PENRITH CITY COUNCIL MAJOR ASSESSMENT REPORT

Application number:	DA21/0225
Proposed development:	Demolition of existing structures and construction of 2-3 storey boarding house containing 64 rooms and a manager's residence, basement parking, landscaping and stormwater works.
Property address:	27 Park Avenue, KINGSWOOD NSW 2747 28 Park Avenue, KINGSWOOD NSW 2747
Property description:	Lot 12 DP 29528 Lot 11 DP 29528
Date received:	6 April 2021
Assessing officer	Lucy Goldstein
Zoning:	SEPP WSA - Affected by Obstacle Limitation SEPP WSA - Affected by Wildlife Buffer Zone Zone R3 Medium Density Residential - LEP 2010
Class of building:	Class 3 , Class 7a
Recommendations:	Refuse

Executive Summary

Council is in receipt of a Development Application for the Demolition of Existing Structures and Construction of a 2-3 Storey Boarding House Containing 64x rooms and a Manager's Residence, Basement Parking, Landscaping and Stormwater works at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood NSW 2747.

The subject site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, and the development is defined as a Boarding House, which is a permissible land use in the zone under Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP).

Key issues identified in the assessment of the application include:

- Compatibility of the development with the character of the surrounding area in terms of building siting, massing and scale.
- The proposal is non-compliant with key built form and amenity controls under Penrith Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014, relating to front and side setbacks, building separation, and building design.
- The proposal is considered of poor design quality standard, and will have negative impact on the streetscape and surrounding residential amenity. Noting that the proposal has been reviewed by an external Urban Design consultant via Council's Urban Design Review Panel process, and found to be unsatisfactory.
- The proposal provides an insufficient number of onsite car parking spaces to serve the development, and has not demonstrated that onsite waste collection can safely and effectively occur on the site (in the basement).
- The application has been advertised and notified to nearby properties in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy. Council received a total of 31x unique submissions. The submissions received raised various matters including impacts on amenity, local character, traffic and parking, safety and security, noise, and the cumulative impacts of boarding house developments in the vicinity. A response to the matters is provided within this report.

The application is to be reported to the Local Planning Panel, as Council has received more than 10x unique submissions in relation to the proposal.

With consideration to the scale and quantity of issues raised with the proposal, it is considered that a substantial redesign is required to address issues, and achieve a compliant scheme. On 3 May 2021, Council issued a letter to the Applicant raising preliminary issues, and recommended that the application be withdrawn. To date Council has not received a response from the Applicant.

An assessment under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 has been undertaken and the application is recommended for refusal.

Site & Surrounds

The subject site is legally described as Lot 11 and Lot 12 DP 29528, commonly known as 27 and 28 Park Avenue, respectively.

Site Context: The surrounding area consists of predominately residential development, comprising a mix of single cottages, and medium density development, including townhouses and dual occupancies. The site is located within a pocket of land zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, which acts as a transition area from higher density development located around the Kingswood Railway Station.

Currently adjoining the site to the east (no.27-30 Park Ave) is a townhouse development, and to the west (no. 25-26 Park Ave) is a single dwelling. The adjoining property no. 25-26 Park Ave is subject of an approved development consent for a townhouse development which is currently under construction (DA18/1171.) To the north, north-east and north-west of the site are single dwellings. To the south of the site (across Park Avenue) is the railway corridor.

Site Characteristics: The site is an irregular shape with frontage to Park Avenue of 31.61m, rear northern boundary of 30.48m, eastern side boundary of 50.95m and western side boundary of 59.31m. Currently on the site are two single-storey dwellings, associated garage and structures located on each lot.

Site Constraints:

- Flood affected.
- Mature Lemon Scented Gum tree located in the front south-west corner of the site.
- Electricity pole located on the landscape verge in front of the site.
- Railway corridor located approximately 20m south of the site.

Proposal

- Construction of a 2-3 storey boarding house containing 64x rooms and 1x manager's residence with basement parking;
- The boarding house comprises 60x double rooms and 4x-single rooms;
- Demolition of existing structures on the site and site preparation works, including excavation for two levels of basement;
- Provision of 32x onsite car parking spaces within the basement, inclusive of 6x accessible car parking spaces.
- Provision of 13x bicycle parking spaces and 2x motorcycle parking spaces within the basement;
- Associated drainage and landscape works; and
- Lot Consolidation of 27 and 28 Park Avenue, Kingswood.

Plans that apply

- Local Environmental Plan 2010 (Amendment 4)
- Development Control Plan 2014
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007
- State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—Remediation of Land

Planning Assessment

Section 4.15 - Evaluation

The development has been assessed in accordance with the matters for consideration under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and having regard to those matters, the following issues have been identified for further consideration:

Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) The provisions of any environmental planning instrument

State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009

The proposal has been assessed against relevant provisions under State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (SEPP ARH). Overall, the proposal is non-compliant with key standards and objectives of SEPP ARH, as outlined below.

SEPP ARH, DIVISION 3 BOARDING HOUSES

Clause 29 Standards that cannot be used to refuse consent

2(a) Building Height

A consent authority must not refuse consent on the grounds that "*if the building height of all proposed buildings is not more than the maximum building height permitted under another environmental planning instrument for any building on the land*,"

The proposal breaches the Maximum Building Height of 8.5m permitted on the site under Penrith LEP 2010. The proposal was supported by a Clause 4.6 Request to Vary Development Standard, which on balance is not supportable. Refer to discussion in this report under 'Clause 4.6.'

2(b) Landscaped Area

A consent authority must not refuse consent on the grounds that "*if the landscape treatment of the front* setback area is compatible with the streetscape in which the building is located,"

The landscape treatment of the front setback area is not compatible with the streetscape in which the building is located. This is largely due to the insufficient front setback of the building, which is forward of both adjoining properties (29-30 and 25-26 Park Ave). The development comprises two building wings with a minimum front setback of 5.5m and 7m, compared to 8m for the existing townhouse at no.29-30 Park Avenue, and the townhouse development under construction at 25-26 Park Avenue which provides varied setback of 6m-8.5m. The insufficient front setback limits the opportunity for suitable landscaping along the front of the site to integrate the development into the surrounding context. In combination with this, the location of footpath, driveway, and services required for the scale of the development within the front setback area further restricts opportunity for a suitable landscape treatment.

2(e) Parking

A consent authority must not refuse consent on the grounds that "*if-*(*ii*) in the case of development not carried out by or on behalf of a social housing provider - at least 0.5 parking spaces are provided for each boarding room, and (*iii*) in the case of any development - not more than 1 parking space is provided for each person employed in connection with the development and who is a resident onsite."

It is noted that the proposal is not carried out by or on behalf of a social housing provider, as the supporting Statement of Environmental Effects identifies that the boarding house will be provided and managed by a private provider. As such, the car parking standard (ii) and (iii) as outlined above applies. The application proposes 65 rooms inclusive of one manager's room. Therefore, using the rate of 0.5 car spaces x 65 rooms, a total of 33x car parking spaces is needed to meet the standard under sub-clause (2)(e). The proposal provides 32x onsite car parking spaces, resulting in a shortfall of 1x car space. Given the nature of the proposal and locality, the shortfall of car parking is not considered supportable, and speaks to the proposal being an over development of the site.

Clause 30 Standards for boarding houses

1(a) "if a boarding house has 5 or more boarding rooms, at least one communal living room will be provided."

The Architectural Plan shows one communal living room is provided, located on ground floor at the rear of the building. However, the proposed communal living area is considered insufficient in size to meet the intention of Clause 30(1)(a). In this regard, the communal living area is 16sqm in area, which is inadequate in size to serve the number of lodgers proposed (being 124 lodgers). It is noted that Penrith DCP requires 13sqm of communal area to be provided per lodger, when more than 6x boarding rooms are proposed. As 124 lodgers are proposed, a minimum of 248sqm of communal area should be provided for the development.

