

CRIME RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

Concept Development Application for mixed use residential development with associated landscaping and basement car parking.

164-170 Croatia Avenue EDMONDSON PARK

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1. Introduction

This Report has been prepared for the applicant of the subject application. It undertakes a Crime Risk Assessment and Safety Audit in relation to the Concept DA submitted to Liverpool City Council, under DA-33/2021, for a mixed use residential development with associated landscaping and basement car parking, at No. 164-170 Croatia Avenue, Edmondson Park.

Specifically, the development application comprises residential apartments, ground floor retail and commercial uses, a childcare centre, basement car parking, communal open space and supporting infrastructure and services including new streets. The development consists of eight separate buildings across four development stages ranging between 4 and 8 storeys in height.

Buildings C, G and H will incorporate retail uses at the ground level and residential apartments above. Building D will provide both retail and residential use at the ground floor and Building E will provide a child care centre and residential use at the ground floor, with both Building D and E accommodating residential apartments above. Buildings A, B and F will contain residential apartments only.

A total of 676 residential apartments (154 x 1-bedroom, 443 x 2-bedroom, and 79 x 3-bedroom units), 2,183m² of retail/commercial floor space providing 35 ground floor tenancies, and 283m² of indoor floor space for a childcare facility with 219m² of adjoining outdoor space. Basement parking will provide for 844 car parking spaces throughout four basement car parks. New streets and drainage infrastructure are also proposed.

The purpose of this Report is to undertake an assessment of the crime profile of the area and the likely crime risks associated with the development to ensure that the proposal adequately minimises crime opportunity through implementation of the CPTED Principles. This report is provided as a five-part assessment instrument designed to identify situational crime opportunities and risk and treatment (crime mitigation) options.

This CPTED Report is to be read in conjunction with the Statement of Environmental Effects prepared by *File Planning & Development Services P/L* as well as the Architectural Plans prepared by *Tony Owen Partners*.

2. Site Analysis and Context

2.1 THE SITE

The subject site is known as No.164-170 Croatia Avenue, Edmondson Park. The site is legally described as Lots 25 and 26 in DP228850. The location of the subject site is shown edged red in the aerial image provided at Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Aerial image of the subject site and surrounds (source: Six Maps)

The site is an irregular shape and comprises a total area of 4.292ha. The site is currently underdeveloped vacant land and contains degraded riparian vegetation, particularly at the north of the site.

SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT 2.2

The site is located at Edmondson Park, an area that forms part of the South West Growth area, comprised of generally rural land uses but is undergoing redevelopment to a mixed use area. Parts of the site are mapped within the Edmondson Park Town Centre which is subject to a Part 3A Concept Plan approval, however, this does not apply to the subject site. The southern portion of the Town Centre is being developed by Frasers Property and the first stage of development is currently in progress, whilst the northern parts of the Town Centre are yet to be developed.

A detailed analysis of the site and surrounding development is provided within the SEE submitted with the application.

3. Description of the Proposal

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The proposed development is depicted on the plans prepared by *Tony Owen Partners*. The landscape design concept is detailed in the Landscape Plans prepared by *Site Image (NSW) Pty Ltd* and submitted with the development application.

The proposal includes multiple pedestrian access points, as shown in Figure 2 below, which direct\ pedestrians to pathways throughout the site and to separate lobbies for the respective buildings. Pedestrian access points extend from the footpaths off the new local roads proposed and off Soldiers Road, and provide direct routes to enter the ground floor level of each of the buildings where lift access is available to the residential apartments above the ground floor.

Vehicular access is gained to the secure basement levels via the proposed local roads and shared ways throughout the site



Figure 2 Extract of Architectural Plan with pedestrian access and open spaces indicated



Figure 3 Extract of Landscape Plan showing planting near entrances

As shown on the above landscape plan extract landscaping has been designed to facilitate direct lines of sight to the pedestrian access point and minimise concealment opportunities.

Each apartment contains private open spaces areas in the form of balconies and podium level terraces. The private open space areas are oriented towards the street frontage as well as towards the internal common access and open space areas. The design and orientation of these spaces assist with casual surveillance to the street and internally to the site. Open space areas are provided along the south to north spine of the site as well as within the areas that separate each building.

4. Crime Profile and CPTED Principles

4.1 CRIME PROFILE OF EDMONDSON PARK SUBURB

Information published by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics (BOSCAR) between 2018 and 2019 have been gathered to provide a crime profile of the suburb of Edmondson Park. A three (3) year trend has been utilised to account for potentially distorted rates in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Table 1 below identifies a range of offences, their incidence in Edmondson Park (per 100,000 persons) as well as the state wide trends in the occurrence of each offence. This data is relied on to determine the crime profile of the area.

