# Proposed Affordable Housing Residential Development

# 4-6 Bigge Street, Warwick Farm

# TRAFFIC AND PARKING ASSESSMENT REPORT

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared on behalf of *Family & Community Services (FACS)* to accompany a development application to Council for a residential development to be located at 4-6 Bigge Street, Warwick Farm (Figures 1 and 2).

The proposed development involves the construction of a new residential apartment building on the site, comprising a total of 52 *affordable rental* dwellings in accordance with the *SEPP* (*Affordable Rental Housing*) 2009 requirements.

Off-street parking is to be provided in a new single-level basement car parking area in accordance with Council and *SEPP (ARH) 2009* requirements. Vehicular access to the car parking facilities is to be provided via a new entry/exit driveway located towards the southern end of the Bigge Street site frontage.

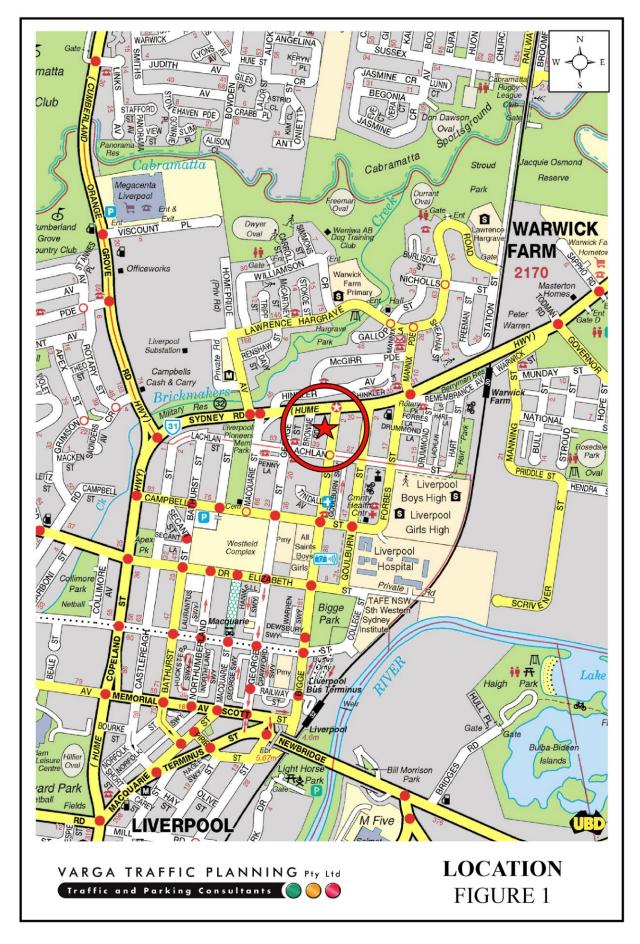
The site is located in close proximity to an excellent range of alternative transport options and shops/services in the Liverpool City Centre as well as being with walking distance to Liverpool TAFE and Liverpool Hospital.

In essence, the site is ideally located to discourage private car ownership and usage, and to encourage greater use of alternate forms of transport such as walking, cycling or public transport. Given the site's proximity to Liverpool TAFE and hospital, the site is considered to be located in a prime location for an affordable housing development given tertiary students and key workers typically have a low car ownership rate.

The purpose of this report is to assess the traffic and parking implications of the development proposal and to that end this report:

- describes the site and provides details of the development proposal
- reviews the road network in the vicinity of the site
- reviews the public transport services in the vicinity of the site

- estimates the traffic generation potential of the development proposal
- assesses the traffic implications of the development proposal in terms of road network capacity
- reviews the geometric design features of the proposed car parking facilities for compliance with the relevant codes and standards
- assesses the adequacy and suitability of the quantum of off-street car parking provided on the site.





