

# **RECORD OF BRIEFING** NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

### **BRIEFING DETAILS**

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 10.22am and 11.27am
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

### **BRIEFING MATTER(S)**

PPSNTH-306 – Tweed – DA24/0196 – 3, 5 & 7 River Terrace, Tweed Heads – Construction of shop-top housing comprising three levels of basement carparking, ground floor retail premises and 72 units, pool, signage and associated vegetation removal

#### **PANEL MEMBERS**

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Michael Wright, Pat Miller and Ned Wales
APOLOGIES	Stephen Gow
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Valerie Conway, Jonothan Lynch and Ray Clark
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Ellis
OTHER	Nil

## **KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED**

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- Overview of proposal as shop-top housing, basement car parking, retail premises, residential units and associated pool, signage and vegetation removal
  - Site identified as key location for future precinct area, with Council's future vision outlined:
    - Boat Harbour Precinct defined in Development Control Plan and Tweed Regional City Action Plan
      - Actions include more accessibility, physical and visual links to water edge, potential festival uses, landscaping, framing and bookend development locations
      - Council yet to identify details for public domain spaces
  - Proposal opportunity to incorporate precinct plans and opportunity to set standard
- Design Review process
  - Council endorsed waiver for design competition, with notification provided to Council in relation to proposed Cl.4.6 variation Building Height and Floor Space Ratio
  - 3 meetings held to date, noting support of design and vision
  - Detailed design issues noted in relation to traffic and waste collection that potentially require a substantial redesign, including:
    - proposed setbacks on Monastery Lane and sight lines

- footpath location
- waste collection
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  - current proposal is not supported by Council, noting manual handling concerns, Council ability to undertake collection, accessibility
  - $\circ$  option for private waste collection and ability to indemnify Council if unsustainable in future
  - potential kerbside collection on River Terrace, noting impact on future outdoor seating area and internal design/access issues
  - o existing issues with current operation, including site access, vehicle manoeuvrability
  - $\circ$  ~ long term management of waste collection not supported off River Terrace
- Traffic
  - $\circ$   $\,$  no footpath or widening proposed, noting significant use of Monastery Lane for vehicle access and servicing
  - car parking shortfall and proposed shared car parking use, including low staff numbers proposed
  - o recent update to the Guide to Traffic Generating Development requirements (November 2024)
  - surrounding land uses and traffic/existing car parking occupancy
  - $\circ$   $\,$  zero building setbacks impact sightlines and road safety when leaving site
  - o existing garbage truck manoeuvrability reversing along laneway not supported
  - o service areas for retail spaces
  - o speed zones not supportive of shared pedestrian zones (River Terrace)
- Request for information to include (to be sent):
  - Access and car parking
  - o groundwater study
  - o acoustic assessment
  - Apartment Design Guide compliance
  - waste collection
  - o stormwater
  - o noise, vibration, contamination and dewatering
  - o off-site works
- 11 Submissions received, noting:
  - o vehicle conflict and traffic on Monastery Lane, Wharf Street and River Terrace
  - hydraulic and ground testing investigations and construction impacts on structural integrity of neighbouring buildings
  - solar access to neighbouring buildings
  - o stormwater and rubbish impacts on the river
  - o loss of vegetation
  - o non-compliances setbacks, height, floor space ratio
  - o impact on native wildlife
  - o public transport impact statement
  - compliance with National Construction Code
  - o impacts on residents during construction
  - o privacy

## Referrals

- Electricity supply authority safety concerns as plans not illustrating proposed distance from powerlines
- Design Review Panel further referral required
- Water NSW resolved

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- Internal Referrals:
  - Stormwater and Flood Engineering, Traffic, Waste, Environmental Health, Water & Wastewater – unresolved
  - Strategic Planning and Urban Design, Building, Engineering, Parks and Active Communities, Ecology comments provided

### Panel Questions and Issues

- Acknowledgement of opportunity for site development and inclusions of new design elements
- Significant and fundamental issues to be resolved including servicing, traffic/access, road and footpath widths (Monastery Lane), parking, waste collection and ground water before submission for determination
- Potential requirement for significant design changes to address the above, noting options to reduce residential yields to reduce parking requirements
- Potential requirement for significant design changes to satisfactorily meet ADG requirements
- Unsupported in current format, with consideration to be given to withdrawing and relodging amended proposal that satisfactorily addresses issues raised

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: to be confirmed in consultation with Council