Subject: 2 Greenwich Road, Greenwich

Record No: DA20/49-01 - 60930/20

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	 relevant regulations e.g. Regs 92, 93, 94, 94A, 288 		
	- Nil		
	coastal z	one management plan	
	- Nil		
	other rele	evant plans	
		e Section 94 Contributions Plan	
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submitted with this report	Annexure	Document	Prepared By
for the Panel's	1	Conditions of Consent	Lane Cove Council
consideration	2	SEPP Seniors Assessment	Lane Cove Council
	3	SEPP 65 Assessment	Lane Cove Council
	4	Architectural Plans (Rev. 3)	Marchese Partners
	5	Landscape Plans	Distinctive
	6	Statement of Environmental Effects	Ethos Urban
	7	Design Verification Statement	Marchese Partners
	8	Access Report	BCA Logic
	9	BASIX Report	Cundall
	10	Traffic Impact Assessment	Varga Traffic Planning
	11	Construction Traffic Management Plan	Stevens Construction
	12	Acoustic Report	Acoustic Report
	13	Geotechnical Report	JC Geotechnics
	14	Arboricultural Report	Horticultural Management Services
	15	Preliminary Contamination	Trace Environmental
		Assessment	
	16	BCA Assessment	BCA Logic
	17	Quantity Surveyors Report	Napier and Blakeley
	18	Operational Waste	Elephants Foot
		Management Plan (Amended)	<u> </u>
	19	Stormwater Management Plan	BG&E
	20	Sediment and Erosion Control Plan	Stevens Construction
	21	Survey Plan	Lockley and Veris
	22	Notification Extent Map	Lane Cove Council
	23	Summary of Submissions	Lane Cove Council
	24	NSW Police Response	North Shore PAC
	25	RMS Response	Transport for NSW
Clause 4.6 requests	Not applicable.		
Summary of key	Bulk and scale		
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	Visual Privacy		
	Traffic and Parking		

Report prepared by	Henry Burnett	
Report date	15 October 2020	
Summary of s4.15 matters		
	lation to relevant s4.15 matters been summarised in	Yes
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	consent authority satisfaction	
	licable environmental planning instruments where the	Yes
	ied about a particular matter been listed, and relevant	
	in the Executive Summary of the assessment report?	
<u> </u>	nediation of Land, Clause 4.6(4) of the relevant LEP	
Clause 4.6 Exceptions to deve		
		Not applicable
LEP) has been received, has it been attached to the assessment report?		
Special Infrastructure Contributions		
		Not applicable
Note: Certain DAs in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area may require specific Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) conditions		
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	ided to the applicant for comment?	Yes
	in determinations, the Panel prefer that draft conditions,	
notwithstanding Council's recon	nmendation, be provided to the applicant to enable any	

comments to be considered as part of the assessment report

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Development Application is for an independent seniors living development pursuant to SEPP (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability) 2004 on land known as No. 2 Greenwich Road, Greenwich.

The Development Application is referred to the Sydney North Planning Panel for determination under SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011 as the Capital Investment Value exceeds \$30 million (\$30,701,557.00).

The proposal includes the demolition of the existing multi-storey commercial building and construction of an eight storey seniors living development pursuant to *SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004* comprising 40 independent living units (4 x 1 bedroom, 14 x 2 bedroom and 22 x 3 bedroom), ground level commercial floor space, and three levels of basement parking for 69 vehicles.

The proposal was amended by the applicant during the assessment of the Development Application on two separate occasions. The second amendment (Revision 3), being subject of this report, included significant reductions in the east/west building depth through increasing the front and rear building setbacks as detailed in **Table 1**. The resultant improvements to the bulk and scale of the proposal significantly improve the acceptability of the proposal with respect to the relevant environmental planning instruments.

Table 1 – Key Built-Form Amendments		
Element	Revision 1 (Min.)	Revision 3 (Min.)
Rear Setback (Level 1 – 4)	7.0-9.0m	9.0m
Rear Setback (Level 5-8)	7.0m-9.0m	12.0m
Front Setback	5.0m-7.5m	6.5m-8.0m
Building Depth (East/West)	36m-45m	32m-40m

The proposal has been assessed against the relevant parts of Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. A detailed assessment of the relevant environmental planning instruments is provided in Section 5 of this report. The legislative clauses requiring consent authority satisfaction in the principal environmental planning instrument, SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 are listed and recommendations summarised, in Table 2.

Table 2 – EPI Mat	ters to be Satisfied	
EPI	Clause	Recommendation Summary
SEPP (Housing	18 – Restriction as to User	Satisfied, draft condition imposed
for Seniors or	26 – Location and Access to Facilities	Satisfied, refer Annexure 2.
People with a	28 – Water and Sewer	Satisfied, infrastructure available.
Disability) 2004	30 – Site Analysis	Satisfied, refer Annexure 4
	32 – Design of Residential Development	Complies
	40 – Development Standards	Complies
	41 – Accessibility and Usability	Satisfied, draft condition imposed
	50 – Self-Contained Dwelling Standards	Variations acceptable
SEPP 55	7 – Contamination and remediation to be	Satisfied, Preliminary Assessment
Remediation of	considered in determining an application.	provided, Detailed Assessment by
Land		draft condition imposed

The proposal was notified on two occasions and the main concerns raised relate to bulk and scale, overshadowing, visual privacy and traffic and parking. A total of twenty (20) unique submissions were made objecting to the proposal. The submissions are summarised and addressed in the report.