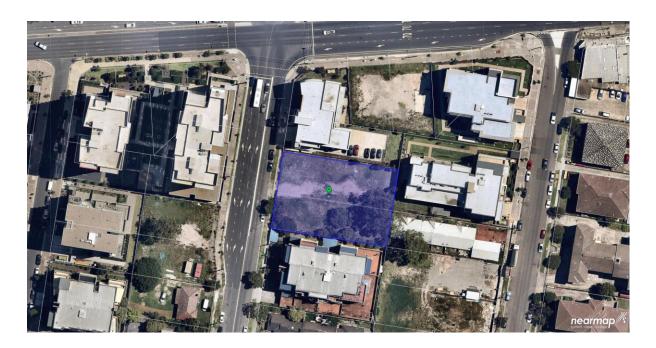
# 2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

#### Site

The subject site is located on the eastern side of Bigge Street, approximately 50m south of the Hume Highway intersection, and lies within the Liverpool City Centre. The site has a street frontage of approximately 34m in length to Bigge Street and occupies an area of approximately 1,754m<sup>2</sup>.

The subject site is currently vacant, with an existing vehicular crossing provided midway along the Bigge Street site frontage.

A recent aerial image of the site and its surroundings is reproduced below which shows an existing raised central median island located in the vicinity of the Hume Highway intersection, extending just past the site frontage.



# **Proposed Development**

The proposed development involves the construction of a new *affordable rental housing* residential apartment building on the vacant site. A total of 52 residential apartments are proposed in the new building as follows:

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1 bedroom apartments:

28

2 bedroom apartments:

24

**TOTAL APARTMENTS:** 

**52** 

Off-street car parking is proposed for a total of 24 cars (including 6 adaptable spaces), in a new single-level basement car parking area in accordance with SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 requirements. Vehicular access to the car parking facilities is to be provided

via a new entry/exit driveway located at the southern end of the Bigge Street site frontage.

In this regard, it is noted that in the pre-DA minutes (PL-15/2019), Council previously

advised the extension of the existing concrete median located along Bigge Street fronting the

site, "to deter right turn movements out of the development into Bigge Street".

Notwithstanding, it is also noted the central median island currently extends past the

proposed site access driveway, as shown on the aerial image above, by approximately 5m in

length. As such, no further extension of the concrete island is considered necessary.

Garbage collection for the proposed development is to be undertaken by Council's waste

contractor, using a garbage truck size comprising 9.9m in length. The garbage truck will

reverse off Bigge Street onto the top of the proposed driveway area, where they will be

loaded, as per Council's pre-DA recommendations. Once loaded, the trucks will be able to

leave the site in a forward direction. The bin storage area is located on the ground floor level,

adjacent the entry ramp, where it is easily accessible.

'No Parking' sign-posted restrictions will be implemented on either side of the driveway

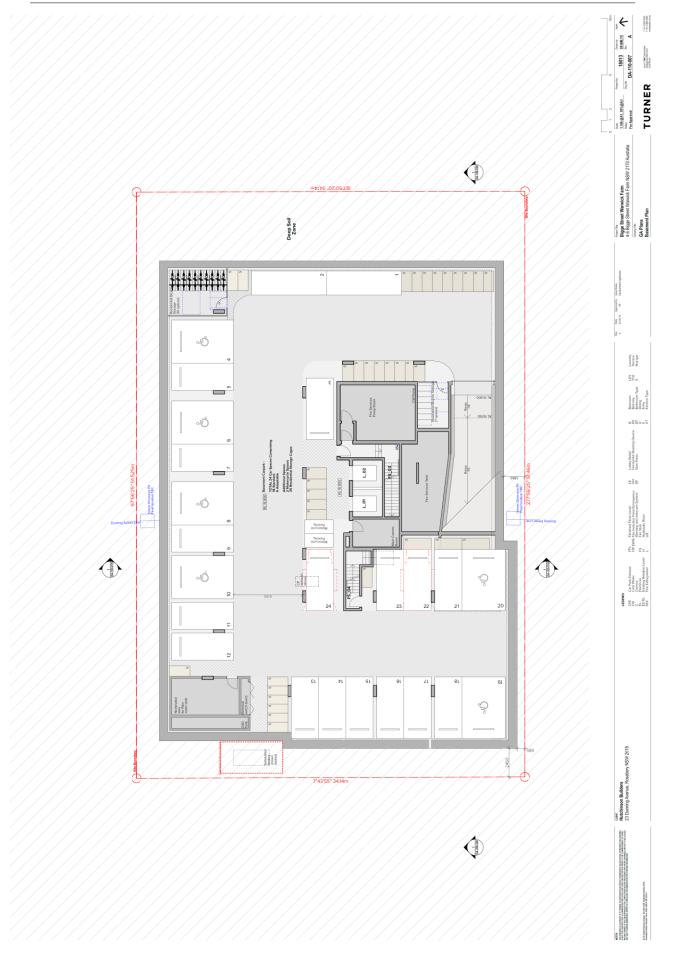
access to deter parking along the Bigge Street site frontage for about 12m on either side, as

