

# **RECORD OF BRIEFING** SYDNEY EASTERN CITY PLANNING PANEL

#### **BRIEFING DETAILS**

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 29 February 2024, 9.06am and 10.32am
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

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

PPSSEC-282 – Inner West – DA/2023/0467– 469-483 Balmain Road, Lilyfield – Concept and detailed (Stage 1) development application for a mixed-use development comprising of residential flat building and light industry uses

#### PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Carl Scully (Chair), Amelia Thorpe, Brian McDonald and Philippa Scott
APOLOGIES	Alice Spizzo
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Annalise Field, Ruba Osman, Joe Bertacco and Tom Irons
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Ellis
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES	Matthew Di Maggio, Wes van der Gardner, Michael Oliver, Reuben Jacobson, Tai Ropiha and Tobias Grund

## **KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED**

## Council briefing – 9.06am-9.43am

- Site location and surrounding context
- Outline of proposed development and progress to date
- Amended plans received noting removal of building separation, demolition of single storey portion of character building and moving of communal open space to roof top
- Key issues outstanding
  - Staging of Concept development, in particular, the legal mechanism for progression of Stage 2 of proposal, noting relationship to site specific LEP clauses for adaptive reuse, employment uses and affordable housing
  - Design Excellence matters safety (night-time safety, activation and lighting strategy) and aesthetics (further details required to provide a clear expression of proposed architectural design intent)
  - o Deep soil requesting additional areas, noting proposed areas of pathways
  - Traffic imminent future works Alberto and Balmain Road upgrade remodelling of traffic impact to be undertaken noting impact on vehicle access for larger vehicles

- Alberto Lane low performing space with amenity worsened with AC units relocated at the ground level
- Existing easement within the site substantial interference requires principle agreement with owner of easement
- Significance of Character buildings
- Other key issues
  - Height of building 11% variation
  - $\circ$  Communal open space (COS) 35 % variation, noting improved quality of COS
  - o Building separation and visual privacy
  - o Solar access and natural ventilation light wells remain the primary air and light sources

# Applicant Briefing – 9.44am – 10.32am

- Overview of proposal to date
- Key amendments noted
  - Redevelopment of proposed employment use "link building" between the character buildings under future Stage 3
  - o Future bridge link
  - o Increased deep soil
  - Pocket park
  - o Public open space refinements
  - o Relocation of communal open space
  - General design improvements
- Consolidation of all employment uses into 2 storey building
- Photomontages of building presentation to the street
- Additional amendments to be submitted to Council by mid-March to address link building, GFA compliance, Design Excellence matters, deep soil design, street network upgrades, embellishment of Alberto Lane

## **Panel Questions**

- EV charging infrastructure to be provided for residential parking areas
- Location and treatment of fire fighting hydrants
- Indicated photomontage of future stage building
- Clarification of heritage and LEP clauses to require adaptability of buildings

# TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: 16 May 2024