



NSW Police Force

Development Application Review

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RMS Reference: D/2021/1397387

DA Reference No: DA 162/2021

Council: Lane Cove

Developer/Applicant: Hyecorp Property Group

Private Certifier: Mersonn Pty Ltd

Property address: 13-19 Canberra Ave St Leonards

Proposed development/use of space: To demolish 4 existing houses and construct a new public pedestrian link and residential development comprising 84 residential apartments and 4 levels of basement car parking.

1. Introduction

In line with section 4.15 of the New South Wales Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and the New South Wales Planning Guidelines, the below report has been conducted on Lane Cove Council Development Application DA 162/2021

2.1 Current environment

The site is located just to the south of the St Leonards Centre. The immediate surrounding area comprises older style single dwelling residences and more recent apartment/townhouse buildings. The St Leonards town centre comprises retail/commercial buildings and a large hospital complex extending along the Pacific Highway and north of the Highway. The site is within 800m of the Crows Nest Metro Station, which is currently under construction, and 200 metres south of St Leonards rail station.

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2.2 Proposed development

The development application is proposing to demolish 4 existing dwellings and construct a new public pedestrian link and mixed use residential development comprising 1 x studio flat, 26 x one bedroom units, 28 x two bedroom units, 29 x three bedroom units, 4 level basement car park including 19 childcare car spaces, 2 car share spaces, 1 restaurant/café car space, 17 visitor car spaces, 95 residential car spaces, 10 motorcycle spaces and 30 bicycle spaces, childcare centre for 60 children including outdoor play area and ground floor restaurant or café space.

3. Crime risks and identified issues

Within this section you are to identify the crime risks and issues that are currently impacting the local area, will be introduced or exacerbated by the proposed development, and any issues that will impact the policing of that space.

3.1. Current/trending crimes that impact the local area that should be considered within the design and building process.

The site will be a potential target for theft from basement storage cages, mail theft, parcel theft, Steal from Motor Vehicle offences, break, enter and steal offences and bicycle theft.

3.2. Crimes that the current proposed development application will introduce or facilitate within this space.

Due to there being 30 bicycle parking spaces and the increase in population density, the site could possibly introduce or facilitate bicycle theft and parcel theft.

3.3. Developments can introduce or facilitate certain issues that are not necessarily a crime, but impact on the ability to police a space. This section allows you to detail what issues you have with the proposed development, for example homelessness, population density, other proposed developments in the surrounding space, traffic, traffic flow, parking, public transport, affordable housing, schools, religious building/groups, emergency management and anything else your command identifies.

The development proposes to increase living density at the site from 4 homes to 84 homes. Traffic congestion in the area is already going to be impacted by other developments which will increase the living density, including a large residential development at 21-41 Canberra Avenue (next door). A CPTED review of the development next door at 21-41 Canberra Avenue was completed on 25/8/21 (D/2021/1029953) which highlighted how the increased living density is likely to cause increased traffic congestion on the intersections of Canberra Ave and River Road, Duntroon Avenue and River Road, Berry Road and Pacific Highway and Marshall Avenue and Berry Road and it is recommended that appropriate modifications be made to accommodate this. The child care centre will also bring an increase in traffic around the site. The development falls within the catchment area of Greenwich Public School and may cause a higher volume of pick up and drop off traffic at the school.

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4. Recommendations

The following Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) treatment options need to be considered for the proposed development in order to reduce opportunities of crime:

1. The site will need to be clearly identified through a business name and street number and be visible from the street. This will enable all emergency services to locate the premises.
2. Appropriate signage should be erected inside and around the perimeter of the entire property to warn of security treatments in place e.g. "This site is under 24 hour video surveillance".
3. Local schools should be consulted in regards to the expected increase in students and how this will impact on traffic congestion during drop off and pick up times.
4. Appropriated modifications should be made where necessary to accommodate the increase in traffic congestion on surrounding streets and intersections.
5. The Traffic Management Plan should cover the impact the demolition and excavation phase will have, including truck usage etc.
6. Bicycle parking should be in a secure area and covered with CCTV cameras.
7. Mail boxes and parcel delivery areas should be secure and covered with CCTV cameras. If possible, a secure method for parcel delivery should be set up in the building.
8. If the site has storage cages they should be covered by CCTV cameras and made of solid materials that can't be cut open. Signs should be placed in the area warning residents not to leave valuable items in storage cages.
9. Lighting in and around the proposed development should comply with Australian Standard AS: 1158 and should provide for adequate, uniform illumination. External lighting should be of a 'white light' source. Note that high or low pressure sodium 'orange' lighting is not compatible with quality surveillance systems. Internal lighting should be controlled from 'Staff only' areas, away from public access. If this is not possible, use tamper-resistant switches. Luminaries (light covers) should be designed to reduce opportunities for malicious damage.
10. Lighting within the site will need to be positioned in a way to reduce opportunities for offenders to commit crime i.e vandalism and graffiti. The lighting will need to be sufficient to enable people to identify signs of intoxication and anti social behaviour. The lighting will also need to be sufficient to support images obtained from any CCTV footage. Please note that some low or high pressure lighting is not compatible with surveillance systems.

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11. Doors should be of solid construction, and should be fitted with quality deadlock sets that comply with the Building Code of Australia and Australian Standards – Lock Sets AS:4145.
12. Windows within the site should also be of solid construction. These windows should be fitted with quality window lock sets that comply with the Australian Standards – Lock Sets AS:4145. Glass within doors and windows should be reinforced to restrict unauthorised access. The glass can be either fitted with a shatter-resistant film or laminated to withstand physical attacks.
13. An electronic surveillance system should be included to provide maximum surveillance of all areas of the site including entry/exits, car parks, bicycle parking, mail areas and common areas. Cameras should also cover public footpath areas around the premises. The system should be capable of recording high-quality images of events. The recording equipment should be locked away to reduce the likelihood of tampering.
14. An emergency control and evacuation plan should be implemented within the site and displayed for the information of residents.
15. All recording made by the CCTV system must be stored for at least 30 days. Ensure that the system is accessible by at least one member of staff at all times it is in operation, and provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or inspector within 24 hours of any request by a police officer or inspector. The CCTV cameras will need to be placed in suitable locations to enhance the physical security and assist in positively identifying an individual, who may be involved in criminal behaviour.
16. “Park Smarter” signage should be displayed in the car park to warn/educate motorists to secure their vehicles and not leave valuable items in their cars. The car park will also need to have adequate lighting.
17. Wheelchair access should at no time be blocked nor impede access to anyone with a disability.
18. The landscaping design around the site needs to be free from potential hiding places and provide sightlines throughout the site and into any surrounding areas such as car parks, playgrounds and recreational amenities. Trees and shrubs should be maintained regularly to reduce concealment opportunities and increase visibility. Avoid the use of landscaping materials which could, when mature, serve as screens or barriers to impede views.
19. The boundaries of the site should be clearly identified to deter unauthorised persons from entering the site.

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The NSW Police Force hopes that by using the recommendations contained in this assessment, criminal activity will be reduced and the safety of members of the community and the security of their property will increase. However, it does not guarantee that all risks have been identified, or that the area assessed will be free from criminal activity if its recommendations are followed.

Should you have any questions in relation to the evaluation contact Senior Constable Jenni Brown, Crime Prevention Officer, North Shore PAC, 9414 8446.

Yours sincerely,
Jenny Scholz
Superintendent
Commander

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