per Council's recommendation.

Plans of the proposed development have been prepared by *Turner* and are reproduced in the

following pages.

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### 3. TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT

### **Road Hierarchy**

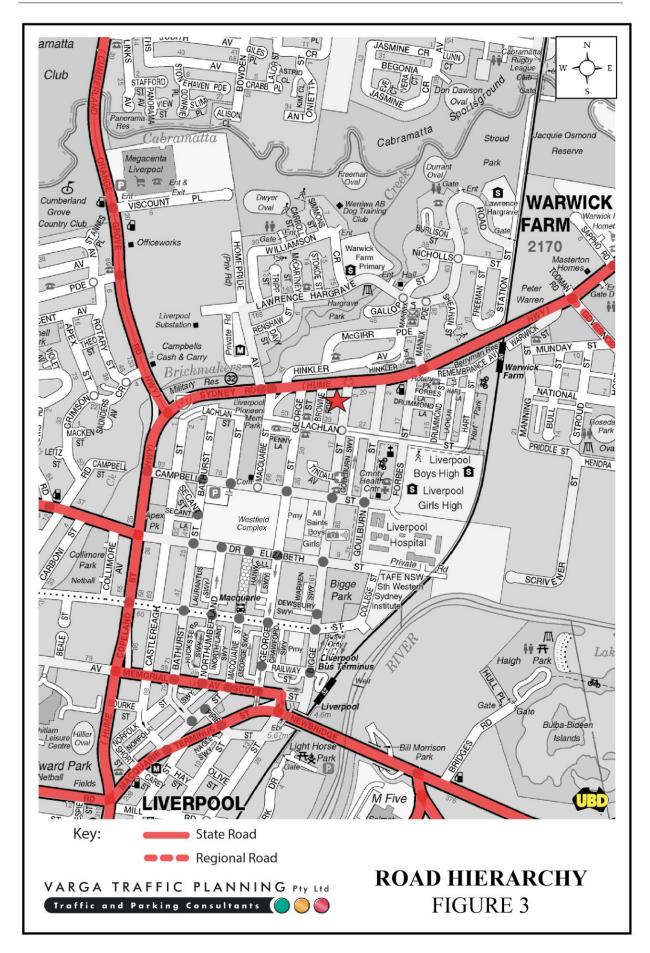
The road hierarchy allocated to the road network in the vicinity of the site by the Roads and Maritime Services is illustrated on Figure 3.

Cumberland Highway is classified by the RMS as a *State Road* and provides the key north-south road link in the area, linking Hume Highway and the M4 Western Motorway. It typically carries two traffic lanes in each direction in the vicinity of the site, with opposing traffic flows separated by a central median island. Clearway restrictions apply along both sides of the road.

Hume Highway is also classified by the RMS as a *State Road* and provides the key east-west road link in the area, linking Orange Grove Road and the Parramatta Road. It typically carries three traffic lanes in each direction in the vicinity of the site, with opposing traffic flows separated by a central median island. Clearway restrictions apply along both sides of the road, with turning bays provided at key locations.

Elizabeth Drive (west of Hume Highway) is also classified by the RMS as a *State Road* and provides another key east-west road link in the area, linking Liverpool and Kemps Creek. It typically carries three traffic lanes in each direction in the vicinity of the site, with opposing traffic flows separated by a central median island. Clearway restrictions apply along both sides of the road, with turning bays provided at key locations.