The Development Application provides for a development, permitted by way of SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 that is considered satisfactory in this instance for the following key reasons:

- The built-form is consistent with local planning provisions and in keeping with the envisaged character for the site in the context of its locality;
- The proposal would provide high-quality streetscape, façade and landscaping treatment;
- The proposal would minimise impacts on southern adjoining properties, when compared to a permitted commercial building, and the proposal as originally lodged (Revision 1), through a minimised building depth (east/west) of 32-40 metres; and
- The proposal would provide for ground floor commercial floor space and seniors housing above within a commercial zone as permitted by SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004.

The Development Application is reported to the Sydney North Planning Panel with a recommendation for approval subject to draft recommended conditions of consent.

2. SITE

2.1 Subject Site

The site of the proposed development is known as 2 Greenwich Road, Greenwich. A Survey Plan was submitted with the Development Application (**Annexure 21**). The key site characteristics are summarised in Table 3 below.

Table 3 – Site Characteristics of 2 Greenwich Road	
Site Characteristic	Subject Site
Title Particulars	Lot 1 DP 662215 and Lot 2 DP 566041
Site Area	2,140m ²
Site Frontage	Approximately 43.5m
Site Depth	Ranging in depth between approximately 46m and 59m
Topography	Approximately 4m cross-fall from north to south at the boundary edge.
Zoning	B3 Commercial Core (Figure 8)
Existing Structures	The site contains an existing multi-storey building with basement parking to a maximum height of five (5) storeys.
Existing Use	The building is not currently occupied but was formerly used as a health service facility (Northside Clinic).
Vehicular Access	Vehicular access is currently from Greenwich Road via a shared driveway access with No. 154 Pacific Highway within the northern boundary of the subject site.
Other	The site includes numerous rights of access. Compliance with these encumbrances have been detailed by the applicant.

The submitted site analysis (Figure 1), aerial photograph (Figure 2), aerial perspective (Figure 3) and site photograph (Figure 4) of the subject site are provided below.

2.2 Adjoining Properties

2.2.1 No. 154 Pacific Highway

The site is adjoined by a commercial building to the north (**Figure 5**) known as No. 154 Pacific Highway, Greenwich. The commercial building is described in the submitted Survey Plan as being 10 storey tower atop a 1 storey podium level.

2.2.2 Greenwich Road and Substation

The site is adjoined by Greenwich Road to the west. Three (3) street trees, a bus stop, and a separate substation allotment, characterise the frontage. The frontage is shown in **Figure 4** below.

2.2.3 No. 4 Greenwich Road

A four storey residential flat building is located to the south (**Figure 6**) known as No. 4 Greenwich Road, Greenwich. The four storeys comprise underfloor parking (first storey) and three storeys of residential accommodation. All balconies are orientated to the south.

2.2.4 No. 1-5 Anglo Road

The site is adjoined by No. 1-5 Anglo Road, Greenwich being three (3) single detached dwellings on separate torrens title alotments (**Figure 7**).

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Figure 1: Site Analysis (Source: Marchese Partners, Annexure 4)



Figure 2: Aerial Imagery of Subject Site (Source: Nearmap)



Figure 3: Aerial Perspective of Subject Site (Source: Nearmap)



Figure 4: Photo of Subject Site from Greenwich Road (West)



Figure 5: Photo of No. 154 Pacific Highway, Greenwich (North)



Figure 6: Photo of No. 4 Greenwich Road, Greenwich (South)



Figure 7: Photo of Rear Adjoining Dwellings No. 1-5 Anglo Road, Greenwich (East)

2.2.5 Other Adjoining Properties

To the north-east is located a commercial development at No. 130-134 Pacific Highway ranging in height up to four (4) storeys inclusive of a level of parking. To the south-east of the subject site Anglo Road continues as single detached dwellings. To the western side of Greenwich Road is located Bellevue Avenue and low-rise residential flat building development. To the north-west commercial development continues on the Pacific Highway consistent with the zoning pattern (See Section 2.3) below.

2.3 Local Planning Provisions

In order to understand the site and adjoining development in the context of the existing local planning provisions, the existing zoning, building height and FSR maps of Lane Cove Local Environmental Plan 2009 (LCLEP 2009) are included as **Figure 8, 9 and 10** below. An assessment against the provisions of LCLEP 2009 is provided in Section 5.1.7 of this report.



Figure 8: Zoning Map (Source: LCLEP 2009 and EPlanning Spatial Viewer) (Blue: B3 Commercial Core, Red: R4 High Density Residential, Pink: R2 Low Density Residential)



Figure 9: Max. Building Height Map (Source: LCLEP 2009 and EPlanning Spatial Viewer) (Pink: 25m, Yellow: 12m, Green: 9.5m)

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(Red: 3:1, Green: 0.8:1, Light Green: 0.6:1)

2.4 Site History and Strategic Context

A Planning Proposal was lodged by Ramsay Health Care with Council on 11 April 2017 which sought to amend the LCLEP 2009, to incorporate additional permitted use of shop top housing in the B3 Commercial Core zone and increase the maximum building height from 25m to 33m. No changes were proposed to the existing floor space ratio (3:1).

The proponent requested that consideration of the Planning Proposal be deferred, pending the release of the State Government's Draft 2036 Plan. However, the proponent then lodged a rezoning review on 18 August 2017 as the proposal had not been determined within 90 days of lodgement.

Subsequently, the Sydney North Planning Panel (SNPP) considered the proposal on 25 October 2017. Most Panel members adopted the view that the proposal should be submitted for Gateway assessment subject to the zoning, density and height being consistent with the outcomes of the strategic investigation being undertaken by the Department for St Leonards and Crows Nest prior to exhibition of the Planning Proposal.

The SNPP was later made the Planning Proposal Authority (PPA) for this particular proposal, as Council was unable to respond within the 21 day period.

