

## Explanatory Note

### 18 – 20 Allens Parade, Bondi Junction Development Application No. DA-88/2019 as modified by DA-88/2019/A

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

#### Planning Agreement

The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide a summary to support the notification of a draft Planning Agreement under Section 7.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)*.

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

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

#### 1 Parties

The parties to the Planning Agreement are Waverley Council (**Council**) and Amanda Louise Lavecky (**Developer**).

#### 2 Description of subject land

The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is the whole of the land being Lot 5 and Lot 6 in DP 11196) known as 18 – 20 Allens Parade, Bondi Junction (**Land**).

The Developer is the registered proprietor of the Land.

#### 3 Description of Development

The proposed development comprises Demolition of 2 detached dwellings and the construction of a three storey residential flat building with basement parking and 6 units (**Development**).

#### 4 Background

On 19 March 2019, a development application, DA-88/2019, was lodged with Council. Development consent was granted in respect of the development application by the Land and Environment Court on 9 March 2021. On 7 April 2021 the Developer made an application modify the development consent (DA-88/2019/A) (**Development Application**). An offer was subsequently made by the Developer in connection with

the modified Development Application to enter into a Planning Agreement with Council and to make 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. Development Consent was granted by the Land and Environment Court in respect to the modified Development Application on 24 December 2021.

## **5 Summary of Objectives, Nature and Effect of the Planning Agreement**

The objective of the Planning Agreement is to secure a public benefit in connection with the Development Application so that the Development delivers a community benefit.

The Planning Agreement requires the Developer to pay to Council a monetary contribution in the amount of \$81,400 to be applied towards the Waverley Affordable Housing Program (25%) and public domain upgrades in Bondi Junction east or the Bronte Road, Bondi Junction Centre (75%). The monetary contribution is payable to Council prior to any Occupation Certificate issuing for the Development.

The Planning Agreement is a binding relationship between Council and the Developer. The Planning Agreement requires the Developer to comply with certain requirements including registration of the Planning Agreement, provision of a Bank Guarantee and registration of a Caveat. The Planning Agreement contains a number of machinery provisions including in relation to dispute resolution and enforcement.

The Agreement does not exclude the application of Sections 7.11, 7.12 or 7.24 of the Act to the Development and the monetary contribution is not to be taken into consideration in determining any development contribution under Section 7.11 of the Act.

The effect of the Planning Agreement is a monetary contribution towards the Waverley Affordable Housing Program and public domain upgrades in Bondi Junction east or the Bronte Road, Bondi Junction Centre.

## **6 Assessment of the merits of the Planning Agreement**

### **(a) How the Planning Agreement promotes the public interest and the objects of the Act**

The Planning Agreement promotes the objects of the Act, in particular Section 1.3(a) of the Act, which is to promote the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment by the proper management, development and conservation of the State's natural and other resources and 1.3(d) of the Act, which is to promote the delivery and maintenance of affordable housing. The objects are satisfied as the Planning Agreement secures a monetary contribution towards the Waverley Affordable Housing Program and delivering public domain upgrades in Bondi Junction east or the Bronte Road, Bondi Junction Centre.

Public interest is promoted by virtue of the Planning Agreement because it assists Council in delivering public domain upgrades for community benefit. The upgrades may include benefits such as improving walkways, roadways, cycleways and public recreational space. The upgrades will encourage business within and development of the precinct as an active, vibrant and safe community with recreational facilities.

Further, public interest is promoted by virtue of the Planning Agreement because it assists Council in the provision of affordable housing and housing for low income and disadvantaged people within the community.

In addition, it assists in facilitating a socially diverse and inclusive community and enabling diverse social and economic groups to have similar opportunities for accommodation in the Waverley Local Government Area.

**(b) The impact of the Planning Agreement on the public or any relevant section of the public**

The Planning Agreement will benefit the public and local community including families, people of all ages and diverse communities as it seeks to secure funds to deliver public domain upgrades in Bondi Junction east or the Bronte Road, Bondi Junction Centre which will positively affect the social and economic wellbeing of the precinct incorporating the Development and wider community. Both residents and visitors will benefit from the contribution under the Planning Agreement.

In addition, the Planning Agreement will benefit the public and local community as it seeks to improve and maintain access to affordable housing in the Waverley Local Government Area and facilitates a diverse social mix.

There is considered to be no negative impact on the public arising from the Planning Agreement.

**(c) The planning purpose(s) served by the Planning Agreement**

The Planning Agreement facilitates the provision of (or the recoupment of the cost of providing) affordable housing and public amenities and/or the funding of recurrent expenditure relating to the provision of affordable housing and public amenities. In addition, the Planning Agreement facilitates the conservation or enhancement of the natural environment. The provision of affordable housing, public amenities and conservation or enhancement of the natural environment are public purposes under Section 7.4(2) of the Act.

The Planning Agreement implements Council policy and legislative provisions around affordable housing, public amenities and conservation or enhancement of the natural environment.

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

**(d) How the Planning Agreement promotes the guiding principles for Councils (previously referred to as Council's Charter) under section 8A of the Local Government Act 1993**

The 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 open space/recreational facilities as well as affordable housing within the public areas in its local government area and how its decisions and policies impact on seeking to fulfil these needs.

The 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, as the Planning Agreement is a means by which the Council can implement its Affordable Housing Policy, in doing so Council exercises community leadership in an area of concern to the wider community.

**(e) Whether the Planning Agreement conforms with the Council's Capital Works Program**

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

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

The following requirements of the Planning Agreement must be complied with before:

- (i) A construction certificate is issued:** registration of the Planning Agreement, provision of a Bank Guarantee and registration of a Caveat.
- (ii) An occupation certificate is issued:** payment of the monetary contribution.
- (iii) A subdivision certificate is issued:** Not applicable.