



## Development Application Review

**RMS Reference:** D/2024/543589

**DA Reference No:** DA35/2024

**Council:** Lane Cove Council

**Developer/Applicant:** Gatacre LC Pty Ltd

**Property address:** 1 Gatacre Ave and 1-5 Allison Avenue, Lane Cove

### 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 DA35/2024.

### 2.1 Current environment

The subject site is an irregularly shaped allotment with a dual street frontage, located on the southern side of Gatacre Avenue and the northern side of Allison Avenue. Currently, the subject site contains a mixture of commercial and residential land uses, including:

- No. 1 Gatacre Avenue contains a part two, part three storey unused motel premises known as the 'Comfort Inn – North Shore'. The subject development has a dual street frontage with vehicular and pedestrian entrance afforded from both Gatacre and Allison Avenue. Vehicle parking is provided at ground level, with accommodation spread across throughout the site.
- In the south-east corner of the site at No. 5 Allison Avenue is a single storey detached residential dwelling.

### 2.2 Proposed development

The DA seeks approval for demolition of existing development at the site and construction of 44 apartments across two connected buildings, with basement car parking and associated landscaping.

### 3. Crime risks and identified issues

**3.1. Current/trending crimes that impact the local area that should be considered within the design and building process.** Break Enter and Steal, Steal Motor Vehicle, Steal From Motor Vehicle.

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**3.2. Crimes that the current proposed development application will introduce or facilitate within this space.** The site will be a potential target for mail/parcel theft, steal from motor vehicle offences, break, enter and steal offences and bicycle 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.** Traffic congestion

## **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 building name or street number and be visible from the street. This will enable all emergency services to locate the premises with ease.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. All recording made by the CCTV system must be stored for at least a minimum of 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.
5. Mailboxes and parcel delivery areas should be secure and covered with CCTV cameras. If possible, a secure method for parcel delivery should be set up inside the building i.e., a mail room. Having large banks of mailboxes in common areas creates opportunities for parcel theft.
6. If the site has storage cages, they should be made of solid materials that can't be cut open and should be covered by CCTV cameras. They should have a material encasing them that prevents individuals being able to see into the storage cage from the outside of the cage. Signs should be placed in the area warning residents not to leave valuable items in storage cages.
7. Any bicycle parking should be in a secure area and covered with CCTV cameras.

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8. 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".
9. "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.
10. 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.
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. Appropriated modifications should be made where necessary to accommodate the increase in traffic congestion on surrounding streets and intersections.
13. An emergency control and evacuation plan should be implemented within the site and displayed for the information of residents.
14. Wheelchair access should at no time be blocked nor impede access to anyone with a disability.
15. 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.
16. The boundaries of the site should be clearly identified to deter unauthorised persons from entering the site.

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

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Yours sincerely,  
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