Clause 30A Character of Area

Clause 30A requires the consent authority to consider the compatibility of the design with the character of the local area. The local area comprises a mix of traditional single dwellings and medium density development including dual occupancies and multi-unit housing. Surrounding developments typically have deep landscaped front and rear setbacks, and building forms that are broken into blocks approximately 20m in length, with a minimum building separation of 4m. The proposed built form is considered incompatible with the character of the local area in terms of building length, height, and design.

The proposed buildings are excessive in length being 38m and 43m. Noting that Penrith DCP requires buildings to be broken up into blocks of no longer than 20m to provide relief from built forms. The bulk and scale of the buildings is further exacerbated by the building design and height, noting that upper floors have not been stepped in and the building breaches the maximum height permitted on the site. Further, the northern elevation of the buildings present as a 3-storey building which directly overlooks the adjoining property to the rear. In combination with the height breach, this results in unreasonable privacy impacts and contributes to the building appearing overbearing' and excessively large.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

The proposal was referred to Sydney Trains for consideration pursuant to Clause 86 of the SEPP Infrastructure. Clause 86 relates to development that involves certain excavation works that are located in, above, below or adjacent to a rail corridor, which is relevant to the proposal.

Clause 86 states that:

86 Excavation in, above, below or adjacent to rail corridors

(1) This clause applies to development (other than development to which clause 88 applies) that involves the penetration of ground to a depth of at least 2m below ground level (existing) on land—
 (a) within, below or above a rail corridor, or

- (b) within 25m (measured horizontally) of a rail corridor, or
- (b1) within 25m (measured horizontally) of the ground directly below a rail corridor, or
- (c) within 25m (measured horizontally) of the ground directly above an underground rail corridor.

(2) Before determining a development application for development to which this clause applies, the consent authority must—

(a) within 7 days after the application is made, give written notice of the application to the rail authority for the rail corridor, and

- (b) take into consideration-
- (i) any response to the notice that is received within 21 days after the notice is given, and
- *(ii) any guidelines issued by the Secretary for the purposes of this clause and published in the Gazette.*

With consideration to the above, the proposal involves excavation works that are more than 2m deep and which are located less than 25m of a railway corridor (which is south of the site). Accordingly, the proposal was referred to Sydney Trains for consideration. In their response dated 24 May 2021, Sydney Trains raised no objection to the proposal subject to imposing operational conditions relating largely to construction methods. Notwithstanding this advice, the proposal is recommended for refusal on other considerations as detailed in this report.

State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—Remediation of Land

The proposal has been assessed against relevant criteria of State Environmental Planning Policy No 55— Remediation of Land (SEPP 55), and is found to meet the requirements of this policy as outlined below:

- In review of Council's records, the site has historically been used for residential purposes, which is not considered a potentially contaminating activity. As such, it is considered that there is very low risk of land contamination issues. It is noted that the proposal does not seek a change of use to a more sensitive use.
- Given the age of the existing two dwellings on the site, it is considered necessary that a Hazardous Materials Survey be conducted prior to demolition, to ensure that structures will not impact the health of surrounding sensitive receives and the environment. This matter is capable of being addressed via a condition of consent.

With consideration to the above, the proposal is considered to meet the requirements of SEPP 55. Notwithstanding this, the proposal is recommended for refusal on other grounds as detailed in this report.

Provision	Compliance
Clause 2.3 Permissibility	Complies - See discussion
Clause 2.3 Zone objectives	Does not comply - See discussion
Clause 4.3 Height of buildings	Does not comply - See discussion
Clause 4.4 Floor Space Ratio	N/A
Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards	Does not comply - See discussion

Local Environmental Plan 2010 (Amendment 4)

Clause 2.3 Permissibility

Under Penrith LEP 2010, the subject site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential. The proposal is defined as a 'Boarding House' which is permissible in the R3 Medium Density Residential zone with consent.

Clause 2.3 Zone objectives

The proposal is not considered consistent with the objectives of the R3 Medium Density zone, specifically:

- To enhance the essential character and identity of established residential areas. The development does not enhance the character and identify of the surrounding established area. The building design is of excessive bulk and scale relative to the context and size of the site. The front elevation does not enhance the streetscape, particularly as a result of the extent of the protrusion of the basement opening, which fronts the street and reads as a first-storey.
- To ensure that development reflects the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area. The proposed built form is incompatible with the future character of the local area in terms of building height, massing, design, setbacks and landscaping.
- To ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained.
 The proposal does not achieve a high level of residential amenity for occupants of the boarding house, and does not maintain surrounding residential amenity. The proposal provides inadequate communal living area relative to the scale of the boarding house, and provides a very poor interface with adjoining properties as a result of an excessive building height and length, insufficient side setbacks and excessive number of boarding rooms facing adjoining properties. In addition, the application has not demonstrated that the development is suitable in respect to noise impacts on residents of the boarding house and on adjoining sensitive receivers.

A maximum building height of 8.5m is permitted on the site. The proposal breaches the Maximum Building Height control, having a maximum building height of 9.0m, representing a breach of 0.5m. The application was accompanied by a Clause 4.6 Request for Variation, as discussed in this report below.

Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards

Clause 4.6- 'Exceptions to development standards' allows an Applicant to make a written request to vary principle development standard(s). In this case, the proposal seeks to vary the development of Clause 4.3- 'Height of buildings'.

Clause 4.3 is a principal development standard, and can therefore be varied pursuant to Clause 4.6. Noting that Clause 4.6(2) refers to "*a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument*". In addition, Clause 4.6(8) lists several instances where the provisions of Clause 4.6 cannot be applied, and Clause 4.3 is not included in this list.

The objective of Clause 4.6 is outlined in sub-clause (1) and is, "to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain standards to particular development"; and "to achieve a better outcome for and from the development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances".

Written Request to Vary Development Standard:

The Development Application was supported by a request titled *Clause 4.6 Written Request for Variation to Clause 4.3(2) Height of Building*, dated 31 March 2021, prepared by Andrew Martin Planning. A copy of the written request in its entirety is provided to the Local Planning Panel as an attachment to this report.

The written request states that a variation to development standard should be permitted in this instance for the following main reasons, as summarised below:

- The variation requested is up to a maximum 500mm over the 8.5m height control in the south-east corner of the eastern wing of the development. The variation equates to a 5.88% variation and is stated to be minor, and not impact adjoining properties.
- The request states that the development does not offend the objectives of Clause 4.3- Height of Buildings. Specifically, the request argues that the development is compatible with the height, bulk and scale of existing and desired future character of the locality, as the majority of the development complies with the height standard, and the breach will not be easily discernible from the street (Park Ave) as the portion of the building that breaches the height standard essentially sits behind the pitched roof form which faces Park Avenue. Further, the request argues that the proposal provides a front setback that is generally aligned with adjoining properties, and adequate landscaping is provided along the frontage, compatible with the surrounding character.
- The request argues that privacy is adequately persevered through the siting of window openings, installation of window screens to the first-floor level, and internal layout of the development. Noting that the upper level provides highlight windows only facing the side boundaries.
- The request states that the development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives of the R3 Medium Density Residential zone. Specifically the proposal will increase the supply of housing for the area, and is well located in terms of proximity to the railway and local services/facilities.
- The request makes reference to case law, including Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council [2018] NSWLEC 118; Rebel MH Neutral Bay Pty Ltd v North Sydney Council [2018] NSWLEC 191; SJD DB2 Pty Ltd v Woollahra Council [2020] NSWLEC 1112 (SJD DB2).

Assessment of Request

The written request has been considered against the relevant criteria under Clause 4.6. Overall, the arguments put forward in the request are not supported.

In this regard, the request has not adequately demonstrated that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the instance of the case, or and that there is sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard. Further, the

request has not adequately demonstrated that the proposal will be in the public interest. As a result of the Document Set ID: 9663187

non-compliance, the development is considered to have adverse impact on the amenity of surrounding residences, and provide a poor level of amenity for future occupants. The breach to the building height is considered to speak to the proposal being an over-development of the site.

