
Explanatory Note

(Clause 25E of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000)

Draft Planning Agreement

The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide a summary of the proposed voluntary planning agreement (VPA) prepared jointly between Waverley Council and the Developer under s93F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act).

This explanatory note has been prepared as required by clause 25E of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

1 Parties:

Waverley Council (Council) and

Elaine Joan Newland (Developer).

2 Description of Subject Land:

The whole of the land being Lot D in Deposited Plan 13985 and known as 695 Old South Head Road, Vaucluse is the Subject Land under the Planning Agreement.

3 Description of Development:

The Developer proposes to develop the Subject Land. The proposed development will comprise demolition of an existing building and construction of a residential flat building comprising of five (5) units and with basement car parking.

4 Background:

The Developer is the registered proprietor of the Subject Land. The Developer lodged a development application with Council, DA 156/2016 and with this has offered to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council pursuant to section 93F of the Act to provide a monetary contribution as the development application provided for additional floor space which exceeds floor space controls permitted for such buildings under Council's planning controls. The offer is in line with Council's Voluntary Planning Agreement Policy 2014.

5 Summary of Objectives, Nature and Effect of the Draft Planning Agreement:

The Planning Agreement will assist Council in achieving its objectives by providing funds which will facilitate Council to provide a material public benefit to residents of areas close to the Development and the broader community by virtue of facilitating improvements to Kimberley Reserve which is consistent with Council's programs and objective of providing for improvement of parks and public open spaces. The Agreement also facilitates a material public benefit by way of contribution towards affordable housing under Council's Affordable Housing Program.

The Agreement is a contractual relationship between Council and the Developer whereby the Developer is to pay a Monetary Contribution and is a Planning Agreement under subsection 2 of Division 6 of Part 4 of the Act.

The Agreement requires the Developer to comply with certain requirements including registration of the Agreement and provision of a Bank Guarantee prior to a Construction Certificate issuing for DA 156/2016 and to pay a monetary Contribution to Council in the amount of \$230,380.00 prior to an Occupation Certificate for the Development.

The Agreement does not exclude the application of sections 94, 94A or 94EF of the Act to the Development and the Development Contribution is not to be taken into consideration in determining any development contribution under s94 of the Act.

The Agreement contains a number of machinery provisions including in relation to dispute resolution and enforcement.

6 Assessment of the merits of the Draft Planning Agreement:

The Planning Purposes Served by the Draft Planning Agreement

In accordance with S.93F(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Planning Agreement facilitates the following public purposes:

- The provision of (or recoupment of the cost of providing) public amenities;
- The funding of recurrent expenditure relating to the provision of public amenities or other infrastructure;
- The monitoring of the planning impacts of development;
- The conservation or enhancement of the natural environment;
- The provision of affordable housing so that a socially diverse residential population across all income groups is maintained in the Council Local Government area;
- To promote and provide for housing schemes which meets the needs of low income and disadvantaged people;
- To seek to provide a standard of affordable housing that is comparable to other housing in the area where the Development is situated.

The Planning Agreement provides a reasonable means of achieving the public purposes set out above.

How the Draft Planning Agreement Promotes the Public Interest

- The public interest is promoted by the provision to Council of funds which it is able to apply towards upgrading and improving infrastructure and facilities nearby the Development which benefits residents nearby and the broader community. This is particularly so with the improvement of park because of the increasing numbers of young families living in Waverley. The upgrading and improvement of park facilities will allow development of play space that maximises social interaction and supports the needs and demands of the community both now and in the future;
- The contributions made are intended to positively affect the social wellbeing of the community incorporating the Development and wider community. Both

residents and visitors will benefit from the contributions under the Planning Agreement;

- Public Interest is promoted by virtue of the planning agreement because it increases the provision of affordable housing; and
- Facilitates a diverse social mix.

How the Draft Planning Agreement Promotes the Objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (EP&A Act)

The provision of the monetary contribution required under the Planning Agreement will promote the objects of the Act, in particular:

- 5(a)(i) “proper management development and conservation of natural and artificial resources including natural areas, cities, towns and villages for the purpose of promoting the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment”.
- 5(a)(v) “the provision of community services and facilities”.
- 5(a)(viii) to encourage the provision and maintenance of affordable housing.
- s79C(1)(b) requires a consent authority to take into account the likely social and economic impact of any development in determining a development application. Under the Act Council may enter into a Planning Agreement for the purposes of contributions towards public purposes as defined. Within the Council’s Affordable Housing Program Policy the appropriate means of participation in the Affordable Housing Program is by way of a Planning Agreement as such, under the Agreement, the relevant provisions of the Act referred to are addressed.

How the Draft Planning Agreement promotes elements of the Council’s charter under section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1993

- The Draft Planning Agreement provides a means by which the Council shows a regard for the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions. The Council’s decisions impact public areas. The Council is conscious of a need for infrastructure and facilities within the public areas in its local government area and how its decisions and policies impact on seeking to fulfil this need. The Council’s decisions impact on the level of housing available within its area. The Council is aware of the need for affordable housing and how its decisions impact on seeking to fulfil this need;
- The draft Planning Agreement provides a means by which Council shows it bears in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and seeks to effectively plan for and manage the assets for which it is responsible and facilitates its engaging in long term strategic planning on behalf of the local community'
- In addition the Planning Agreement is a means by which the council can implement its Affordable Housing Policy and in doing so exercise community leadership in an area of concern to the wider community.

Conformity with the Council's Capital Works Program

The Draft Planning Agreement is not inconsistent with the Council's Capital Works Program.

Whether the Agreement specifies that certain requirements of the Agreement must be complied with before a construction certificate, occupation certificate or subdivision certificate is issued

Yes, as detailed above in relation to bank guarantee, registration of the Planning Agreement and other measures to enforce payment of the monetary contribution prior to the issuing of an Occupation Certificate.

This explanatory note is not to be used to assist in construing the Planning Agreement