On 6 September 2018, the Planning Proposal received Gateway Determination for shop top housing as an additional permitted use and an increase to the maximum building height. The Gateway was subject to a number of conditions, including:

1. "The planning proposal is to be updated to:

(b) demonstrate consistency with the draft findings of the St Leonards and Crows Nest Station Precinct strategic investigation (being undertaken in consultation with Lane Cove, Willoughby City and North Sydney Councils), including the relevant proposed land use, height and floor space ratio.

5. Prior to finalisation, the planning proposal is to be amended to demonstrate consistency with the final strategic planning framework for the St Leonards and Crows Nest Station Precinct".

The draft 2036 Plan was then released on 15 October 2018. The draft 2036 Plan did not recommend any land-use, zoning, building height or floor space ratio changes for the site, creating a conflict with the Planning Proposal.

On 17 October 2018 (after the release of the Draft 2036 Plan), the Proponent lodged a rezoning review to remove Gateway Conditions 1) (b) and 5).

On 2 August 2019 the Gateway Review was undertaken by the Independent Planning Commission to review the proposal and prepare advice concerning its merits. In 23 September 2019 the advice from the Commission retained the conditions as imposed in the original Gateway but amended them to reflect the view that the draft 2036 Plan may be subject to further amendment.

On 29 August 2020 the 2036 Plan was finalised. The final St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan recommended no change to land-use, zoning, building height or floor space ratio, for the subject site. **Figure 11** shows the building height excerpt from the 2036 Plan as an example (translated to storeys for a commercial building) and indicates no change.



Figure 11: Final 2036 Plan (No Proposed Change to Height – 2 Greenwich Road, Greenwich)

The proposal seeks to rely on the existing local planning provisions (in relation to height and floor space ratio) and the allowances of SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 in relation to permitting residential accommodation on the site.

3. Proposal

3.1 Overview

The Development Application is for the demolition of the existing multi-storey building and construction of an eight storey seniors living development pursuant to *SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004* comprising 40 independent living units (4 x 1 bedroom, 14 x 2 bedroom and 22 x 3 bedroom), ground level commercial floor space, and three levels of basement parking for 69 vehicles. The proposed architectural plans are provided as **Annexure 4** to this report.



Figure 12: Perspective of Proposal from Greenwich Road

A summary of the key components of the proposal is provided in **Table 4** as follows:

Table 4 – Development Summary	
Component	Proposed
Site Area	2,140m ²
Storeys	8 storeys (3 basement levels)
Total Units	40 units
Unit Mix	4 x 1 bedroom
	14 x 2 bedroom
	22 x 3 bedroom
Parking	Total: 69 spaces
	Residential spaces: 53

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Table 4 – Development Summary	
Component	Proposed
	Residential visitor spaces: 6
	Commercial/Retail spaces: 10
Commercial Floor Area	595.6m ²
(Ground Level)	
Vehicular Access	Retain in current location adjacent to northern boundary.
Proposed Landscaped Area (SEPP)	43%
Proposed FSR (SEPP)	2.99:1
Proposed Building Height (SEPP)	25m to residential levels
	25.75m to rooftop toilet
Proposed Deep Soil (SEPP)	18.5%

A level by level description of the proposal is provided in **Table 5** as follows:

Table 5 – Proposed Development By Level		
Level	Description	
Basement Level 3	 25 x resident spaces comprising: 21 x resident spaces (3.2m wide) 4 x resident spaces (2.4m wide with 2.4m shared zone) 3 x residential visitor spaces; Storage; Exhaust and supply air rooms; Dual lift lobby and two fire stairs; and Two-way ramp to/from Basement Level 2. 	
Basement Level 2	 21 x resident spaces (3.2m wide): 3 x residential visitor spaces; Storage; Services and pump room; and Dual lift lobby and two fire stairs. 	
Basement Level 1	 6 x resident spaces (3.2m wide): 10 x commercial spaces (including 1 x accessible); Storage; Waste services including: Bulky waste room; Retail waste room; Residential waste room (with carousel); Garbage loading area. Services and fire storage tank; and Dual lift lobby and two fire stairs. 	
Lower-Ground Level	 Resident facilities; Cellar, ball pool table, virtual golf room. 5 x Residential Units comprising: 2 x 1 bedroom units 1 x 2 bedroom unit 2 x 3 bedroom units Dual lift lobby and waste room (chute system) 	
Ground Level	 Commercial floor area: 595.6m² Tenancy 1: 81.2m² Tenancy 2: 514.4m² Principal entrance including plaza, DDA ramp and stairs; Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute), DDA toilet and fire stairs; 	

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Table 5 – Propose	d Development By Level
Level	Description
	- Vehicular entrance
Level 1	- 7 Residential Units comprising:
	- 1 x 1 bedroom unit
	- 5 x 2 bedroom units
	- 1 x 3 bedroom unit
	- Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute) and fire stairs.
Level 2	- 7 Residential Units comprising:
	- 1 x 1 bedroom unit
	- 5 x 2 bedroom units
	- 1 x 3 bedroom unit
	- Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute) and fire stairs.
Level 3	- 6 Residential Units comprising:
	- 3 x 2 bedroom units
	- 3 x 3 bedroom units
	- Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute) and fire stairs.
Level 4	- 5 Residential Units comprising:
	- 5 x 3 bedroom units
	- Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute) and fire stairs.
Level 5	- 5 Residential Units comprising:
	- 5 x 3 bedroom units
	- Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute) and fire stairs.
Level 6	- 5 Residential Units comprising:
	- 5 x 3 bedroom units
	- Dual lift lobby, waste room (chute) and fire stairs.
Roof Level	- Lift-overun, toilet and fire stairs;
	- Roof-top plant;
	- Communal open space comprising edge lap pool, open kitchen,
	shade canopy, outdoor seating, dining areas and landscaping.