Bigge Street is a local, unclassified road which is primarily used to provide vehicular and pedestrian access to frontage properties. Kerbside parking is generally permitted along both sides of the road, subject to sign-posted restrictions.



### **Existing Traffic Controls**

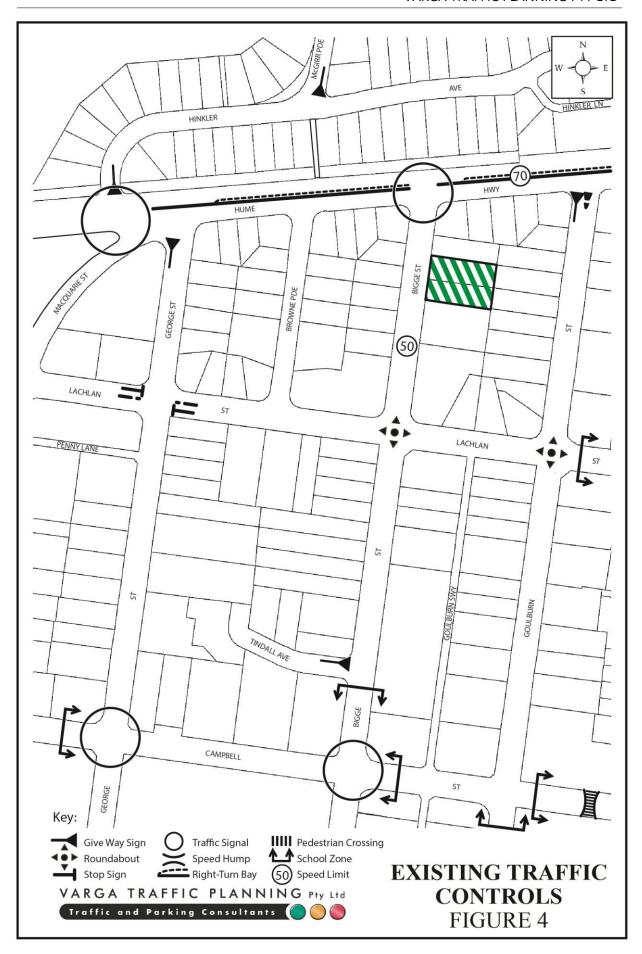
The existing traffic controls which apply to the road network in the vicinity of the site are illustrated on Figure 4. Key features of those traffic controls are:

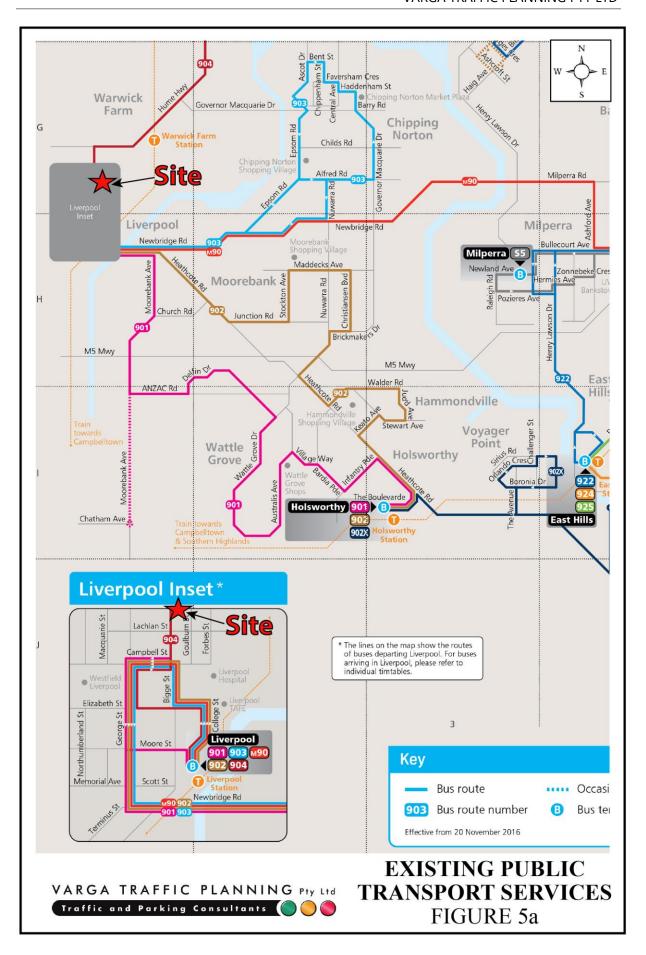
- a 70 km/h SPEED LIMIT which applies to the Hume Highway
- a 50 km/h SPEED LIMIT which applies to Bigge Street and all other local roads in the area
- a 40km/h SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT which applies to Campbell Street, Bigge
  Street and also George Street in the vicinity of the All Saints Catholic College
- a 40km/h SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT which applies to Lachlan Street and also
  Forbes Street in the vicinity of the Liverpool Boys' / Girls' High School
- TRAFFIC SIGNALS in the Hume Highway where it intersects with Bigge Street,
  Mannix Parade/Remembrance Avenue and also Macquarie Street/Hinkler Avenue
- ROUNDABOUTS in Lachlan Street where it intersects with Bigge Street and also Goulburn Street
- STOP SIGNS in Lachlan Street where it intersects with George Street
- GIVE WAY SIGN in Goulburn Street where it intersects with the Hume Highway.