With consideration to the objectives of the R3 Medium Density Residential zone, the request has not adequately demonstrated that the proposal will meet the objectives despite the departure to the Building Height standard. The objectives of the zone are:

- To provide for the housing needs of the community within a medium density residential environment.
- To provide a variety of housing types within a medium density residential environment.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
- To provide for a concentration of housing with access to services and facilities.
- To enhance the essential character and identity of established residential areas.
- To ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained.
- To ensure that development reflects the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area.

As reflected in Council's assessment report, the proposal is not considered to meet the objectives of the zone. The proposal does not enhance the essential character and identity of the surrounding established residential area, which is evident by the development's non-compliance with the key built form controls including setbacks and building separation. Secondly, the development does not reflect the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area, as the building siting is inconsistent with the adjoining properties, restricting opportunity for suitable landscape treatment. Thirdly, the proposal does not ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained, noting that the proposal provides inadequate communal living area relative to the scale of the boarding house, and provides a very poor interface with adjoining properties as a result of an excessive building height and length, insufficient side setbacks and excessive number of boarding rooms facing adjoining properties.

For these reasons, the request to vary Clause 4.3(2) is not considered supportable.

Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) The provisions of any development control plan

Provision	Compliance
C1 Site Planning and Design Principles	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
C2 Vegetation Management	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
C4 Land Management	Complies
C5 Waste Management	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
C6 Landscape Design	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
C7 Culture and Heritage	N/A
C8 Public Domain	N/A
C10 Transport, Access and Parking	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
C11 Subdivision	N/A
C12 Noise and Vibration	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
C13 Infrastructure and Services	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance
D5.1. Application of Certification System	N/A
D5.2. Child Care Centres	N/A
D5.3. Health Consulting Rooms	N/A
D5.4. Educational Establishments	N/A
D5.5 Parent Friendly Amenities	N/A
D5.6. Places of Public Worship	N/A
D5.7. Vehicle Repair Stations	N/A
D5.8. Cemeteries, Crematoria and Funeral Homes	N/A
D5.9. Extractive Industries	N/A
D5.10 Telecommunication Facilities	N/A
D5.11 Boarding Houses	Does not comply - see Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance

Development Control Plan 2014

Section 4.15(1)(a)(iv) The provisions of the regulations

The proposal is considered capable of complying with the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, subject to conditions that enforce the development to comply with all relevant requirements under the Building Code of Australia. Notwithstanding this, the proposal is recommended for refusal on other planning grounds.

Section 4.15(1)(b)The likely impacts of the development

Urban Design

The proposal was reviewed by an external Urban Design consultant, as part of Council's Urban Design Review Panel process. Based on this review, four key areas of concern were raised, relating to the compatibility of the proposal with the character of the local area, the impacts of the development upon the amenity of neighbours, the level of amenity afforded by the boarding house, and poor design quality standard.

Overall, the Urban Design advice recommends that the proposal is not supported. The following matters are raised in the Urban Design advice:

Local Character

- In terms of setbacks and landscaped areas, the proposed development is fundamentally inconsistent with neighbouring developments that conform with the local control. The development comprises two building wings with minimum front setbacks of 5.5m and 7m, compared to 8m for the existing town house development at No. 29-30 Park Avenue and the development under construction at Nos 25 and 26. Consequently, the proposed building forms would stand appreciably-forward of those neighbouring buildings.
- Potential for front landscaping that might screen the proposed building is compromised by building services and by paved areas which are not sufficiently consolidated. In addition, side setbacks of 2m are insufficient to accommodate plantings that might moderate scale-impacts of facades that extend for between 37m and 45m.
- Mass and scale of the proposed building is fundamentally inconsistent with existing and desired characters of the area, as outlined below:

(a) Side elevations would be visible from the street (as well as from neighbouring properties) and raw dimensions of between 37m and 45m present abrupt contrasts to neighbouring buildings which average 20m and which are separated by landscaped courtyards that are 4m wide.

(b) Over three quarters of each side elevation comprises a third storey, either contained by sheer storey walls or located within a 'faux-attic' level. Calculations confirm that up to half of each three storey element exceeds the permissible maximum building height by up to half a metre. The scale of side elevations which comprise three attached elements is accentuated by an architecturally-incoherent assemblage of pitched roofs near the street, flat-topped 'attics' in the centre, and sheer-sided cubic forms to the rear.

(c) Scale of the front elevation is accentuated by an architecturally-incoherent combination of balconies and sheer-walled elements together with building services that include a pump room and wide driveway.

(d) Elements which are foreign to the surrounding streetscape include the driveway undercroft which is excessively tall and wide, and which also comprises visually-intrusive supporting structures and blank enclosing walls, together with fire services and a substation which limit the landscape potential of this highly-visible street-frontage.

Collectively, these aspects of the proposed development demonstrate pronounced incompatibility with character of the local area because they would present stark contrasts to existing patterns within the surrounding streetscape, and also because they are contrary to numeric controls and qualitative considerations under the LEP and DCP.

• The proposed non-compliant building height accentuates the Development's incompatibility with desired character. Circumstances of the Site and the Development do not indicate that compliance with the standard might be considered unnecessary or unreasonable. The proposed non-compliance would be inconsistent with objectives for building height, and there are no apparent planning grounds for the proposed non-compliant elements of the Development.

Neighbour Amenity

• Neighbours' amenity would be compromised by the proposed development, noting that neighbourhood amenity frequently is considered to be an element of local character.

(a) Facing the Site's boundaries, lower levels of the proposed development accommodate 13 rooms which have 2m setbacks from eastern or western boundaries to screened balconies, a further six upper storey rooms face the western boundary, and a total of 17 rooms face the rear boundary.

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(b) Due to the aggregated number of boarding rooms that are proposed facing neighbour's bedrooms and living areas, acoustic impacts would be experienced by neighbouring townhouses, and those impacts would be accentuated by the 'acoustic proximity' of proposed boarding rooms.

(c) Visual privacy of the neighbouring townhouses would, to some extent, be addressed by proposed balcony shutters – although it is not clear whether shutters would screen the full frontage of each balcony.

(d) Partial-screening of north-facing balconies would not prevent overlooking of primary open spaces in at least two neighbouring cottages to the north.

Amenity of Boarding House Including Communal Area

• Communal areas within the development demonstrate very poor amenity, as detailed below:

(a) The proposed communal living room has an affective area of 3.6m by 3.4m which is totally insufficient to meet the needs of a 65 room development.

(b) The development would be likely to accommodate between 45 and 60 people at any one time, which incorporate reasonable assumptions regarding occupancy rates for double rooms and for the development as a whole. Applying those assumptions together with a 'Covid-safe' measure of 4sqm, per person, upwards of 55sqm is estimated to be the minimum reasonable area for common living areas – more than four times the area that is proposed.

(c) A reasonable common room – or, preferably, a suite of rooms – would allow concurrent occupancy by unrelated individuals, and would accommodate a range of activity settings that allow for informal social interaction between residents for example, lounge areas for tv viewing, a kitchen and dining area, sitting and reading areas.

 Outdoor areas are not sufficient to offset pronounced shortcomings of the proposed small living room. The central courtyard has a width of 6m which primarily accommodates 'duplicated corridors' through a dark canyon-like space and, consequently, this area is inherently-unlikely to encourage sitting or informal social interaction. At the northern end of that corridor, a paved undercroft with no apparent purpose opens onto the rear setback which, although north-facing and sunny, is a narrow area that is unlikely to attract extensive use.

Car Parking

Clause 29(2)(e) of SEPP ARH provides minimum car parking standards that if met, cannot be used as grounds for refusal of an application. In this regard, the car parking standard is 0.5 spaces per boarding room. As the application proposes 65x boarding rooms (inclusive of 1x manager's room), a minimum of 33x car parking spaces is needed to meet this standard (rounded up). The proposal provides 32x car parking spaces. Given the nature of the proposal, the shortfall of 1x car space is not considered appropriate, and speaks to the scale of the development not being suitable for the site.

