



BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Monday, 29 August 2022, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
LOCATION	Teleconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSSWC-254 – CAMDEN – DA/2022/742/1– GREGORY HILLS DRIVE GREGORY HILLS 2557– Staged construction of the Gregory Hills temporary primary school and associated site works

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Justin Doyle (Chair), Louise Camenzuli, Nicole Gurran, Lara Symkowiak
APOLOGIES	Ashleigh Cagney
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Ryan Pritchard and Jaime Erken
DPE	Stuart Withington - Case Manager, Alexander Richard – Planning Officer and Naila Tabassum– Project Officer

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

The Panel received a briefing on the development from the Applicant, noting particularly the great urgency to see the DA approved as soon as feasible, given the plan to open the new temporary school for January 2023 term.

Also present were the assessment staff of the Council who advised of progress with the urgent assessment of the DA.

Matters noted included

- The drainage basin on the western margin of the temporary school would not intercept flows from construction site, which would be addressed separately.
- The approval should include a 3 year time limit to provide certainty to local residents on the temporary school being decommissioned to be replaced by the improved permanent school.
- Due to the imperative to have the temporary school operational for the start of Term 1 2023, the Council and Schools Infrastructure should work to ensure that a completed report be provided to the Panel for determination by the end of September 2022.
- Discussions with the bus service were continuing, with the proximity of a bus stop suitable for primary school students and issue.

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- The Panel notes the comment received from TfNSW that “Concerns are raised with regards to the lack of pedestrian facilities i.e. safe crossing points provided along Gregory Hills Drive. However, TfNSW notes that the catchment for the school is on the southern and western side of the proposed school site.” While it is unlikely to be possible for that issue to be resolved before the temporary school opens, it remains an important matter which should be considered in the planning for a permanent school.
- The Panel also notes the recommendation of TfNSW that shuttle buses to access the two nearby train stations, Leppington Station and Minto Station be considered to encourage the use of public transport.
- Presumably pick-up and drop-off arrangements will be resolved in the determination, which will allow for the adjacent construction work for the new school.
- The Council staff indicated that no submissions had been received, allowing for an electronic determination.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR 26 September 2022