

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING/DATE/TIME	07 October 2020 10.00am to 10.30am
LOCATION	Teleconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSSCC-100 – City of Parramatta - DA/277/2020
7A Park Parade Parramatta
Parramatta Aquatic Centre

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Abigail Goldberg – Chair Gabrielle Morrish Ken McBryde Richard Thorp Jane Fielding
APOLOGIES	Nil
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	David Ryan advised that his company had managed the Design Competition for the Pool on behalf of Council. Sameer Pandey and Martin Zaiter advised that they had been party to discussions with both Council and the State Government regarding the project.

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Brad Roeleven
OTHER	Suzie Jattan – Panel Secretariat

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pool is a welcome community facility as the previous pool was removed for the Stadium redevelopment.
- Design competition has been held. Winning team is Andrew Burges Architects, Grimshaw Architects and McGregor Coxall.
- Parramatta Park has important heritage status. It is Crown Land; Applicant is Council.
- Key issues emerging for the assessment:
 - Original Statement of Heritage Impacts considered inadequate, however a revised report was received late last week
 - ESD provisions are not yet satisfied – design competition proposals have been reduced in the DA. Waiting for updated report, which is expected in about 4 weeks
 - Access into the site is still to be finally resolved, noting that access currently requires significant detours through residential areas
 - Connectivity is to be better resolved in order to more effectively integrate pedestrian and cycle routes into the site

- Concurrence still required from Sydney Trains.
- Aiming for a December submission to the Panel and conclusion of the determination before the end of the year.
- Panelists noted that the design appears promising and well-integrated into the site, with landscaping that responds to the hilltop topography.
- **The following matters were highlighted by the Panel for the consideration of the DA going forward:**
 - The Panel considers **ESD measures** to be of significance and notes that they were a very important aspect of the winning design. As such, the Panel encourages inclusion of the ESD elements in the final design. When the DA is next presented to the Panel, the Panel requests clarification regarding what was proposed as part of the winning design vs what comes forward in the final DA.
 - Considering the site and location, **aboriginal input** into the design is considered to be of significance – both in relation to any archaeological findings as well as stakeholder inputs and related design response.
 - **Access and traffic issues**, including pedestrian and cyclist connections, need further design input to achieve the best outcome for the community.
 - **Surface carparking** as currently proposed in the DA is considered unsatisfactory. The Panel notes that carparking should be fully integrated into the Landscape Design, and further thought given to the selection and quality of the surfacing materials. In particular, the surface finish should be environmentally appropriate and consistent with the ESD principles of the competition scheme. Generous landscaping of the carpark is strongly encouraged to ensure shade as well as a green appearance.
- The Panel noted that the scheme is to return to the Design Jury for sign-off before being brought forward to the Panel.
- The Panel requested a further briefing to confirm how its concerns have been met. This briefing may be prior to a determination meeting.