3.1 Landscaping

The proposed landscaping is shown on the submitted landscape drawings (**Annexure 5**). The landscaping site plan is shown in **Figure 13** below. The proposed landscaping includes the following:

- Removal of sixteen (16) site trees.
- Retention of the three (3) existing street trees to Greenwich Road;
- Replacement tree planting along the southern and eastern boundary (in the proposed deep soil zones) interfacing with the adjoining residential zones;
- Planter boxes to residential and rooftop levels;
- Combination of on-structure and deep soil tree planting/shrubs/ground covers, pedestrian access ramp/stairs and front fence to Greenwich Road within the front setback zone; and
- An increase in canopy cover from 292m² to 547m² (87% increase)

The site is limited to the northern boundary by an existing right of carriageway/driveway that benefits the northern adjoining property (No. 154 Pacific Highway, Greenwich). Limited landscaping is provided in this location due to site constraints.



Figure 13: Proposed Landscaping Plan (showing Ground and Rooftop)

3.2 Public Domain Interface and Commercial Tenancies

The public domain interface is characterised by proposed pedestrian ramp access from the northern edge of the site (high-side) at grade to a plaza area forward of the ground floor commercial tenancies. A central pedestrian stair is proposed bounded by curved sandstone retaining wall design and associated landscaping. The commercial tenancies are proposed to have clear glazing facing the public domain and privacy screens where facing adjoining residential properties. The commercial floor area is broken into two (2) separate commercial tenancies indicatively as shown in **Figure 14** below.



Figure 14: Ground Level Plan

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3.3 Site Access (Vehicular and Pedestrian)

Site access (vehicular) is proposed via a two-way driveway from Greenwich Road. The driveway includes a right of carriageway in favour of No. 154 Pacific Highway, St. Leonards. Site access (pedestrian) is proposed via a pedestrian ramp and stair from Greenwich Road.

3.4 Materiality

The proposed materiality is shown in **Figure 15** and includes a combination of solid (concrete) and clear balustrading, sandstone cladding at ground level, bronze vertical louvres (where screening proposed) and timber panelling to the underside of the balcony coverings.



Figure 15: Materiality

3.5 Private Open Space

Private open space to the lower-ground level units is a series of landscaped terrace areas. Private open space to Level 1 residential accommodation (and above) is in the form of private balconies.

3.6 Communal Open Space and Communal Facilities

The proposed communal open space is located entirely on the rooftop. The communal open space has an area of approximately 710m². The communal open space is embellished by a swimming pool (1200mm depth), large shade canopy, open kitchen, toilet facilities, dining and outdoor seating areas. A plan of the proposed communal open space is provided as **Figure 16**.

The proposal also includes communal facilities at the lower-ground level for use by future residents including a pool table, cinema, virtual golf room and cellar.



3.7 Streetscape Presentation

The proposed Greenwich Road streetscape is shown in **Figure 17.** The proposal reads as seven storeys from Greenwich Road (with the lower-ground level not visible).



Figure 17: Proposal in Context of Streetscape

3.8 Waste Management

The waste management proposed on-site would separate residential and commercial waste storage facilities with a shared collection zone within Basement Level 1. The proposal provides for 2.6m clearance to the waste collection zone to allow for either Council/commercial-contract waste collection. The residential waste collection is via a chute and carousel system with a separate room

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for bulky goods storage. A separate commercial waste storage room is provided. An Operational Waste Management Plan (as amended) is included as **Annexure 18** to this report.

3.9 Stormwater Management

The proposal seeks to provide for an On-site Detention System in the south-eastern corner of the site with overflow (via a drainage easement) to the Council pipe in Anglo Road. The proposal was accompanied by a Stormwater Management Plan provided as **Annexure 19** to this report.

4. ASSESSMENT HISTORY

4.1 Assessment Timeline

The assessment timeline of the Development Application is summarised in Table 6 as follows:

Table 6 – Assessme	Table 6 – Assessment Timeline				
Date	Stage				
11 May 2020	Development Application lodged (Revision 1).				
3 June 2020	Letter sent to the applicant from Council providing a preliminary assessment and request for further information.				
17 July 2020	Additional information provided by the applicant (Revision 2).				
27 August 2020	Meeting held between Council staff and applicant re-iterating concerns with east-west extent of building and building setbacks.				
16 September 2020	Additional information provided by the applicant (Revision 3).				
1 October 2020	Briefing note provided by Council to Sydney North Planning Panel on the Development Application.				

4.2 Application Revisions

The proposal was amended on two occasions during the assessment of the application. **Table 7** summarises key amendments in each revision:

Table 7 – Plan Revisio	ons				
Revision	Summary of Key Amendments				
Revision 2 17 July 2020	 Deep Soil Zones: Setting back parking levels 6m from rear bounda to enlarge deep soil zone. Commercial Floor Space: Delineation of the ground floor commerc space from residential areas. 				
Revision 3 16 September 2020	 Building Separation: Building separation to the eastern boundary increased to provide 9m (Level 1 – 4) and 12m (Level 5-8) to fully comply with Apartment Design Guide requirement for an additional 3m building separation at an interface with a lower density zone. Building Setbacks: Building setback to Greenwich Road (western boundary) increased to be a minimum 6.5m but predominantly greater than 7.5m to comply with the envisaged setback for residential flat buildings. Overshadowing: Increasing building separation/setbacks on the east/west axis reduces bulk and scale, and overshadowing. Solar Access (ADG): Increased from 57.5% to 62.5% of units. Unit Mix: Addition of 1 x 2 bedroom unit, and reduction of 1 x 3 bedroom unit. 				

5. SECTION 4.15 ASSESSMENT

The following assessment is provided against the relevant provisions of Section 4.15 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979:

5.1 Any environmental planning instrument:

5.1.1 SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004

The Council assessment against SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 is provided as **Annexure 2** to this report.

