

Record of Kick-Off Briefing Sydney Central City Planning Panel

PANEL REFERENCE, DA NUMBER & ADDRESS	PPSSCC-395 – The Hills Shire – 544/2023/JP – 125 Smallwood Road, Glenorie
APPLICANT / OWNER	Applicant: EA Quarry's Pty Ltd/PGH Environmental Planning Owner: EA Quarry's Pty Ltd
APPLICATION TYPE	Continuation of Extraction Operations for a Sandstone Quarry and Associated Changes to Operations
REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT CRITERIA	Designated Development - Extractive Industry
CIV	N/A
BRIEFING DATE	10 November 2022

ATTENDEES

APPLICANT	Patrick Hurley, Alex Irwin, James Colla, Dean Brodie
PANEL	Abigail Goldberg (Chair), David Ryan, Robert Buckham, Megan Munari
COUNCIL OFFICER	Kristine McKenzie, Paul Osbourne, Cameron McKenzie
CASE MANAGER	George Dojas
PLANNING PANELS SECRETARIAT	Alex Richard

DA lodged: 15 September 2022

RFI submission date: Council to issue RFI within a month

Tentative panel briefing date: Dependent on emerging issues, may only be required prior to the public determination meeting

Exhibition dates: 07/10/2022 to 07/11/2022

Tentative panel determination date: TBA - 2023

DISCUSSION

- The applicant introduced the development for the continuation of extraction operations of a sandstone quarry, and associated changes to operations plans including hours of operation. The applicant noted that extraction is currently ongoing without an active consent.
- Council advised that compliance action had not been undertaken due to the DA being either in play or under development.
- The Panel noted that traffic generation, operational noise, operational management plans and rehabilitation planning have been key community concerns to date and would need to be effectively addressed with up-to-date conditions applied. For example, rehabilitation conditions would need to ensure that rehabilitation will take place, and that a bond is provided to this end.
- The Panel queried the 4–6-year timeline for rehabilitation; the applicant noted that requirements of the final landform and the work required to backfill to that level was the basis for this estimate.
- The Chair sought to confirm that the application was not seeking expansion of the quarry as previously approved (width or depth); the applicant concurred.
- Council noted that traffic impacts are an ongoing issue; especially with regard to truck movements, which may not be in line with the expired 2002 consent. The applicant noted there were conflicting views on this matter, but provided a broad breakdown of the vehicle movements which suggested that the consent had not been breached.
- Council noted that the public exhibition has concluded, with 17 submissions received. As such a conciliation meeting with the objectors will be held by Council.
- The Chair noted that as more than 10 unique submissions had been received, a public meeting would be required.
- The applicant observed that consultation with the EPA was required, which has the potential to prolong the assessment period.
- Council is yet to undertake its full application assessment, so this record is not a final list of the issues to be taken into account in drafting a recommendation.
- The application is yet to be fully considered by the Sydney Central City Planning Panel and therefore future comment will not be limited to the detail contained within.

REFERRALS OUTSTANDING

Internal: Environmental Health and Traffic

External: DPE, Primary Industries, NRAR, EPA, NSW Health, Police