Vehicle Access and Circulation

The proposal was supported by a Traffic and Parking Impact Assessment Report, dated March 2021, prepared by Hemanote Consultants. However, the report contains inconsistencies with the architectural plans, and provides insufficient information to demonstrate that adequate vehicle access and circulation is achieved on the site, as specified below:

- The Traffic and Parking Impact Assessment Report states that a 5.5m basement ramp is provided with 0.3m clearance on either side. However the basement car parking ramp appears to be only 6.0m wide on the plans provided, and appears to narrow to less than 6.0m at the bottom of the ramp. The Traffic and Parking Impact Assessment Report needs to be consistent with the architectural plans, and where applicable is to incorporate a 6.1m wide access ramp to be fully compliant with AS2890.1 clearances.
- The proposed waste collection vehicle turntable arrangement in the basement is in principle acceptable. However details of a traffic warning light system (to alert other car park users, and to keep the basement ramp clear of other vehicles, during times when the waste collection vehicle is accessing the ramp and/or utilising the turntable) must be detailed, including methods of activation

and duration. Accordingly the integral elements (which may include, but are not limited to, traffic signal locations, heights and clearances, as well as hold lines and/or boom-gates, signage and/or any other traffic management features) of the system need to be included on the architectural plans for Council's assessment.

Flooding and Stormwater Management

The site is affected by 1% AEP local overland flow flood with a maximum flood level of RL 36.4m AHD. The finished floor levels are compliant with the free-board requirement under Council's flooding controls. In terms of stormwater management, the proposal includes an Onsite Detention System, and water filtration tank to meet water quality requirements. With respect to engineer matters, Council's Development Engineer does not object to the proposal.

Acoustic Impacts

The application was supported by an Acoustical Report prepared by Koikas Acoustics Pty Ltd (dated 31 March 2021, ref 4661). The Acoustical Report provides several recommended external and internal construction materials to mitigate external noise intrusion and inter-tenancy noise, as well as providing commentary on noise generated from mechanical plant associated with the proposed development. However, Council's Environmental Management Officer has raised concern regarding the methodology of the Acoustical Report, concluding that the report is unsatisfactory. Importantly, no acoustic monitoring and noise logging has been undertaken and incorporated into the Acoustical Report. As a result, Council cannot be certain that the proposal will not result in adverse noise impacts.

In this regard, the Acoustical Report provides insufficient information regarding the following matters:

- The Acoustical Report did not address noise impacts associated with the railway located to the south of the site. As such, the proposal has not demonstrated that the development complies with internal noise criteria as outlined in Australia/New Zealand Standards: *Acoustics Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors* (AS/NZS 2107:2000).
- An assessment was not undertaken in relation to the potential noise impact on surrounding sensitive receivers during the demolition and construction phase of the proposed development.
- An assessment was not undertaken in relation to potential vibration impacts on surrounding sensitive receivers as a result of the construction of the proposed basement level.
- Consideration has not been given to surrounding sensitive receivers during the operational phase of the proposed development, including activities such as garbage and waste collection, mechanical plant noise, use of open and communal areas by tenants, and vehicle movements associated with the proposed development.

With regard to the above matters, the proposal has provided insufficient information to demonstrate the proposal is suitable in respect to noise impacts. This matter forms a reason for refusal.

Section 4.15(1)(c)The suitability of the site for the development

The site is considered unsuitable for the development for the following reasons:

- The development does not respond to the local character in terms of front setback, building height, and built form.
- The proposal does not adequately demonstrate that impacts relating to bulk, scale, and amenity are adequately mitigated against or addressed in the design of the building.
- Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that the proposal will not result in unreasonable noise impacts.

Section 4.15(1)(d) Any Submissions

Community Consultation

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy the proposed development was notified to nearby and adjoining residents, and advertised in the local newspaper.

Council notified sixty-nine (69) residences in the area, and the exhibition period occurred between 19 April 2021 and 3 May 2021. The application was also advertised in the local newspaper on 15 April 2021.

Council has received thirty-one (31) unique submissions.

The issues raised by the submissions have formed part of the assessment of the application, as detailed below. For the purpose of this report, the submissions have been grouped by issues raised.

Issue Raised	Comments
Incompatible with surrounding character	Concerns noted, as discussed in this report under 'Likely Impacts'. The proposal is not considered compatible with the current or future desired character of the area, and forms a reason for refusal of the application.
Site Suitablity - concern regarding concentration of boarding houses in the area, suggests boarding houses should be geographically spread out.	There are no local or state planning controls that prohibit the location of boarding house development based on their proximity to other boarding houses, schools, police and health services.
 schools are in close proximity to the site. Site is not close enough to services such as health care, police, general services. 	Notwithstanding, the site is not considered suitable for the proposal, as the design is not responsive to the surrounding context. This issue forms a reason for refusal.
Loss of Residential Amenity - Privacy - Noise Impacts	Concerns noted, and form a reason for refusal. The proposal is not considered to retain a reasonable level of residential amenity, largely as a result of the excessive scale, massing and three-storey building form, which provides a poor interface with adjoining properties. Further, the proposal has provided insufficient information to properly address potential noise impacts.
-Increase demand for on-street car parking as a result of the proposal -Increased Traffic Congestion as a result of the proposal	The proposal provides an insufficient number of onsite car parking required for the development, which forms a reason for refusal. Refer to discussion under 'Likely Impacts' of this report.
	In terms of increase traffic congestion, the existing road network is considered capable of accommodating the proposal.
Perceived social issues as a result of the nature of the proposal. - Safety concerns -Onsite manager is needed	Boarding house development is intended to provide low-cost housing options for the community. The development provides an onsite manager who would be responsible for the ongoing operation of the development, and would be required to comply with a plan of management.
Concern that a wider catchment of residents should be notified.	The proposal was notified to nearby residents in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy. Council notified 69 surrounding residents and advertised the proposal in the local newspaper.
	Further, as the proposal received more than 10 unique submissions, the application is to be reported to the Local Planning Panel, which involves a public meeting. Members of the public are able to attend public meeting and speak to any further issues.

Perceived loss of property values	A boarding house is a permissible use on the site. There is no evidence to suggest the development will result in reduced property values.
Insufficient landscaping is provided to offset the development: - visual impacts - environmental impacts (increased heat)	Concerns noted, particularly with regard to insufficient landscaping in the front setback area, which is comprised by building services and paved areas. Side setbacks of 2m are insufficient to accommodate plantings.
Poor level of internal amenity for future occupants	Concerns noted, and form a reason for refusal. Refer to discussion in this report under 'Likely Impacts'.

Referrals

The application was referred to the following stakeholders and their comments have formed part of the assessment:

Referral Body	Comments Received
Building Surveyor	No objections - subject to conditions
Development Engineer	No objections - subject to conditions
Environmental - Environmental management	Not supported
Environmental - Waterways	No objections - subject to conditions
Environmental - Public Health	No objections - subject to conditions
Waste Services	Not supported
Traffic Engineer	Not supported
Social Planning	No objections

Section 4.15(1)(e)The public interest

The proposal is not considered in the public interest, as the application is non-compliant with key objectives and controls under SEPP ARH, Penrith LEP 2010, and Penrith DCP 2014.

Section 94 - Developer Contributions Plans

Penrith City Council's Section 7.11 Contribution Plan applies to the proposal. However, given the application is recommended for refusal on other grounds, contribution fees have not applied in this instance.

Conclusion

In assessing this application against the relevant environmental planning policies, being State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009, Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 and Penrith Development Control Plan 2014, the proposal does not satisfy the aims, objectives and provisions of these policies.

In its current form, the proposal will have a negative impact on the surrounding character of the area, and result in unreasonable amenity impacts to adjoining properties.

The proposed design is not site responsive, does not comply with key development standards. Therefore, the application is recommended for refusal for the following reasons.

