be addressed in the Council assessment report.
- The **target timing** for submission to the Panel for determination is late August / early September. At this stage an electronic determination appears likely.