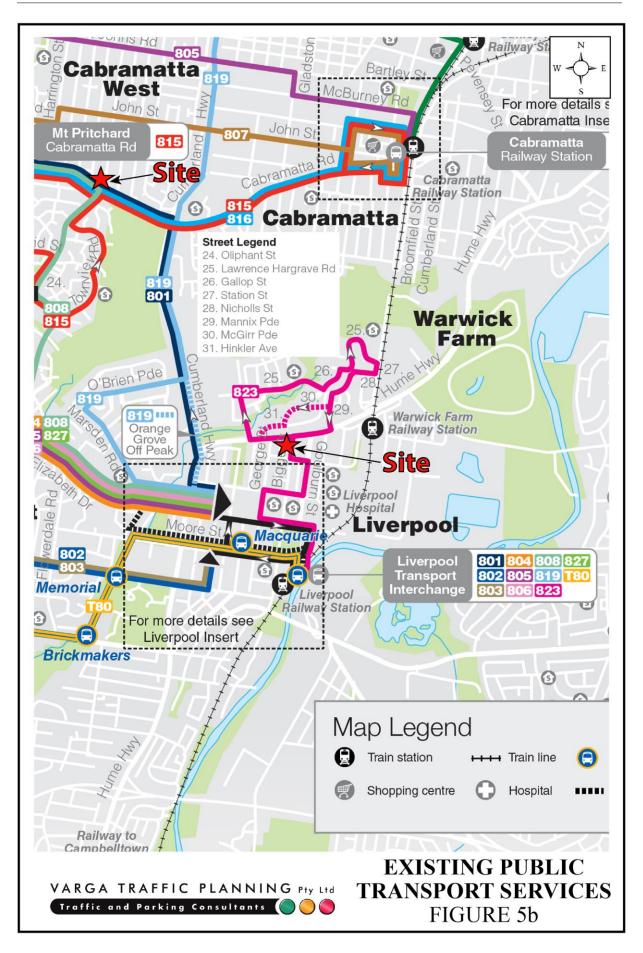
### **Existing Public Transport & Essential Services**

The existing public transport services available in close proximity to the site are illustrated on Figure 5a and 5b.

There are currently two bus routes which traverses along Bigge Street, in the immediate vicinity of the site frontage, *plus* a further five bus routes which operate along Campbell Street which are located within 400m walking distance of the site.







These bus services include the high-frequency intra-regional *Metrobus M90* which operates between Liverpool and Burwood via Moorebank, UWS Milperra, Bankstown, Greenacre, Chullora and Strathfield. The *Metrobus* services operate seven days per week with weekday services every 15 minutes (every 10 minutes during the morning and afternoon peak) and weekend services every 20 minutes.