Recommendation

- That Development Application DA21/0225 for the Demolition of Existing Structures and Construction of 2-3 Storey Boarding House Containing 64x Rooms and a Manager's Residence, Basement Parking, Landscaping and Stormwater Works at 27-28 Park Avenue Kingswood be refused for the following reasons; and
- 2. That those making submissions are notified of the determination.

Refusal

1 X Special 02 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) of EPA Act 1979)

The application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as the proposal is inconsistent with the provisions of Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 as follows:

- **Clause 2.3 Zone objectives:** The proposal is inconsistent with the following objectives of the R3 Medium Density Residential zone:
 - To enhance the essential character and identity of established residential areas;
 - To ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained; and
 - To ensure that development reflects the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area.
- **Clause 4.3 Height of Buildings:** The proposal is non-compliant with the maximum height of building permitted for the site.
- **Clause 4.3(1) objectives:** The proposal is inconsistent with the objectives of Clause 4.3 of Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010, specifically:

- To ensure that buildings are compatible with the height, bulk and scale of the existing and desired future character of the locality,

- To minimise visual impact, disruption of views, loss of privacy and loss of solar access to existing development and to public areas, including parks, streets and lanes,

• **Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards:** The written request to contravene the Height of Building as required by Clause 4.3 of Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 under Clause 4.6 of that Plan provided by the applicant did not include sufficient environmental planning reasons to support the variation.

2 X Special 03 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(a)(ii) of EPA Act 1979)

The application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as the proposal is inconsistent with the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 as follows:

- Part 2, Division 3, Clause 29(2)(a) Building Height;
- Part 2, Division 3, Clause 29 (2)(b) Landscaped area;
- Part 2, Division 3, Clause 29(2)(e) Parking; and
- Part 2, Division 3, Clause 30A Character of local area.

3 X Special 04 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) of EPA Act 1979)

The development application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as the proposal is inconsistent with the following provisions of Penrith Development Control Plan 2014:

- Chapter C1 Planning and Design Principles
- Chapter C5 Waste Management and accompanying Waste Management Guideline
- Chapter C10 Transport, Access and Parking
- Chapter C12 Noise and Vibration
- Chapter D2 Residential Development
- Chapter D4 Other Land Uses

4 X Special 07 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(b) of EPA Act 1979)

The application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act in terms of the likely impacts of the development, including:

- The development is not compatible with the existing and desired future character of the immediate locality in terms of building design, siting, massing, scale and height.
- The proposal provides inadequate front and side setbacks to suitably integrate the development into the existing local character, maintain surrounding residential amenity, and provide appropriate landscape treatment of the site.
- The proposal has not suitably demonstrated that the existing lemon scented gum located at the front of the site that is proposed to be retained, is achievable due to the proximity of the development to the tree. This tree contributes to the surrounding character and streetscape amenity.
- The proposal does not provide a suitability level of internal amenity stemming from the layout and inadequate provision of communal living area.
- The proposal provides an insufficient number of onsite car parking spaces to service the development.
- The development is considered to be an over-development of the site.
- The application has not demonstrated that onsite waste collection can safely and effectively occur on the site, to service the development.
- The waste collection room does not meet Council requirements in terms of size and design.
- The accompanying Acoustic Assessment report provides insufficient information to demonstrate that the development will not result in negative noise impacts on surrounding sensitive receivers and that the development will comply with relevant noise levels for occupants of the development.

5 X Special 08 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(c) of EPA Act 1979)

The application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(c) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as the site is not suitable for the proposed development.

6 X Special 10 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(e) of EPA Act 1979)

The application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act as the proposal is not in the public interest, and would create an undesirable precedent.

7 X Special 9 (Refusal under Section 4.15(1)(d) of EPA Act 1979)

The application is not satisfactory for the purpose of Section 4.15(1)(d) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act due to matters raised in submissions which include:

- Compatibility of the development with the surrounding local character
- Amenity and acoustic impacts
- Car parking impacts

Appendix - Development Control Plan Compliance

Development Control Plan 2014

Part C - City-wide Controls

The proposal is inconsistent with the following objectives and controls under Penrith DCP:

C1 Site Planning and Design Principles

The application is not consistent with the height, bulk and scale of adjacent buildings, and provides insufficient articulation and excessive building lengths (greater than 20m).

C2 Vegetation Management

The site contains seven existing trees. Importantly, an existing established lemon scented gum is located at the front corner of the site. The lemon scented gum provides significant streetscape amenity, given the location and height of the tree, and therefore should be retained. Whilst the proposal includes retention of the lemon scented gum, Council's Tree Management Officer has raised concern that the supporting Arborist Report provides insufficient information to demonstrate how this tree can be suitably retained with the current design and not damaged, given the proximity of the development to the tree. In this regard, the development encroaches the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) of the lemon scented gum of more than 10%. Further, there are aspects of the development that encroach the TPZ which have not been considered within the Arborist Report, such as retaining walls, front courtyards, paving. Therefore, Council cannot be certain that the proposal will enable the retention and ongoing health of the lemon scented gum on the site.

C5 Waste Management

The development seeks onsite waste collection within the basement, and includes a waste collection room within the basement. However, the proposed waste collection arrangement and infrastructure is not in accordance with Chapter C5 and accompanying 'Residential flat building waste management guideline' as outlined below:

- Section 2.2.3: Swept paths for the waste vehicle accessing the site do not show that 500mm clearances to the truck is achieved for all onsite maneuvers as required by Council's waste guideline. Swept path models are required to illustrate how Council's standard waste collection vehicle will enter, service and exit the site safely and effective, with a 500mm unobstructed clearance from all obstructions for the vehicle's ingress and egress maneouvres, including in scenarios when cars are parked on either side of the road in front of the development.
- Section 2.2.4: For rear-load vehicles an additional 2m unobstructed loading zone is . required behind the vehicle for the loading of 660L and 1,100L bins, which is not provided.
- Section 3.5.1: The proposed waste chute room located in basement 1 does not ٠ incorporate the following requirements of Section 3.5.1, including:

- Minimum 0.9m clearance around the linear or circular carousel system to allow for maneuverability and system maintenance is not provided.

- 1.8m unobstructed clearance zone between the linear/circular track system and the entrance for access and manoeuvrability is not provided.

- Is required to accommodate two additional 1,100L service bins in each chute room with a minimum access clearance of 1.8m wide for the loading of 1100L bins.

- No service bins are shown on plans

C10 Transport, Access and Parking

The provisions relating to car parking rates under SEPP ARH apply, and override local provisions. Refer to discuss in this report under 'Likely Impacts'.

C12 Noise and Vibration

Refer to discuss in this report under 'Likely Impacts'.

C13 Infrastructure and Services

Document Set ID: 9663187 The location of the pump room at the front of the building (facing the street) is poor, and does Version: 1, Version Date: 16/07/2021

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not encourage passive surveillance of the street. The indicative location for the substation along the eastern side boundary is unrealistic, as this location does not meet required clearances for an easement. The substation is likely to require to be relocated, further reducing landscaping along the site frontage.

D5 Other Land Uses

D5.11 Boarding Houses

Control	Required	Proposed	Comment
Minimum lot frontage required for a townhouse or boarding house that is of equivalent scale Section 2.4.2 Multi Dwellings	22m	31.6m	Complies
Rear Setback Section.5.11 (2) – Boarding Houses	4m at ground floor 6m at first floor	6.5m at ground floor 6.8m at first and second floors	Complies.
Side Setbacks Section.5.11(2) – Boarding Houses	2m along not more than 50% of the building length.The remaining 50% is to achieve minimum 3m, these areas are to be min. 1.5m wide.	2m for more than 50% of the building length at first and second floors. Basement is setback 2m for full length of northern boundary and 1.2m full length of southern boundary.	Non-compliant
Building Separation and Length for a townhouse or boarding house that is of equivalent scale Section 2.4.4 Multi Dwellings Landscaped Area >2m wide	Minimum building separation of 4m on site. Building length no more 20m. R3 Zone: 40%	Range of building separation of 3.1m- 8.2m Building length of 38m and 43m <40% of the site. Calculated at approximately 22%	Non-compliant Non-Compliant
Section 5.11(2) – Boarding Houses Deep Soil	Within front setback- a minimum of 18sqm of deep soil area of min, width and	18sqm provided	Complies
Boarding Houses	length of 3m.		