5.1.1.1 Variations

The proposal complies with the SEPP with the exception of three (3) 'do not refuse standards' (Clause 50) being building height, density and solar access.

The following note is provided within Clause 50 as to the operation of a 'do not refused standard':

The provisions of this clause do not impose any limitation on the grounds on which a consent authority may grant development consent.

The extent of the variations to the 'do not refuse standard' are outlined in **Table 8**. The FSR and building height are consistent with the local planning provisions and the level of solar access is deemed appropriate with respect to SEPP 65 for the residential flat building form proposed.

Table 8 – Varia	Table 8 – Variations to Clause 50 of SEPP and Reference Planning Provisions					
Standard	SEPP 'Do Not Refuse' Standard	Proposed	Compliance	Reference Planning Provision	Compliance	
Density and Scale (FSR)	0.5:1	2.99:1	No	LCLEP 2009 3:1	Yes	
Building Height	8m	25.0m to residential 25.75m to rooftop toilet	No	LCLEP 2009 25.0m	No, rooftop toilet variation addressed below.	
Solar Access	70% 3 hours mid-winter to living + private open space.	42.5%	No	ADG – 70% 2 hours mid- winter to living + private open space	No – 62.5%	

5.1.1.1.1 Density and Scale

A variation to the 'do not refuse' density and scale standard of the SEPP is considered satisfactory as the proposal would not contravene the local planning provisions for the site. That is, the proposal would result in a Floor Space Ratio less than the maximum Floor Space Ratio permitted under LCLEP 2009 (3:1). This includes whether the proposed Gross Floor Area is calculated in accordance with the SEPP (resulting in a maximum FSR of 2.99:1) or LCLEP 2009 (resulting in a

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maximum FSR of 2.62:1) definition of Gross Floor Area. The proposed density and scale are considered satisfactory on merit in this instance.

5.1.1.1.2 Building Height

The proposal (as amended) includes a maximum building height of 25m when measured using the building height definition contained within SEPP Seniors:

height in relation to a building, means the distance measured vertically from any point on the ceiling of the topmost floor of the building to the ground level immediately below that point.

The proposed residential levels comply with the local planning provision height control of 25m. The proposal includes structures over the 25m limit (as shown in **Figure 18**) however they are not incorporated in the height definition under SEPP Seniors.



Figure 18: Building Height Plane

The proposal was amended to provide for a toilet to the rooftop communal open space. The addition of this toilet has resulted in habitable floor space at the roof level and accordingly a variation to the local planning provision by 750mm. The toilet is located to the north, is minor in scale and will provide additional amenity to future residents without any adverse amenity impacts on adjoining properties.

5.1.1.1.3 Solar Access

The submitted Statement of Environmental Effects relies on the ADG standard as prevailing in this instance given the proposed residential flat building form and the application of SEPP 65. Section 5.1.2 of this report concludes that the reduced solar access is justified by the ADG where significant views can be achieved and 2 hours to 62.5% in lieu of 70% of units is satisfactory in this instance.

5.1.1.2 Conclusion

The proposed density and scale, building height and solar access are considered acceptable for reasons outlined above. The density and scale, and building height, is consistent with the local planning provisions, and the solar access provisions of the ADG are considered to prevail. The proposal is considered satisfactory with respect to SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004.

5.1.2 SEPP 65 – Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development

This Policy aims to improve the design quality of residential flat development. This proposal has been assessed against the following matters relevant to SEPP 65 for consideration:

- The 9 SEPP 65 Design Quality Principles; and
- The NSW Apartment Design Guide (ADG) guidelines.

The applicant's design verification statement is provided as **Annexure 7** to this report.

The Council SEPP 65 assessment against the design quality principles and a compliance table against the design criteria of the Apartment Design Guide is provided as **Annexure 3** to this report.

The following departures have been identified within the table and addressed as follows:

• **Solar Access.** The proposal provides 62.5% (25 of 40 units) of apartments receiving adequate solar access where the ADG requires 70% (28 of 40 units). The ADG states the following:

Achieving the design criteria may not be possible on some sites. This includes where significant views are orientated away from the desired aspect for direct sunlight.

In this instance given the significant views of Sydney Harbour (and district views more broadly), a shortfall of 3 apartments is considered satisfactory. Approximately 26 apartments (Level 1 and above) will receive views of Sydney Harbour. These apartments incorporate 12 of the 15 apartments that do not receive compliant solar access. It is also noted that No. 4 Greenwich Road, Greenwich is designed in the same manner. A variation to the design criteria is considered satisfactory in this instance.

5.1.3 SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004

A BASIX certificate accompanies the application and is provided as **Annexure 9** to this report. The BASIX Certificate demonstrates compliance with the provisions of the SEPP and is consistent with the architectural documentation submitted. The proposal is considered satisfactory with respect to SEPP (BASIX) 2004.

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5.1.4 SEPP No. 55 – Remediation of Land

A Preliminary Site Investigation accompanies the application and is provided as **Annexure 15** to this report. The proposal was assessed against the provisions of SEPP No. 55 by Council's Manager Environmental Health with the assessment summarised in **Table 9** below:

