Applicant: Anglican Community Services

Property: 284 Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill 411-415 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill 417-419 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill

Proposal: Seniors Housing Development

Site Context / Location



- Corner of Old
 Northern Road and
 Castle Hill Road
- On the southern
 edge of Hornsby
 LGA
- 1.2km to Castle Hill
- 1km to CherrybrookTrain station

The Site



Site Characteristics

- Site area of Proposed
 Development =
 257,050m²
- The development is located in south western part of the site (red outline)
- Older buildings
- Vegetated corridor
- Vegetated embankment along boundary to Old
 Northern Road and
 Castle Hill Road
- Cleared area in SW corner of site
- Existing Lagoon
- Existing vehicle access
 Old Northern Road

The Proposal

- Demolition of 67 dwellings.
- Remediation, site excavation and earthworks.
- ➢ Removal of 55 trees (15% of trees in the site area).
- Construction of seniors housing comprising 66 self-contained dwellings (apartments + villas) :
 - 3 x three storey buildings providing 53 apartment style self-contained dwellings;
 - 13 x single storey detached and semi-detached villa style self-contained dwellings;
 - $\circ~$ 1 x two-storey administration building; and
 - o 1 x single storey community building with self-serve café.
- > Upgrades to existing internal road network (James Cook Drive, Western Road, Clarke Drive).
- Basement carparking beneath the apartment buildings, one garage for each villa, carparking spaces adjacent to the administration building (B19).
- > Associated infrastructure to support the development including upgrades to stormwater management.
- > Landscaping and pathways including enhancements to the landscaped area around Tom Thumb Lagoon.



The Proposal



Background

- Previous DA from 2019 the subject of Land and Environment Court Proceedings
- Section 34 conciliation conference
- Council engaged planning and urban design experts
- Original SOFACs contained 17 separate issues.
- Very fruitful discussions during the conciliation conference
- Residual issues were:
 - > Works to classified road concurrence and land dedication (current DA avoids road works in Old Northern Road)
 - RMS drainage easement (easement relocated in current DA)
 - Clause 4.6 variation statement in relation to 8m height control of SEPP Seniors (current DA complies)
 - Tree impacts to Tree 89 (not impacted in current DA)
 - Discrepancy between reports and tree removal
 - Architectural plan references
 - > 60m distance between lift and bulky waste storage in Building B10 (that building no longer proposed).
- Court proceedings were discontinued due to RMS raising a new issue late in the process relating to land dedication in Old Northern Road.
- Proposed DA is similar to previous DA. Reduced number of buildings and residential care facility removed. There are 2 additional villas and a different internal road realignment from previous DA.

Key Considerations

- Clause 4.6 variation to Clause 40 (4)(b) of SEPP Seniors
 - > 2 storey height standard at the boundary of the site
 - Proposal is 3 storeys
 - Clause 4.6 variation statement prepared justifiable and satisfies clause 4.6 statutory tests
- > Character Urban Design Report design outcome similar to previous DA (agreement reached in s34 conciliation process)
- Residential amenity including SEPP 65 / ADG considerations (privacy, solar access, building separation)
- Draft Housing SEPP
- Tree removal
- Flora and fauna assessment
- > Flooding new stormwater infrastructure similar to previous scheme (agreement reached during s34 conciliation process)
- RMS previous issues with stormwater easement draining water from Castle Hill Road
 - Existing stormwater pipes not in location of easement
 - Existing pipes to be relocated & new easement established
 - Old easement extinguished
- RMS Road works in Old Northern Road are not proposed

Specialist reports and investigations

- Architectural Design Statement
- Urban Design Assessment
- Geotechnical
 - Geotechnical investigation
 - Train tunnel investigation
 - Contamination
- Civil infrastructure and stormwater and flooding
- Traffic and car parking
- Arboricultural assessment
- Flora and fauna assessment
- Acoustic Assessment
- > Air Quality
- Accessibility Assessment
- Heritage Assessment
- Waste Management
- Construction Traffic Management
- Operational Statement
- > BASIX

Community consultation and exhibition

The DA is currently on notification –closes 2 November 2021

Anglicare has been engaging with the existing residents of the retirement village over many years