

# **RECORD OF PRELIMINARY BRIEFING**

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

#### **BRIEFING DETAILS**

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Tuesday, 19 November 2024
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

#### **BRIEFING MATTERS**

PPSHCC-283 –Newcastle – DA2024/00151 - 190 Brunker Road, Adamstown 2289 - Affordable Housing Residential Flat Building

## PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Alison McCabe (Chair), Roberta Ryan, Tony McNamara
APOLOGIES	Nil
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES	Howard Taylor, Royce Lucero, Carolyn Howell, Deborah Gilbert.
COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF:	lain Watt, Brian Gibson
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Leanne Harris; Holly McCann

## **COUNCIL BRIEFING:**

- Amended plans uploaded to the Portal just prior to this briefing and yet to be reviewed by Council.
- Council issued an RFI in August but no comprehensive response until now.
- Waste Management has been a significant issue to date. The amended plans and information package is now proposing relocation of the waste pickup to Brunker Road. This will need to be considered by the Local Traffic Committee.
- Design Review Panel and Regional Panel comments included in the RFI and various amendments included in the response to Council.
- Contamination information submitted but requires further review in relation to proposed remediation strategy.
- Confirmation that 8 submissions received which relate more to the use for social housing rather than the design of the development.

#### **APPLICANT BRIEFING:**

- Site suitability investigations with additional testing undertaken and concludes that the site can be made suitable subject to a RAP.
- Solar access to adjoining property to the south. New modelling undertaken. Adjustments made to upper level of proposed building to improve solar access to the building next door.
- Improved access to communal open space.
- Entry lobby arrangements and bin area amended.
- Additional details provided along the northern boundary to more accurately assess impacts.
- Amended gallery /storage area and management plan provided.
- Various other plan improvements and amendments.
- Waste storage relocated to Brunker Rd frontage and traffic management arrangement being applied for.

# PANEL COMMENTS:

- The Panel notes that additional information has just been submitted to Council and requires assessment.
- The Panel encourages Council to submit the application to the Local Traffic Committee as a matter of priority.
- The contamination assessment needs to be clear in terms of remediation strategies proposed and that the site is suitable for its intended use. The Panel will need to understand what is there and what is going to happen with it.

The Panel is keen to program the DA for determination in the New Year and requests that the applicant be responsive to anything the Council requires.