Table 9 – SEPP No. 55 Clause 7 Compliance Table			
Provision	Compliance		
 (1) A consent authority must not consent to the carrying out of any development on land unless - (a) it has considered whether the land is contaminated 	 Complies - The proposal was accompanied by a Preliminary Investigation Report (Annexure 15) to assist Council in determining compliance with Clause 7(1) of SEPP No. 55. 		
 (b) if the land is contaminated, it is satisfied the land is suitable in its contaminated state (or will be suitable, after remediation) for the purpose for which the development is proposed, and (c) if the land requires remediation to be made suitable for the purpose for which the development is proposed to be carried out, it is satisfied that the land will be remediated before the land is used for that purpose. 	The previous use of the site was for a medical facility from 1972, and residential accommodation prior to 1972. The previous uses are generally not considered to be hazardous though importation of fill, and materiality/paint of the previous structures may have resulted in some level of contamination. In order to ensure that the land is remediated prior to the use of land for a seniors living development, the submitted Preliminary Investigation Report recommends the following		
	occur: - A Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Survey should be prepared for the site prior to the demolition of the on-site structure, with any control measures outlined in the HAZMAT survey to be implement during demolition;		
	- The chemical containers located in the basement car park be properly disposed at a facility licenced to receive these wastes;		
	- A Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) is undertaken at the site to confirm whether the current or historical activities at the site (such as potential fill materials of unknown origin) have resulted in contamination of the subsurface, and to determine what measures (if any) are required to ensure the site is suitable for the proposed development. Due to current access limitations, it is recommended that the DSI be conducted during or following demolition of the current site building.		
	Council's Manager Environmental Health concurs with the recommendations of the report, including them as draft conditions of consent		

Table 9 – SEPP No. 55 Clause 7 Compliance Table 9 – SEPP No. 55 Clause 7 Compliance Table 7	Compliance
	(refer conditions 114-116, 120 and 123).
(2) Before determining an application for consent to carry out development that would involve a change of use on any of the land specified in subclause (4), the consent authority must consider a report specifying the findings of a preliminary investigation of the land concerned carried out in accordance with the contaminated land planning guidelines.	Complies – Preliminary Investigation Report submitted and found to be satisfactory.
(3) The applicant for development consent must carry out the investigation required by subclause (2) and must provide a report on it to the consent authority. The consent authority may require the applicant to carry out, and provide a report on, a detailed investigation (as referred to in the contaminated land planning guidelines) if it considers that the findings of the preliminary investigation warrant such an investigation.	Complies – a detailed investigation is required to occur (and the land remediated in accordance with the recommendations of that investigation) post-demolition and prior to construction, to the satisfaction of an accredited NSW EPA Auditor.
 (4) The land concerned is— (a) land that is within an investigation area, (b) land on which development for a purpose referred to in Table 1 to the contaminated land planning guidelines is being, or is known to have been, carried out, (c) to the extent to which it is proposed to carry out development on it for residential, educational, recreational or child care purposes, or for the purposes of a hospital—land— (i) in relation to which there is no knowledge (or incomplete knowledge) as to whether development for a purpose referred to in Table 1 to the contaminated land planning guidelines has been carried out, and (ii) on which it would have been lawful to carry out such development during any period in respect of which there is no knowledge (or incomplete knowledge). 	Subject to Clause 7(4)(c) - The site is not within an investigation area or listed in Table 1 to the guidelines. The concern raised within the Preliminary Contamination Assessment relates to potential contaminated fill and hazardous materials used in historic non-hazardous uses of the site. To this extent, given the lack of certainty around fill and material use, the site is considered to be subject to Clause 7(4)(c) of SEPP No. 55, and as such Clause 7(2) applies as addressed above.

Having regard to the information above, the proposal is considered satisfactory with respect to SEPP No. 55 – Remediation of Land.

5.1.5 SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

The proposal is subject to Clause 102 of SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007 in relation to noise from a classified road. The proposal was accompanied by an acoustic report (**Annexure 12**) which includes the taking of road noise measurements along Greenwich Road (in February 2020 pre-

COVID) and recommendations to ensure suitable internal noise levels are achieved. The recommendations are incorporated as a draft condition of consent (refer condition no. 118 and 124). The proposal has had regard to, and satisfies, Clause 102 of SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007.

5.1.6 SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011

The Development Application is referred to the Sydney North Planning Panel for determination as the Capital Investment Value is \$30,701,557.00 (exceeding \$30 million) satisfying the requirements of SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011.

5.1.7 Lane Cove Local Environmental Plan 2009

The proposal is zoned B3 Commercial Core under LCLEP 2009. Residential accomodation is not permitted on the land under LCLEP 2009. However, the proposal relies on SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 for permissibility which allows for operation of the Policy in commercial zones in urban areas.

The objectives of the B3 Commercial Core zone are as follows:

- To provide a wide range of retail, business, office, entertainment, community and other • suitable land uses that serve the needs of the local and wider community.
- To encourage appropriate employment opportunities in accessible locations. •
- To maximise public transport patronage and encourage walking and cycling. •
- To integrate business, retail and other development in accessible locations. •
- To maximise sunlight for surrounding properties and the public domain. •
- To encourage urban design maximising attractive public domain and adequate circulation space throughout the St Leonards commercial centre for current and future users.

The SEPP deems seniors housing a 'other suitable land use' in the B3 Commercial Core zone. To this extent the proposal provides suitable integration through the provision of a ground floor commercial level, minimising building depth to maximise sunlight, and providing a high-quality building facade, materiality and landscaping outcome. The proposal is considered generally consistent with the B3 Commercial Core zone objectives.

The proposal has been assessed against the relevant provisions of LCLEP 2009 as detailed in Table 10 below.

Clause	Provision/Standard	Compliance
4.3 – Building Height	25 metres	Complies to residential levels 25 metres (SEPP definition prevails). Rooftop toilet variation to 25.75m considered acceptable.
4.4 – Floor Space Ratio	3:1	Complies – 2.99:1 (SEPP definition prevails).
4.6 – Exceptions to Development Standards	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
5.10 - Heritage	Not a heritage item or within vicinity of heritage item.	Not applicable.

6.1A - EarthworksConsideration of impact of earthworks in accordance with Clause 6.1(A)(3)(a)-(g).	Complies - The matters are satisfied.
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The proposal satisfies the relevant provisions of Lane Cove Local Environmental Plan 2009.