Access	10% of boarding rooms are	6x accessible rooms	Non-compliant.
	to be accessible		Noting an
Section 5.11 -	when >10 rooms are		additional
Boarding Houses	proposed.		accessible room
			would require an
	64 rooms proposed = 7x		additional
	accessible rooms required		accessible car
	(rounded up)		space be
			provided.

	REQ:	PROP:	COMPLIANCE:	ROO
SITE AREA	-	1680.0 sqm	-	NO.
ZONE	-	R3	YES	01
MIN FRONTAGE	-	31.605m	YES	03
F.S.R	-	-	N/A	04 05
SETBACK				06
FRONT	5.5 m	6.31 m	YES	07
SIDE	BUILDING ENVELOPE 45 DEGREES - 6.5m FROM NGL	THE BUILDING IS WITHIN THE ENVELOPE	YES	08
REAR	6.0 m	6.56 m	YES	10
LANDSCAPE	COMPATIBLE WITH STREETSCAPE	COMPATIBLE WITH STREETSCAPE	YES	11 12
OPEN SPACE				14
COMMUNAL	20.0 sqm	46.50sqm	YES	15
MANAGER	8.0 sqm	25.50 sqm	YES	16
PARKING				17
CAR PARKING				19
0.5 PER ROOM	32 SPACES	32 SPACES	YES	20
BICYCLE				21
0.2 PER ROOM	12.8 SPACES	13 SPACES	YES	22
MOTRCYCLE				
0.2 PER ROOM	12.8 SPACES	13 SPACES	YES	

ROOM NO.	SIZE m ² (nett)	NO. OF PERSONS	ACCESSIBLE ROOM (Y or N)
01	16.0	2	Y
02	16.0	2	Y
03	14.5	1	N
04	17.5	2	N
05	14.0	1	N
06	16.0	2	N
07	16.0	2	N
08	16.0	2	N
09	16.0	2	N
10	16.0	2	Y
11	16.0	2	Y
12	16.0	2	Y
13	16.0	2	Y
14	16.0	2	N
15	16.0	2	N
16	16.0	2	N
17	16.0	2	N
18	16.0	2	N
19	16.0	2	N
20	16.0	2	N
21	16.0	2	N
22	17.5	2	N

ROOM NO.	SIZE m ² (nett)	NO. OF PERSONS	ACCESSIBLE ROOM (Y or N)	ROOM NO.	SIZE m ² (nett)	NO. OF PERSONS	ACCESSIBLE ROOM (Y or N
23	17.5	2	N	45	16.0	2	N
24	14.5	1	N	46	16.0	2	N
25	17.5	2	N	47	16.0	2	N
26	17.5	2	N	48	16.0	2	N
27	14.5	1	N	49	16.0	2	N
28	17.0	2	N	50	16.0	2	N
29	17.0	2	N	51	16.0	2	N
30	16.0	2	N	52	16.0	2	N
31	16.0	2	N	53	16.0	2	N
32	16.0	2	N	54	17.5	2	N
33	16.0	2	N	55	17.5	2	N
34	17.5	2	N	56	17.5	2	N
35	17.5	2	N	57	17.5	2	N
36	17.5	2	N	58	17.5	2	N
37	17.5	2	N	59	17.5	2	N
38	17.5	2	N	60	16.6	2	N
39	17.5	2	N	61	16.6	2	N
40	16.0	2	N	62	16.6	2	N
41	16.0	2	N	63	16.6	2	N
42	16.0	2	N	64	16.6	2	N
43	16.0	2	N	М	17.5	2	N
44	16.0	2	N	С	16.0	N/A	N/A





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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

NEW GENERATION BOARDING HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

CLIENT:

CK DESIGN

ADDRESS: 27 & 28 PARK AVE, KINGSWOOD

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BASIX[°]Certificate

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Multi Dwelling

Certificate number: 1189128M

This certificate confirms that the proposed development will meet the NSW government's requirements for sustainability, if it is built in accordance with the commitments set out below. Terms used in this certificate, or in the commitments, have the meaning given by the document entitled "BASIX Definitions" dated 10/09/2020 published by the Department. This document is available at www.basix.nsw.gov.au

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Project address Project name

Local Government Area

Plan type and plan number

Street address

Lot no.

Section no.

Project name	Boarding house @ 27-28 PARK AVE, KINGSWOOD					
Street address	27-28 PARK Avenue KINGSWOOD 274					
Local Government Area	Penrith City Council					
Plan type and plan number	deposited 29528					
Lot no.	12					
Section no.						
No. of residential flat buildings	1					
No. of units in residential flat buildings	64					
No. of multi-dwelling houses	0					
No. of single dwelling houses	0					
Project score						
Water	V 41 Target 40					
Thermal Comfort	 concession Target Pas 					
Energy	V 45 Target 45					

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N/A

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V 41

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Target 40

Target 45

concessionTarget Pass

Common area landscape

Common area lawn (m2)

Assessor details

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Certificate number

mmon area garden (m²)

Area of indigenous or low water use species (m²)

Fixtu				es		Appliances			Individual pool				Individual spa		
Dwelling no.	All shower heads	- All toilet flushing systems	All kitchen taps	All bathroom taps	HW recirculation or diversion	All clothes washers	All dish- washers	Volume (max volume)	Pool cover	Pool location	Pool shaded	V (n V	olume nax olume)	Spa cover	Spa shaded
All dwellings	4 star (> 4.5 but <= 6 L/min)	4 star	4 star	4 star	-	-	4 star	-	-		-			-	
							Alternative w	ater source							
Dwelling r	no. Ali su	ernative wate	er i	Size	Configurati	on	Alternative w	ater source L c	andscape onnection	Toilet connecti (s)	Laur on conr	ndry nection	Pool top-u	p	Spa top-uj
Dwelling r None	no. Alt su	ernative wate pply systems	er ;	Size	Configurati	on	Alternative w	ater source L c	andscape onnection	Toilet connecti (s)	on conr	ndry nection	Pool top-u	p	Spa top-ur
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	(a) the applicant must comply with the communents insted below in carrying out the development of a dwelling insted in a table below.	
1	(b) The applicant must install each hot water system specified for the dwelling in the table below, so that the dwelling's hot water is supplied by that system. If the table specifies a central hot water system for the dwelling, then the applicant must connect that central system to the dwelling, so that the dwelling's hot water is supplied by that central system.	~
1	(c) The applicant must install, in each bathroom, kitchen and laundry of the dwelling, the ventilation system specified for that room in the table below. Each such ventilation system must have the operation control specified for it in the table.	

(d) The applicant must install the cooling and heating system's specified for the dwelling under the "Living areas" and "Bedroom areas" headings of the "Cooling" and "Heating" columns in the table below, in/for at least 1 living/bedroom area of the dwelling. If no cooling or heating system is specified in the table for "Living areas" or "Bedroom areas", then no systems may be installed in any such areas. If the term "zoned" is specified beside an air conditioning system, then the system must provide for day/night zoning between living areas and bedrooms.

(e) This commitment applies back now area of the dwelling which is referred to in a heading to the "Artificial lighting" column of the table below (but only to the extent specified for that room or area). The applicant must ensure that the "primary type of artificial lighting" for each such room in the dwelling is fluorescent lighting or light emitting diode (LED) lighting. If the term "dedicated" is specified for a particular room or area, then the light fittings in that room or area must only be capable of being used for fluorescent lighting or light emitting diode (LED) lighting.

