

# **RECORD OF BRIEFING and SITE VISIT**

SOUTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

### **BRIEFING DETAILS**

| BRIEFING DATE / TIME | Tuesday, 21 June 2022, 3:00 – 4.00<br>Site inspection undertaken before briefing |
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| LOCATION             | Wollongong City Council Offices and Teleconference                               |

## **BRIEFING MATTER(S)**

PPSSTH-141 – Wollongong – DA-2022/14 – 24 Kenny Street, Wollongong – Demolition of existing building / structures, construction of a new eighteen (18) storey mixed use development including hotel

#### **PANEL MEMBERS**

| IN ATTENDANCE            | Chris Wilson (Acting Chair), Tim Fletcher and David Brown |
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| APOLOGIES                | Renata Brooks, Michael Mantei                             |
| DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | None  |

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

| APPLICANT TEAM           | Robert Gizzi (DWA), Luke Rollinson (MMJ), Sonny Embleton (Gyde) , Jared<br>Beneru (proponent) Claira Kratochvil (Landscape Architect), Goran<br>Ugrinovaki (Traffic/drainage flooding Engineer) |
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| COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF | Rebecca Welsh, Pierre Panozzo, Mark Adamson, Janelle Johnston   |
| OTHER                    | Amanda Moylan   |

### **KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED**

### **Council Briefing**

- Site context
- Site and lot isolation provisions in WLEP and DCP
- Bulk, scale and design including minimum frontage width requirements (20m), FSR, and street frontage height
- Public exhibition (approximately 23 submissions received mostly by way of objection)
- Potential future easement for access
- ADG issues including communal open space improvements and separation between the two proposed uses (RFB and Hotel)
- Permissibility regarding hotel and café in relation to RFB
- Interface issues between hotel and residential uses
- Layout of Hotel and amenity impacts on the residents

- s4.6 variation relating to reduced separation to rear of property and variations to rear setbacks of surrounding buildings
- Construction impacts on neighbouring property
- Flooding including
  - Flood hazard area
  - Rising flood waters vs overland flow, noting this site is impacted by overland flow.
  - Water pathways
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Floor levels, and the impact of floor levels on street interface
  - Stormwater management

## Applicant Briefing

- The applicant addressed the matters raised in the RFI including:
  - Design responses in relation to flooding constraints
  - Site isolation
  - Integration of ROW as part of flood management solution
  - o Considerations around building separation and rear set back under the LEP
  - Provision of 12m separation around tower
  - o Compliance with ADG
  - o DRP recommendations
  - Resolution of land use conflicts between hotel and residential component and shared uses of landscaped/open space areas
- The applicant provided a diagrammatic display of the elevation.
- At the Panels request, the applicant outlined the management of overland flow on the site including;
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The direction of overland flow back to Kenny St via the driveway
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Design of ramps and commercial carpark using a crest to divert overland water  $\;$
  - Flood security shutter to loading dock
  - $\circ$   $\;$   $\;$  Overland flows to the culvert and then directed back to Kenny St to the north.
- Shortfall of hotel and motel accommodation in Wollongong
- Permissibility issues relating to Restaurant/Café use and connection to hotel use. Intention is for café to be ancillary to the hotel and to operate as a separate commercial café.
- Access points to the street have been minimised to reduce flooding impacts.
- The applicant indicated it is proposing to update the design to highlight the entry points to the lobby and the café in response to the DRP comments.

## Next steps

- The Panel recommended the applicants continue to work closely with Council to resolve those issues and other matters in the RFIn
- Council is to consider additional information once submitted and provide feedback on determination time frames
- Public determination meeting required due to >10 unique submissions received