A summary of those bus services is provided in the table below, revealing that there are more than 310 services operating in the vicinity of the site on weekdays, reducing to approximately 180 services per day on Saturdays and approximately 130 services per day on Sundays and public holidays.

**Bus Routes and Frequencies** 

Route	Route	Weekday		Saturday		Sunday	
No.		In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
823	Liverpool to Warwick Farm (Loop)	17	18	10	9	7	7
901	Holsworthy to Liverpool	21	20	12	10	10	9
902		23	16	13	13	9	10
902X	Sandy Point to Holsworthy	2	2	ı	-	1	-
903	Liverpool to Chipping Norton (Loop)	18	14	12	12	5	5
904	Fairfield to Liverpool	15	17	9	9	-	-
M90	Burwood to Liverpool	79	50	39	32	37	29
	TOTAL	175	137	95	85	68	60

Liverpool Shopping Centre is also located approximately 650m walking distance south-west of the site which includes a large range of essential shops and services including a Coles supermarket, pharmacy, Anytime Fitness, dry cleaners, bank, post office, pharmacy, café and other small shops.

Furthermore, Warwick Farm railway station is located approximately 700m walking distance east of the site and Liverpool railway station is located approximately 1km walking distance south of the site. The Warwick Farm and Liverpool Railway Station both services the T2 Inner West & Leppington Line, the T3 Bankstown Line and also the T5 Cumberland Line.

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These services typically operate at a frequency of less than 10 minutes and commuter wait

times are expected to be minimal throughout the day.

The site is therefore considered to be highly accessible to essential services and public

transport options and given the site's proximity to Liverpool TAFE and Liverpool Hospital,

the site is considered to be located in a prime location for an affordable housing development.

**Projected Traffic Generation** 

An indication of the traffic generation potential of the development proposal is provided by

reference to the Roads and Maritime Services publication Guide to Traffic Generating

Developments, Section 3 - Landuse Traffic Generation (October 2002) and the updated traffic

generation rates in the recently published RMS Technical Direction (TDT 2013/04a)

document.

The TDT 2013/04a document specifies that it replaces those sections of the RMS Guidelines

indicated, and that it must be followed when RMS is undertaken trip generation and/or

parking demand assessments.

The RMS Guidelines and the updated TDT 2013/04a are based on extensive surveys of a

wide range of land uses and nominate the following traffic generation rates which are

applicable to the development proposal:

**High Density Residential Flat Dwellings** 

AM:

0.19 peak hour vehicle trips/unit

PM:

0.15 peak hour vehicle trips/unit

The RMS Guidelines also make the following observation in respect of high density

residential flat buildings:

**Definition** 

A high density residential flat building refers to a building containing 20 or more dwellings. This does

not include aged or disabled persons housing. High density residential flat buildings are usually more

than 5 levels, have basement level car parking and are located in close proximity to public transport

services. The building may contain a component of commercial use.

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#### **Factors**

The above rates include visitors, staff, service/delivery and on-street movements such as taxis and pick-up/set-down activities.

Application of the above traffic generation rates to the 52 residential apartments outlined in the development proposal yields a traffic generation potential of approximately 10 vehicle trips per hour (vph) during the AM commuter peak period and approximately 8 vph during the PM commuter peak period.

Notwithstanding, the above traffic generation rates are based on regular apartments. The proposed development however is an *affordable housing* development which has *lower* parking requirements due to the site's proximity to public transport services and tenants who traditionally have a lower car ownership rate.

As such, the traffic generation of the proposed development is expected to be even lower than the figures suggested in the above assessment.

In any event, that projected increase in traffic activity as a consequence of the development proposal is *minimal*, consistent with the R4 zoning objectives of the site and will clearly not have any unacceptable traffic implications in terms of road network capacity.