(ii) Energy	Show on DA plans	Show on CC/CDC plans & specs	Certifier check
(f) This commitment applies to each room or area of the dwelling which is referred to in a heading to the "Natural lighting" column of the table below (but only to the extent specified for that room or area). The applicant must ensure that each such room or area is fitted with a window and/or skylight.	~	~	~
(g) This commitment applies if the applicant installs a water heating system for the dwelling's pool or spa. The applicant must:			
(aa) install the system specified for the pool in the "Individual Pool" column of the table below (or alternatively must not install any system for the pool). If specified, the applicant must install a timer, to control the pool's pump; and		~	
(bb) install the system specified for the spa in the "Individual Spa" column of the table below (or alternatively must not install any system for the spa). If specified, the applicant must install a timer to control the spa's pump.		¥	
(h) The applicant must install in the dwelling:	1		
(aa) the kitchen cook-top and oven specified for that dwelling in the "Appliances & other efficiency measures" column of the table below;		~	
(bb) each appliance for which a rating is specified for that dwelling in the "Appliances & other efficiency measures" column of the table, and ensure that the appliance has that minimum rating; and		 Image: A set of the set of the	~
(cc) any clothes drying line specified for the dwelling in the "Appliances & other efficiency measures" column of the table.		~	
(i) If specified in the table, the applicant must carry out the development so that each refrigerator space in the dwelling is "well ventilated"		v	

Project type		Climate zone		
No. of residential flat buildings	1	Ceiling fan in at least one bedroom		
No. of units in residential flat buildings	64	Ceiling fan in at least one living room or		
No. of multi-dwelling houses	0	other conditioned area		
No. of single dwelling houses	0	Project score		
Site details		Water		
Site area (m²)	1680	Thermal Comfort		
Roof area (m ²)	870			
Non-residential floor area (m ²)	0.0	Energy		
Residential car spaces	32			
Non-residential car spaces	0			

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Boarding house @ 27-28 PARK AVE, KINGSWOOD

Penrith City Council

deposited 29528

27-28 PARK Avenue KINGSWOOD 2747

1. Commitments for Residential flat buildings - Building1

(a) Dwellings

(i) Water	Show on DA plans	Show on CC/CDC plans & specs	Certifier check
(a) The applicant must comply with the commitments listed below in carrying out the development of a dwelling listed in a table below.			
(b) The applicant must plant indigenous or low water use species of vegetation throughout the area of land specified for the dwelling in the "indigenous species" column of the table below, as private landscaping for that dwelling. (This area of indigenous vegetation is to be contained within the 'Area of graden and lawn' for the dwelling specified in the "Description of Project table).	~	~	
(c) If a rating is specified in the table below for a fixture or appliance to be installed in the dwelling, the applicant must ensure that each such fixture and appliance meets the rating specified for it.		~	~
(d) The applicant must install an on demand hot water recirculation system which regulates all hot water use throughout the dwelling, where indicated for a dwelling in the "HW recirculation or diversion" column of the table below.		¥	~
(e) The applicant must install:			
(aa) a hot water diversion system to all showers, kitchen sinks and all basins in the dwelling, where indicated for a dwelling in the "HW recirculation or diversion" column of the table below; and		~	~
(bb) a separate diversion tank (or tanks) connected to the hot water diversion systems of at least 100 litres. The applicant must connect the hot water diversion tank to all toilets in the dwelling.		~	~
(e) The applicant must not install a private swimming pool or spa for the dwelling, with a volume exceeding that specified for it in the table below.	~	~	
(f) If specified in the table, that pool or spa (or both) must have a pool cover or shading (or both).		~	
(g) The pool or spa must be located as specified in the table.	~	v .	
(h) The applicant must install, for the dwelling, each alternative water supply system, with the specified size, listed for that dwelling in the table below. Each system must be configured to collect run-off from the areas specified (excluding any area which supplies any other alternative water supply system), and to divert overflow as specified. Each system must be connected as specified.	~	~	~

	Hot water Bathroom ventilation system		Kitchen venti	lation system	Laundry ventilation system			
Dwelling no.	Hot water system	Each bathroom	Operation control	Each kitchen	Operation control	Each laundry	Operation control	
All dwellings	gas instantaneous 6 star	individual fan, ducted to façade or roof	manual switch on/off	individual fan, not ducted	manual switch on/off	individual fan, ducted to façade or roof	manual switch on/off	

	Co	oling	Hea	ating	Artificial lighting						Natural lighting	
Dwelling no.	living areas	bedroom areas	living areas	bedroom areas	No. of bedrooms &/or study	No. of living &/or dining rooms	Each kitchen	All bathrooms/ toilets	Each Iaundry	All hallways	No. of bathrooms &/or toilets	Main kitche
All dwellings		1-phase airconditioning EER 3.5 - 4.0		1-phase airconditioning EER 3.5 - 4.0	1 (dedicated)	2 (dedicated)	yes (dedicated)	yes (dedicated)	yes (dedicated)	yes (dedicated)	0	yes

	Individual p	lood	Individual	spa			Applianc	es & other effic	iency meas	sures		
Dwelling no.	Pool heating system	Timer	Spa heating system	Timer	Kitchen cooktop/oven	Refrigerator	Well ventilated fridge space	Dishwasher	Clothes washer	Clothes dryer	Indoor or sheltered clothes drying line	Private outdoor of unsheltere clothes drying line
10, 11, 12, 13, 14	1	-	-	-	gas cooktop & electric oven	2.5 star	yes	4 star	-	2 star	no	yes
All other dwellings	1	-	-	-	gas cooktop & electric oven	2.5 star	yes	4 star	-	2 star	yes	no

(iii) Thermal Comfort	Show on DA plans	Show on CC/CDC plans & specs	Certifier check
(a) The development will be a Class 3 building. The applicant must include in the documentation accompanying the application for a construction certificate (or complying development certificate, if applicable), a report demonstrating that the development will meet Section J of the National Construction Code - Volume 1.	~	~	~

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(a) If, in carrying out the development, the applicant installs a showerhead, toilet, tap or clothes washer into a common area, then that item must meet the specifications listed for it in the table.		~	-
(b) The applicant must install (or ensure that the development is serviced by) the alternative water supply system(s) specified in the "Central systems" column of the table below. In each case, the system must be sized, be configured, and be connected, as specified in the table.	~	~	~
(c) A swimming pool or spa listed in the table must not have a volume (in kLs) greater than that specified for the pool or spa in the table.	~	~	
(d) A pool or spa listed in the table must have a cover or shading if specified for the pool or spa in the table.		~	
(e) The applicant must install each fire sprinkler system listed in the table so that the system is configured as specified in the table.		~	~
(f) The applicant must ensure that the central cooling system for a cooling tower is configured as specified in the table.		~	

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CLAUSE 4.6 REQUEST FOR VARIATION TO

CLAUSE 4.3 (2) (HEIGHT OF BUILDING) OF PENRITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010 (PLEP 2010)

27-28 PARK AVENUE KINGSWOOD

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1.0 Introduction

- This is a request to vary a development standard pursuant to the provisions of Clause 4.6 of Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 (PLEP 2010), the relevant clause being Clause 4.3(2) (Height of Building).
- The relevant maximum height of building control is **8.5m**.
- The relevant Height of Building control is a *development standard* for the purposes of the *EP* & *A* Act 1979.
- This request to vary the height development standard considers the judgment in *Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council* [2018] NSWLEC 118 ("Initial Action").
- The relevant case law confirms that the consent authority not be directly satisfied that compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary and sufficient environmental planning grounds exist, but rather that it *"only indirectly form the opinion of satisfaction that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed"*.
- The objective of Clause 4.6 1(a) is to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development. The intent is to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances in accordance with Clause 4.6 1(b).
- The relevant plans relied upon are those identified as the plans prepared by CK Design.