5.2 Any proposed instrument (Draft LEP, Planning Proposal)

5.2.1 Housing Diversity SEPP

An Explanation of Intended Effect was notified for a proposed Housing Diversity SEPP from 29 July 2020 (after lodgement of the subject Development Application) until 9 September 2020. The EIE includes a list of changes proposed to SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 as it is consolidated into the Housing Diversity SEPP. The main proposed change of relevance is as follows:

Amend the SEPP provisions to clarify that development standards in a local environmental plan prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with the SEPP.

In this instance, the proposal complies with the local planning provisions and accordingly there is no unintended conflict with the Draft Housing Diversity SEPP.

5.2.2 Draft Environment SEPP

The Draft Environment SEPP was subject to public exhibition between 31 January and 13 April 2018. The new draft measures primarily relate to scenarios where more complex remediation/ongoing management is required, and where the certification of remediation works is undertaken as development not requiring consent. While the Draft does consider introducing planning guidelines for the assessment/preparation of preliminary site investigations, such as the one lodged with the subject Development Application, the report has been reviewed in detail and is sufficient for its purpose. The proposal is not inconsistent with the Draft Environment SEPP.

5.3 Any development control plan

The relevant sections of Lane Cove Development Control Plan 2010 have been addressed through **referrals** as outlined in the following table:

Table 11 - Referrals		
Referral	DCP	Comment
Landscaping	Part J – Landscaping	Complies - The proposed landscaping scheme was amended during the course of the application to provide an improved deep soil zone adjoining the eastern boundary and a highly detailed set of landscape drawings (Annexure 5). Council's Landscape Officer is satisfied the proposal would provide a high-quality landscaping

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Table 11 - Referrals		
Referral	DCP	Comment
		outcome which exceed the minimum landscape provisions of SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 and generally with the objectives of Part J - Landscaping.
		Council declared a climate emergency in September 2019. The District Plan calls for action to minimise canopy loss and to add to the existing canopy. The proposal provides canopy replacement at 1.83:1 consistent with this priority.
		The landscape officer is of the view that the northern edge of the existing driveway would benefit from additional shrub landscaping, however due to constraints with a right of carriageway in place, this is not achievable in this instance.
		No objection raised to the proposal subject to draft recommended conditions of consent (refer condition nos. 32 to 40).
Tree Preservation	Part J – Landscaping	Complies - Council's Tree Preservation Officer has reviewed the proposal and the submitted arborist report (Annexure 14).
		No objection is raised to the removal of 16 trees as they are of low-value or tied intrinsically to the existing structure (paperbarks on the western edge of the existing building).
		The proposal would provide for replacement planting at a ratio of 1:1 and provide an opportunity to stabilise and promote more structurally sound deep soil zones adjacent to the eastern and southern boundaries.
		No objection raised to the proposal subject to draft recommended conditions of consent (refer condition nos. 16 to 31).
Development Engineer	Part O – Stormwater Management	Complies - The proposal seeks to provide an OSD system with the overflow directed to a drainage easement to Anglo Road (or alternative downstream location) as detailed on the submitted Stormwater Management Plan (Annexure 19).
		It is understood the applicant has ownership of a downstream property for the purposes of the easement as shown on the submitted Stormwater Management Plan.

Table 11 - Referrals					
Referral	DCP	Comment			
		Council's Development Engineer is satisfied the proposal can comply with Part O subject to draft recommended conditions of consent (refer condition nos. 41 to 81).			
Traffic, Transport and Parking	Part R – Traffic, Transport and Parking	 Complies - Council's Traffic, Transport and Parking Officer has reviewed the submitted Traffic Impact Assessment (Annexure 10). Council's traffic officer is satisfied the traffic rates would be commensurate with the previous development and that maintaining the existing vehicular access point is satisfactory. The proposed parking assessment is undertaken against the provisions of SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 as outlined in Annexure 2 and the commercial parking provisions in Table 1 Part R – Traffic, Transport and Parking. 			
		Residential Co	mponent		
		Provision	Requirement	Comply	
		SEPP Seniors (Clause 50) 0.5 spaces / bedrooms Yes 49 spaces required 53 spaces provided.			
		The proposal also includes 6 residential visitor spaces surplus to SEPP requirements. In total, 59 residential spaces are provided where the SEPP requires 49.			
		It is noted the proposed commercial component of the development was amended during the assessment accordingly the assumptions made in the original Traffic Impact Assessment have changed.			
		Commercial C	omponent		
		Commercial Component Provision Requirement Complexity		Comply	
		Commercial Parking	1 per 40m ² (for smaller café tenancy): 2 spaces	Yes	
			1 per 60m ² (for larger business tenancy type tenancy): 9 spaces		

Table 11 - Referrals				
Referral	DCP	Comment		
			Required: 11 spaces. Proposed: 10 spaces Residential surplus to be re-allocated to commercial tenancy.	
		Commercial Bicycle	Can comply subject to draft conditions, requirement for two (2) stainless steel bike rack hoops to be located within front setback area on the plaza.	Yes
		Commercial Motorbike	1 space. Can comply subject to draft conditions.	Yes
		they provided in (see Annexure with Council's The of the Road incorporated as 125. The proposed tr	as referred to Transport matters for Council cor 25). The matters are ind raffic Conditions with the Occupancy Licence recommended draft affic and parking complie ons and Council's Traffic,	nsideration corporated exception which is condition es with the
		Officer has n	o objections subject conditions of conse	to draft
Waste Management	Part Q – Waste Management and Minimisation	Complies - The proposal provides on-site waste collection from the basement in accordance with Council's DCP. Suitable certification of truck access, commercial waste agreement and waste room design conditions are imposed by Council's Manager Environmental Health (Refer below).		
Building Surveyor	N/A	proposal and (Annexure 16)	ing Surveyor has revi the submitted BCA and has no objections ided conditions of cons 92 to 96).	A Report subject to
Environmental Health	Part B – General Controls (Part B6/B7)	•	Council's Environmenta	