	Table 1 Edmondson Park Suburb Crime Profile						
Offence	Incidence per 100,000 – Edmondson Park		Three year	Incidence	Three Year Trend NSW		
	YT December 2018	YT December 2019	YT December 2020	Edmondson Park	per 100,000 in NSW (YT December 2020)	Trend NSW	
Assault non- domestic	303.9	256.7	213.9	n.c (not calculated)	364.0	Stable	
Sexual assault	55.2	21.4	64.2	n.c (not calculated)	86.4	Up 8.2% per year	
Robbery	0.0	21.4	21.4	n.c (not calculated)	26.2	Down 8.5% per year	
Break and enter – dwelling	773.5	577.7	278.1	n.c (not calculated)	243	Down 14.5% per year	
Motor Vehicle Theft	331.5	235.3	449.3	n.c (not calculated	144.7	Down 6.1% per year	
Steal from dwelling	635.4	470.7	299.5	n.c (not calculated)	207.8	Down 7.1% per year	
Steal from person	27.6	0.0	42.8	n.c (not calculated)	26.6	Down 28.1% per year	
Steal from retail store	138.1	449.3	128.4	n.c (not calculated)	246.1	Stable	

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Disorderly conduct	110.5	64.2	85.6	n.c (not calculated)	228.5	Down 4.% per year	
Drug offences	386.7	385.1	385.1	n.c (not calculated)	641.1	Stable	
Malicious Damage to property	856.4	599.1	534.9	Stable	658.3	Down 5.3% per year	

4.2 ANALYSIS OF THE INCIDENCE OF OFFENCES AND CRIME TRENDS

As indicated at Table 1 the Edmondson Park area generally experiences rates of crime which are lower in comparison to the NSW wide statistics with some offences higher than the NSW rate being *break and enter dwelling* (2018, 2019, 2020), *motor vehicle theft* (2018,2019, 2020), *steal from dwelling* (2018, 2019,2020). (December 2019) and steal from retail store (2019).

Crimes which have fallen in Edmondson Park between the December 2018 and December 2020 periods include *break* and enter dwelling, steal from dwelling and malicious damage to property.

Crimes which have seen an increase in Edmondson Park between the December 2018 and December 2020 periods were *Malicious vehicle theft*, and *steal from person*.

The hotspot form of crime mapping is useful as it shows where the high crime areas are and can be used to help understand the factors that affect the distribution and frequency of crime. The 'hotspot' indicates where crime occurrences are clustered in particular areas. The cluster is identified from highest to lowest, indicated in red, orange and yellow. A review of the Crime Hotspot Maps provided by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) indicates that the site is not within any hotspots.

4.3 CPTED PRINCIPLES

Part B of the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning's (now Department of Planning, Industry & Environment) *Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications: Guidelines* identifies four Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles: surveillance, access control, territorial reinforcement and space management, each of which are addressed separately below.

CPTED is an integral element of the design process, to holistically account for the best environmental, physical and cultural influences in order to manage the risk of criminal activity, thus keeping the public safer. CPTED guidelines centre on minimising opportunistic crimes by applying design and management principles as early as possible in the design phase.

Four Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are identified below (Table 2). Each of the principles seeks to reduce opportunities for crime and have been used to inform the NSW Police Safer by Design Guidelines for Crime Prevention.

Table 2 Surveillance Issues and Recommendations				
Surveillance Issue	Recommendations			
Lack of site surveillance after hours during early works and within landscaping	 Install Close Circuit TV (CCTV) Install appropriate hoardings around perimeter of site Employ security officers to monitor and patrol site after hours Ensure low level planting is utilised and trees are spaced appropriately Mid height clumps of vegetation are to be avoided 			
Lighting	 Install lighting in and around the site particularly over entry/exit points or potential points of unlawful access Ensure sufficient lighting is on at night to enable patrolling police, security or neighbours to monitor activities within the site Ensure an even distribution of lighting with no glare or nuisance to neighbours – sensor lighting and targeted flood lighting is recommended. Landscaping to include adequate lighting at night so as to deter criminal activity and anti-social behaviour, but without being a visual nuisance to local residents. 			
General recommendations	 Consider contracting a local security firm for regular inspections of the site at night. Ensure on site temporary rooms and facilities are locked and alarmed at night Ensure construction vehicles, tools and other such equipment is parked in an adequately lit area or is stowed away in a secure, lockable area Ensure a maintenance schedule is in place to keep planting low level and control height. Follow planting schedule and planting locations as per the approved landscaped plan. 			