## 4. PARKING IMPLICATIONS

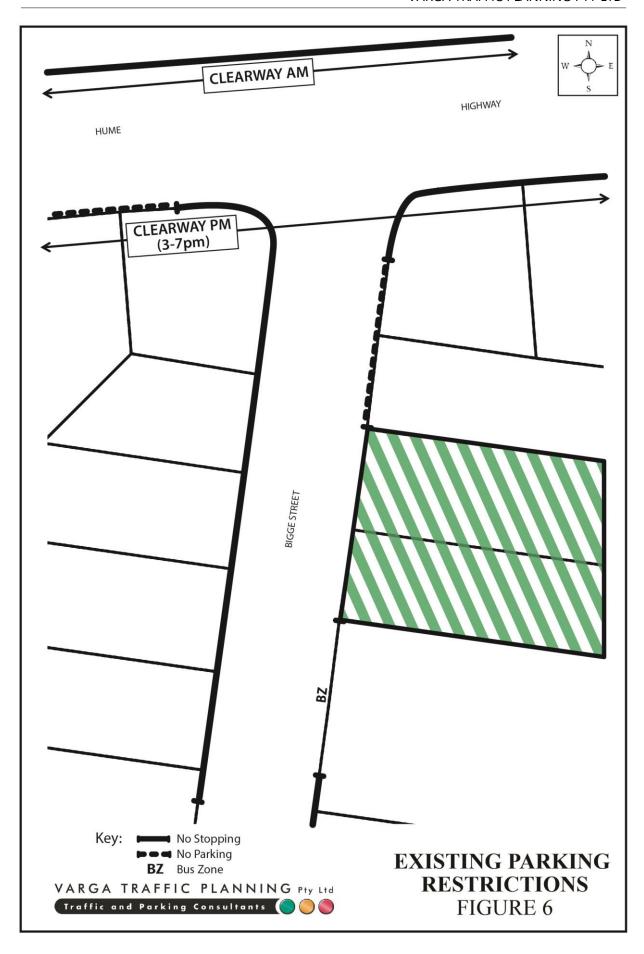
### **Existing Kerbside Parking Restrictions**

The existing kerbside parking restrictions which apply to the road network in the vicinity of the site are illustrated on Figure 6 and comprise:

- CLEARWAY restrictions along the northern side of the Hume Highway during the morning commuter peak period
- CLEARWAY restrictions along the southern side of Hume Highway during the afternoon commuter peak period
- NO STOPPING / NO PARKING restrictions along both sides of the Hume Highway at all other times
- NO STOPPING / NO PARKING restrictions along both sides of Bigge Street in the vicinity of the Hume Highway intersection
- UNRESTRICTED kerbside parking along the eastern side of Bigge Street, along the site frontage
- BUS ZONES located at regular intervals along both sides of Bigge Street, including immediately south of the site frontage
- generally UNRESTRICTED kerbside parking permitted elsewhere along both sides of Bigge Street and throughout the surrounding local area.

# **Off-Street Car Parking Provisions**

The off-street parking requirements applicable to the development proposal are specified in *State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009* in the following terms:



#### Division 1 In-fill affordable housing

#### 14 Standards that cannot be used to refuse consent

#### (2) General

A consent authority must not refuse consent to development to which this Division applies on any of the following grounds:

### (a) parking

if:

- (i) in the case of a development application made by a social housing provider for development on land in an accessible area, at least 0.4 parking spaces are provided for each dwelling containing 1 bedroom, at least 0.5 parking spaces are provided for each dwelling containing 2 bedrooms and at least 1 parking space is provided for each dwelling containing 3 or more bedrooms, or
- (ii) in any other case-at least 0.5 parking spaces are provided for each dwelling containing 1 bedroom, at least 1 parking space is provided for each dwelling containing 2 bedrooms and at least 1.5 parking spaces are provided for each dwelling containing 3 or more bedrooms.

Application of the above SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 car parking requirements under Item (i) – i.e. a social housing provider – to the 52 residential apartments outlined in the development proposal yields an off-street car parking requirement of 23 parking spaces.

The proposed development makes provision for a total of 24 off-street parking spaces, including 6 accessible space, thereby satisfying the *SEPP* requirements.