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Table 11 - Referrals					
Referral	DCP	Comment			
		 55 (as detailed in Section 5.1.4 of this report). An assessment has also been made in relation to water cooling towers, the acoustic environment during construction and for future residents, and environmental protection during construction. No objection is raised to the proposed development subject to draft conditions of consent. (Refer condition nos. 97 to 124). 			
NSW Police	CPTED	NSW Police reviewed the proposal and their response is provided as Annexure 24 to this report. No objection was raised subject to draft recommended conditions of consent incorporated as draft condition no. 3.			
Accessibility	Part F – Access and Mobility	Complies - The proposal has been reviewed and compliance with the accessibility provisions of the SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 prevail and are adequate in this instance.			

The proposal complies with the relevant provisions of Lane Cove Development Control Plan 2010

5.4 The likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality

The impacts of the development have been considered and addressed by the applicant revisions and now demonstrates no adverse impact either to the natural and built environments, social and economic or amenity of the locality as detailed within this report.

5.5 The suitability of the site for the development

The site suitability has been established as the site constraints have been addressed as outlined within this report.

5.6 Any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations

The proposal was notified in accordance with Lane Cove Council's Notification Policy.

i. Notification Extent

The Development Application was notified to the extent shown in the Public Notification Map included as **Annexure 22** to this report.

ii. Notification Periods

The notification periods for each of the plan revisions, and the number of submissions received, are summarised in the following table:

Table 12 – Public Notification						
Plan Revision	Lodgement Date	Notification Period	Submissions Received			
Revision 1	11 May 2020	12 May 2020 – 28 May 2020 (Additional Properties Notified: 2 June 2020 – 18 June 2020)	18			
Revision 2	17 July 2020	23 July 2020 – 8 August 2020	5 (3 repeat, 2 new)			
Revision 3	16 September 2020	Nil*	Nil*			
		Total	20			

The Revision 3 plans were not renotified as allowed for under Council's notification policy:

4.7 Renotification

Amended plans that address those concerns raised by objectors and that are considered not to be significantly different from the original proposal, **or amended plans that are considered to have a reduced impact**, no significant impact on the enjoyment of the adjoining land may not be renotified to neighbouring property owners or occupiers.

As previously outlined, Revision 3 plans reduced the building envelope extent and are considered to have a reduced impact compared with a previously notified design. Accordingly, renotification was not required under Council's Notification Policy.

iii. Summary of Submissions

The 20 submissions received are summarised and addressed in Annexure 23 to this report.

(e) Public Interest

The proposal is in the public interest as it provides for ground floor commercial floor area and residential accommodation for seniors or people with a disability with an adequate balance between the amenity of future occupants and that of adjoining properties.

6. Contributions

6.1 Section 7.11 Contributions

The proposal is subject to the provisions of the Lane Cove Section 94 (now 7.11) Contributions Plan which levies new developments to assist in catering for the demand placed on existing Council community facilities and/or infrastructure. The Section 7.11 contribution payable is calculated in accordance with the Plan being the average number of persons per dwelling size as detailed in the following table:

No. bedrooms	Average occupancy	Amount of contribution per dwelling	No. of Dwellings	Total contribution
1 Bedrooms	1.2 persons	\$10,942.00 x 1.2 = \$13,130.40.00 per dwelling	4 x \$13,130.40	\$52,521.60
2 Bedrooms	1.9 persons	\$10,942.00 x 1.9 = \$20,789.80 per dwelling Capped Rate \$20,000.00 per dwelling	14 x \$20,000.00	\$280,000.00
3 Bedrooms	2.4 persons	10,942.00 x 2.4 = \$26,260.80 Capped Rate \$20,000.00 per dwelling	22 x \$20,000.00	\$440,000.00
			TOTAL	\$ 772,521.60

The Section 7.11 contribution payable is \$772,521.60 (refer draft recommended condition 7).

6.2 Special Infrastructure Contributions

The proposal is not subject to a Special Infrastructure Contribution Levy. The site is outside the Special Contributions Area Map (which does not extend west of the St Leonards South Rezoned Area) as it relates to the St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan as contained within the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

7. Conclusion

The matters in relation to Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 have now been satisfied.

The proposal as amended now meets with the provisions of SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004. The Policy allows for seniors housing on the subject site despite its commercial zoning. The proposal provides for a quality ground level commercial area as required by the SEPP. Further, the height and density has been appropriately guided by local planning provisions.

The applicant has responded to Council concerns in relation to the bulk and scale of the proposal. Particularly, the building depth was reduced in an east/west direction. Additional eastern building separation was provided to a lower density zone in accordance with SEPP 65, and the front setback was increased to be consistent with the desired future character of the locality for higher density residential built-forms. Council concerns were responded to and resolved in the submission of the amended design. The applicant is to be commended for addressing submission writers and Council's design and compliance concerns which resulted in Council support for the approval.

The submissions received from southern adjoining property owners have been summarised and addressed in the report. The built-form amendments made by the applicant have reduced overshadowing to the south considerably and the overshadowing impacts when compared to a commercial building under LCLEP 2009 and LCDCP 2010 are considerably less. The adjoining development immediately to the south (No. 4 Greenwich Road) is afforded reasonable solar access and maintains its principal orientation to the south.

The Development Application is reported to the Sydney North Planning Panel with a recommendation for approval subject to draft conditions of consent provided as **Annexure 1** to this report.

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