Table 3 Access Control Issues and Recommendations			
Access Control Issue	Recommendations		
Construction site after hours	 Foreman or person responsible for locking up is to ensure all personnel have vacated the site prior to securing the site Limited staff are to have access to keys/codes and the like used for securing the site and equipment on the site. 		
Access to landscaped areas	 Gated/fortress like private areas are discouraged due to the visual impact they have on the streetscape and the perception of crime. Passive measures are to be implemented including visual cues to identify the space as semi-public. 		
General matters for consideration	 Ensure all lighting is well maintained and tested regularly. Ensure all locking and alarm devices are well maintained and tested regularly. Only designated personnel are to have access to keys/swipe cares/codes etc which are used for securing the site and equipment during early works. Landscaped areas are only to be fully utilised (unless otherwise approved) until completion of the surrounding buildings to ensure on-going casual surveillance. 		

Table 4 Territorial Reinforcement				
Territorial Reinforcement Issue	Recommendations			
Perimeter	 Appropriately high and secure hoarding is to be installed around the perimeter of the site for the duration of works Lighting and CCTV should supplement the perimeter hoarding particularly in secluded and naturally dark areas. 			
Signage	 Effective site signage should be installed at all entrances to provide guidance to contractors, workers, site inspectors and the like Warning signs around the perimeter of the premises should be installed to warn possible intruders of what security treatments have been implemented to reduce opportunities for crime, i.e: Warning: Trespassers will be prosecuted Warning: This property is under electronic surveillance All property contained on site has been marked for Police identification. Advisory signage may be placed within the landscaped areas to remind users to respect neighbouring amenity and any security measures which may be in place. By-laws relating to the use of the landscaped areas may also be displayed where relevant. 			
General recommendations	 Install a monitored security alarm system. Prominently display any signs indicating the presence of a security system, the continual surveillance of the premises and any other security measures present. Signs should be erected in areas which are restricted, prohibited or under surveillance to discourage criminal or anti-social activity. 			

Table 5 Space Management			
Space Management Issue	Recommendation		
Waste Storage	 Garbage bins and waste storage receptacles should be regularly emptied to prevent overflowing rubbish. Construction waste should be removed as per agreed Construction Management Plan and not stored on site for extended periods 		
Graffiti	Remove graffiti as quickly as possible to minimise potential for cumulative graffiti and vandalism actions.		
Toilets	 Toilets should be regularly maintained and kept clean at all times. Install vandal resistant lighting where applicable. Lighting should be consistent and even to maximise visibility. 		
Lighting repair	The management regime should ensure that lighting is repaired as soon as possible after any lighting failure or damage.		
Cleanliness and maintenance	 The site is kept clean and tidy at all times. Clear all building perimeters including fences of rubbish and potential climbing aids. Maintain well-built and adequately secured boundary gates and fences. 		
Staff	Create an emergency procedure manual. Ensure all staff are aware of procedure and emergency routes.		

4.4 SAFETY AUDIT

A safety audit of the proposed development against the *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* and *NSW Police Safer by Design Guidelines for Crime Prevention* is provided in Table 6 below:

Requirement		Comments	Performance
Natural Surveillance	Building openings should be designed to overlook public places to maximise casual surveillance.	There are multiple outlooks from all aspects of the buildings. Windows of retail tenancies, dining and seating areas facilitate passive surveillance to Soldiers Parade, whilst the windows and balconies of residential apartments facilitate passive surveillance to the new local roads and shared ways throughout the site.	Safe
		The proposed buildings have been sited and designed to ensure that balconies are located on all elevations, providing surveillance of the street boundaries and internal roads and pathways. In addition, private open space areas and windows from primary living areas provide casual surveillance to the common open space areas and main pedestrian access points.	
	The main entry to a building should face the street.	Although the proposal includes multiple entrances off the new local roads and Soldiers Parade (to both retail and residential uses), due to the irregular shape of the site and the number of buildings proposed, not all buildings are afforded main entry's which present to the street. Buildings A, B, D, G and H provides entry's which are accessed via internal pathways throughout communal open space, which provide direct access to the lobby areas of the respective buildings. The communal open space areas are to be well-lit and landscaping maintained to avoid hiding places. This form of development is considered to be appropriate in the subject locality having regard to the crime profile of the area	Safe - subject recommendations
	An external entry path and the foyer to a building must be direct to avoid potential hiding places.	The landscaping incorporates pathways which allow for direct paths of travel and good levels of surveillance across the site, and to building entrances. Opportunities for hiding spaces are avoided.	Safe
	Entry lobby areas to and from car parking areas should be transparent allowing viewing into and from these areas.	The basement car parks have been designed to be generally open and good sight lines are provided throughout each basement to the lift entrances.	Safe
	Landscaping must not conceal the front door to a building when viewed from the street	Low level planting is proposed near entrances (see Figure 3 and landscape plans under separate cover), which are carefully placed to ensure hiding spaces are avoided. Landscaping will not obstruct the pathway and will be designed to provide clear and legible access to	Safe