The geometric design layout of the proposed car parking facilities have been designed to comply with the relevant requirements specified in the Standards Australia publication Parking Facilities Part 1 - Off-Street Car Parking AS2890.1 - 2004 and Parking Facilities Part 6 - Off-Street Parking for People with Disabilities AS2890.6 in respect of parking bay dimensions, ramp gradients and aisle widths.

Furthermore, swept turning path diagrams have been prepared which demonstrate that two large cars can pass each other at the bottom of the entry ramp into the basement car parking area in a staged arrangement without difficulty and whilst maintaining safe clearances.

In addition, the top section of the entry ramp is 6.1m wide, allowing two cars to easily pass as also demonstrated by the swept turning path diagram.

Further reference is made to AS2890.1 Clause 3.2.2, which states that as a guide, 30 or more movements in a peak hour (in and out combined) would usually require the provision for two vehicles to pass on the driveway – i.e. a minimum width of 5.5m.

As mentioned in the foregoing, the proposed amended development scheme is expected to generate just 10 peak hour vehicle trips (*less* at other times), which is *significantly less* than the 30 vehicles per hour threshold for two-lane ramps. As such, the likelihood of two cars entering and exiting the site at the same moment in time is *statistically insignificant* and a single lane ramp arrangement towards the bottom of the entry ramp is therefore considered acceptable.

Notwithstanding, it is recommended that convex mirrors be installed at the bottom of the ramp as well as installing suitable signage advising drivers to "give way to entering vehicles".

## **Off-Street Bicycle Parking Provisions**

The off-street bicycle parking requirements applicable to the development proposal are also specified in Council's *Development Control Plan 2008*, *Part 4 – Liverpool City Centre* document in the following terms:

#### Bicycle parking for all development

1 bicycle space per 200m² of gross floor area (GFA). 15% of this requirement is to be accessible to visitors

Application of the above bicycle parking requirements to the cumulative building floor area of approximately 3,905m<sup>2</sup> outlined in the development proposal yields a bicycle parking requirement of 20 spaces.

The proposed development makes provision for a total of 20 off-street bicycle parking spaces, plus one storage cage per residential apartment which is capable of storing a bicycle, thereby satisfying Council's bicycle parking requirements.

# **Off-Street Motorcycle Provisions**

The off-street bicycle parking requirements applicable to the development proposal are also specified in Council's *Development Control Plan 2008*, *Part 4 – Liverpool City Centre* document in the following terms:

#### Motorcycle parking for all development

Provision is to be made for motorcycle parking at the rate of 1 motorcycle space per 20 car spaces

Application of the above rates to the 24 parking spaces within the proposed development yields a motorcycle parking requirement of 1 space.

The proposed development makes provision for a total of 2 motorcycle spaces, thereby satisfying the above requirements.

## **Loading/Servicing Provisions**

Garbage collection for the proposed development is to be undertaken by Council's waste contractor, using a garbage truck size comprising 9.9m in length. The garbage truck will reverse off Bigge Street onto the top of the proposed driveway area, where they will be loaded, as per Council's pre-DA recommendations. Once loaded, the trucks will be able to leave the site in a forward direction.

The service driveway and manoeuvring areas have been designed to accommodate the swept turning path requirements of 11m long HRV trucks, as demonstrated by the attached swept turning path diagrams.

In this regard, 'No Parking' sign-posted restrictions are to be implemented on either sides of the driveway access to deter parking along the Bigge Street site frontage for about 12m on either sides, as per Council's recommendation.

The geometric design layout of the proposed loading facilities have been designed to comply with the relevant requirements specified in the Standards Australia publication *Parking Facilities Part 2 - Off-Street Commercial Vehicle Facilities AS2890.2* in respect of overhead clearances and service area requirements for HRV trucks.

In summary, the proposed parking facilities satisfy the relevant requirements specified in Council's *DCP*, the *SEPP* as well as the Australian Standards and it is therefore concluded that the proposed development will not have any unacceptable parking or loading implications.