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	Pedestrian access should be well lit and maximise sightlines	lighting. Pedestrian access to the main entry points will be provided with lighting after daylight hours compliant with Australian Standards for public spaces. A detailed lighting plan is proposed to be submitted with the Construction Certificate.	Safe
	Landscaping should not inhibit sight lines	Landscaping is to be designed to avoid obscuring sight lines as detailed in the Landscape Plan prepared submitted with the development application.	Safe - subject to recommendations
	ATM design and location is within direct view of pedestrian paths so that they can be overlooked from vantage points.	Future ATM are able to be designed and located within the retail uses within direct view of pedestrian paths.	Safe - subject to recommendations
	The street number of a building must be visible from the street and made of a reflective material to allow visitors and emergency vehicles to easily identify the location of the building.	Street numbering and signage are anticipated to be installed and maintained to enable easy identification and way-finding. Signage will appropriately identify the various uses within the buildings and provide clear directions for patrons for way-finding.	Safe - subject to recommendations
	Landscaping should be designed to maximise sight lines.	Landscaping will not affect sight lines as it will be confined to low planting and in landscaped garden beds and scattered canopy trees to be maintained with no lower level branches.	Safe - subject to recommendations
Active Surveillance Measures – Security	A security alarm system must be installed in a building.	A security alarm is to be linked to the residential basement entry points and the main pedestrian access points, to be activated in the event of forced entry.	Safe
Devices	All windows and doors on the ground floor must be made of toughened glass to reduce the opportunities for 'smash and grab' and 'break and enter' offences.	It is recommended that windows and doors on the ground floor (for retail uses) are to be made of commercial grade toughened glass.	Safe
	Unless impractical, access to an outdoor car park must be closed to the public outside of business hours via a lockable gate.	N/A - No outdoor car park proposed.	N/A
	CCTV system must cover all high risk areas and including all entry areas and the laneway.	A CCTV system is to be installed throughout the development to monitor internal lobby areas and external spaces. Specifically, at the building entry points, the outdoor areas, and the basement and at the loading dock.	Safe – subject to recommendations

Access Control	Loading docks in the vicinity of main entry areas are secured outside business hours.	The loading areas are proposed within the basement car parks and will be accessed only be designated personnel.	Safe
	Access to a loading dock or other restricted areas in a building must only be available to tenants via a large security door with an intercom, code, or card lock system	All openings are to be lockable and fitted with an alarm system which will be activated upon forced entry after typical operating/delivery hours.	Safe – subject to recommendation
	Clear signage should be erected indicating loading docks should not be accessed by the general public.	Clearly defined signage and pavement markings can be located to define the loading areas. CCTV real-time monitoring will also allow surveillance of the loading areas to ensure appropriate use	Safe – subject to recommendation
Territoriality/ Ownership	Site planning provides a clear definition of territory and ownership of all private, semi-public and public places	The site planning will clearly define the private and public areas. Retail areas designated strictly for staff will be accessed only via a security swipe card or security code system on designated doors.	Safe
		Signage is anticipated to convey information to the public regarding allowable access for specific areas within the retail areas, including ownership and management.	
		The landscaping plan proposes passive visual cues which clearly demarcate private, semi-public and public spaces within the development.	
Lighting	Both natural and artificial lighting is used to reduce poorly lit or dark areas and therefore deterring crime and vandalism.	Basement areas, parking areas, internal and external areas and foyer areas are to be suitably illuminated. Under-awning lighting will ensure appropriate standards of lighting at the entrances. Lighting will be provided across the car park entry's and exit's and within each area of the basements. All lighting will comply with AS/NZS 1158 (2010). Lighting for public spaces will also meet the requirements for illumination suitable for safe operation of CCTV. A detailed lighting plan will be submitted with the Construction Certificate.	Safe – subject t recommendation
	Lighting must be provided to the following areas of a building to promote safety and security at night: A) An external entry path, foyer, driveway and car park to a building. B) The shop front. This may be in the form of motion sensitive lighting or timer lighting.	Lighting is to be provided at the car park entry's, along the external pedestrian pathways, main and secondary pedestrian entrances, outdoor terraces, underside of the awnings and in entry foyers. Lighting will be continuous after daylight hours.	Safe

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	A pedestrian entry path and driveway to a car park that are intended for night use must be well lit using a vandal resistant, high mounted light fixture.	The driveway's and pedestrian entry's and exit's along all street frontages are to be illuminated to AS/NZS 1158 (2010) Lighting for roads and public spaces and to the standards necessary to maintain CCTV surveillance. Lighting to the exterior and interior of the buildings will be activated during non-daylight hours subject to a detailed lighting plan to be submitted with the Construction Certificate and in a manner compatible with the effective operation of CCTV. Vandal resistant light fittings will be used and details can be provided with a Construction Certificate.	Safe – subject to recommendations
	The lighting in a car park must conform to Australian Standards 1158.1, 1680, 2890.1.	Lighting is to comply. A detailed lighting plan is to be submitted with the Construction Certificate.	Safe – subject to recommendations
	Car parking areas should be painted in light colours which will increase levels of illumination.	Light colours are recommended in the basement.	Safe – subject to recommendations
Vandalism and Graffiti	Development minimises blank walls along all street frontages	Hoardings are required for the construction stages of the development. There will be perimeter lighting and CCTV is recommended. Any graffiti which may occur will be removed quickly.	Safe – subject to recommendations
	The exterior to a building wall on the ground floor must be painted in a graffiti resistant coating.	External walls will be finished with a graffiti resistant coating.	Safe – subject to recommendations
	Maintenance regimes should be implemented which ensure all public areas are well maintained.	External and internal areas are to be regularly inspected and kept well maintained. A management company will be employed to maintain the landscaping.	Safe – subject to recommendations
	Cleaning regimes should be implemented which ensure all main public areas are free of rubbish.	A management company will be employed to ensure public and semi-public spaces are free of rubbish.	Safe – subject to recommendations
	Graffiti removal regimes should be implemented which ensure graffiti is promptly removed.	The strata management should ensure that graffiti is removed if found anywhere on the premises.	Safe – subject to recommendations

4.4.1 Recommendations

As indicated in Table 6, the subject development performs well in terms of achieving the safer by design guidelines for crime prevention. The building is deemed to be either safe or safe subject to the implementation of the following recommendations:

- Vegetation at all entrances are to be maintained to ensure that vegetation does not obstruct sight lines from the adjoining public roadways;
- The main pedestrian access points to the buildings as well as the facades of the buildings, basement areas, the terraces and areas beneath the awnings are to be illuminated after daylight hours to a level that allows clear lines of sight from the street frontages and spaces immediately surrounding the building as well as in a manner compatible with the safe operation of CCTV
- Each entry foyer door is to be a security door with access being restricted to an intercom, code or card lock system;
- Access to the residential levels of the basement car parks is to be controlled by a security door with access being restricted to an intercom, code or card lock system;
- Street number and way-finding signage of all buildings is to be readily identifiable from Soldiers Parade and the new local roads;
- A security alarm is to be linked to the basements and pedestrian foyer doors to be activated in the event of forced entry;
- Windows and doors on the ground floor retail units are to be made of toughened glass;
- The internal portions of the basement are to be illuminated in accordance with the AS1158.1, AS1680 and AS2890.1;
- Install CCTV to monitor the perimeter and any naturally secluded or dark areas
- The ceiling of each basement level shall be painted white or a like colour to increase visibility and reflective light throughout each basement level;
- All painted surfaces on the external parts of the buildings are to be treated with a graffiti resistant coating;
- · Remove graffiti as quickly as possible to minimise potential for cumulative graffiti and vandalism actions; and
- Strata management is to be responsible for the maintenance of common property including landscaping and removal of any graffiti. Graffiti should be removed as quickly as possible as to reduce accumulative graffiti.

5. Conclusion

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It is apparent from the data published by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research for Edmondson Park that the suburb has a lower than average instances of all offences considered. In addition, the majority of offences considered have remained stable or decreased, and Edmondson Park is not object to any crime hotspot maps, which provides a generally positive crime profile for the area

The safety audit assessment evaluates the proposal against the *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles and the NSW Police Safer by Design Guidelines for Crime Prevention.* The proposal satisfies the relevant principles and guidelines achieving the desired levels of safety in all aspects subject to the implementation of the recommendations of this CPTED Report.