2.0 Development Standard to be Varied – Height

The relevant *development standard* to be varied is the **8.5m** height control under Clause 4.3(2). Clause 4.3 of PLEP relevantly provides:

4.3 Height of buildings

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—

(a) to ensure that buildings are compatible with the height, bulk and scale of the existing and desired future character of the locality,

(b) to minimise visual impact, disruption of views, loss of privacy and loss of solar access to existing development and to public areas, including parks, streets and lanes,

(c) to minimise the adverse impact of development on heritage items, heritage conservation areas and areas of scenic or visual importance,

(d) to nominate heights that will provide a high quality urban form for all buildings and a transition in built form and land use intensity.

(2) The height of a building on any land is not to exceed the maximum height shown for the land on the <u>Height of Buildings Map</u>.

The relevant height of buildings map is identified below:



The subject site is mapped "I" – 8.5m(max).

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3.0 Nature of Variation Sought

The requested variation is as follows:

The variation requested is up to a maximum **500mm** over the 8.5m height control - when the *site level existing* definition is applied. This maximum is shown in the southeast of the building in Figures 1 & 2 below. The variation equates to a 5.88% variation and is considered minor.



Figure 1: Extract of Eastern Elevation showing maximum height in the south-east corner of the building



Figure 2: Height Plane showing 500m maximum variation in south-east corner of the eastern wing of the development. All areas of variation are numerically minor and do not impact on the adjoining properties

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4.0 Height – Development Standard

A development standard is defined in S1.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ("EPA Act") to mean:

"provisions of an environmental planning instrument or the regulations in relation to the carrying out of development, being provisions by or under which requirements are specified or standards are fixed in respect of any aspect of that development, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, requirements or standards in respect of:

(a) the area, shape or frontage of any land, the dimensions of any land, buildings or works, or the distance of any land, building or work from any specified point,

(b) the proportion or percentage of the area of a site which a building or work may occupy,

(c) the character, location, siting, bulk, scale, shape, size, height, density, design or external appearance of a building or work,

(d) the cubic content or floor space of a building,

(e) the intensity or density of the use of any land, building or work,

(f) the provision of public access, open space, landscaped space, tree planting or other treatment for the conservation, protection or enhancement of the environment,

(g) the provision of facilities for the standing, movement, parking, servicing, manoeuvring, loading or unloading of vehicles,

(h) the volume, nature and type of traffic generated by the development,

(i) road patterns,

(j) drainage,

(k) the carrying out of earthworks,

(I) the effects of development on patterns of wind, sunlight, daylight or shadows,

(m) the provision of services, facilities and amenities demanded by development,

(*n*) the emission of pollution and means for its prevention or control or mitigation, and (o) such other matters as may be prescribed."

The **8.5m** maximum height standard is a *development standard* as defined under the *EP & A Act 1979.*

5.0 Clause 4.6 of Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010

The following provides a response to relevant Clause 4.6 provisions:

Clause 4.6(2) provides that:

(2) Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.

The HOB development standard is not expressly excluded from the operation of cl4.6 and accordingly, consent may be granted.

Clause 4.6(3) relates to the making of a written request to justify the contravention of a development standard and states:

- (3) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority has considered a written request from the applicant that seeks to justify the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating:
- (4) that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and





(5) that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard. (our emphasis)

The proposed development does not comply with the **HOB** development standard pursuant to cl4.3 of the PLEP 2010. However, strict compliance is considered to be unreasonable and unnecessary in the circumstances of this case as detailed further in this written request.

Sufficient environmental planning grounds exist to justify contravening the development standard as detailed in Section 8.

Clause 4.6(4) provides that consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless:

- (6) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless:
- (a) the consent authority is satisfied that:
 - *(i) the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by subclause (3), and*
 - (ii) the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out, and
- (b) the concurrence of the Secretary has been obtained.

Sections below of this written request address the matters required under cl4.6(4)(a) of the PLEP 2010 and cl4.6(4)(b).

Clause 4.6(5) provides that:

- (7) In deciding whether to grant concurrence, the Secretary must consider:
 - (a) whether contravention of the development standard raises any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning, and
 - (b) the public benefit of maintaining the development standard, and
 - (c) any other matters required to be taken into consideration by the Secretary before granting concurrence.

Sections below of this written request addresses the matters required under cl4.6(5) of the PLEP 2010.

Clauses 4.6(6) and (8) are not relevant to the proposed development.

Cl 4.6(7) is an administrative clause requiring the consent authority to keep a record of its assessment under this clause after determining a development application.

6.0 Relevant Decisions

Initial Action

In the Judgment of *Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council [2018] NSWLEC 118* ('Initial Action'), Preston CJ indicated that cl4.6 does not directly or indirectly establish a test that a non-compliant development should have a neutral or beneficial effect relative to a compliant development. For example, a building that exceeds a development standard that has adverse amenity impacts should not be assessed on the basis of whether a complying development will have no adverse impacts. Rather, the non-compliance should be assessed with regard to whether the impacts are





reasonable in the context of achieving consistency with the objectives of the zone and the objectives of the development standard. The relevant test is whether the environmental planning grounds relied upon and identified in the written request are "sufficient" to justify the non-compliance sought.

In addition, Preston CJ ruled that cl4.6 does not directly or indirectly establish a "test" that a development which contravenes a development standard results in a "*better environmental planning outcome*" relative to a development that complies with the development standard. There is no provision in PLEP clause 4.6 that requires a development that contravenes a development standard to achieve better outcomes.

Furthermore, Preston CJ ruled that it is incorrect to hold that the lack of adverse amenity impacts on adjoining properties is not a <u>sufficient</u> ground justifying the development contravening the development standard, when one way of demonstrating consistency with the objectives of a development standard is to show a lack of adverse amenity impacts.

Rebel MH Neutral Bay Pty Ltd v North Sydney Council [2018] NSWLEC 191 Moore J (herein refereed to as Rebel MH").

In Rebel MH Neutral Bay Pty Ltd v North Sydney Council [2018] NSWLEC 191 Moore J identifies the steps provided in *Initial Action* confirming what the consent authority must do in order to satisfy itself as follows:

"For me to grant development consent for this development as it contravenes the permitted maximum building height development standard, cl 4.6(4)(a) requires me to be satisfied that:

(1) The written request adequately demonstrates that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of this proposed development (cl 4.6(3)(a) and cl 4.6(4)(a)(i)); and

(2) The written request adequately establishes sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard (cl 4.6(3)(b) and cl 4.6(4)(a)(i)); and

(3) The proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the standard in question - set out in cl 4.3 of the LEP (cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii)); and

(4) The proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the R4 High Density Residential Zone (cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii)),

For the first of the above matters, Preston CJ made it clear, in Initial Action at [25], that the Court need not be directly satisfied that compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary and sufficient environmental planning grounds exist, but rather that it "only indirectly form the opinion of satisfaction that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed those matters."

SJD DB2 Pty Ltd v Woollahra Council [2020] NSWLEC 1112 (SJD DB2).

This appeal sought consent for the construction of a six-storey Shop top housing development at 28-34 Cross Street Double Bay (the DA). The Court approved the proposed development, having a height of 21.21m where the control was 14.7m – representing a maximum variation of approximately 44% (or 6.51m) – and a floor space ratio (FSR) of 3.54:1 where the control was 2.5:1 – representing a variation of approximately 41%.





The Court drew from the decisions in *Initial Action* and *RebelMH* in the *SJD DB2* judgment, and noted that although there are a number of ways to demonstrate that compliance with a development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary, it may be sufficient to establish only one way (at [35].) In considering the clause 4.6 variation requests submitted by the Applicant, the Court considered that they could be treated together, as the breaches they related to were fundamentally related, as where there is greater building form with additional height, so too is there greater floor area (at [63].)

Acting Commissioner Clay makes it clear in his judgment, 'cl 4.6 is as much a part of [an LEP] as the clauses with development standards. Planning is not other than orderly simply because there is reliance on cl 4.6 for an appropriate planning outcome' (at [73]).

7.0 Clause 4.6(3)(a): Compliance with the Development Standard is Unreasonable or Unnecessary in the Circumstances of the Case

In dealing with the "unreasonable and unnecessary" Preston CJ identifies and validates the 5 options available to an applicant in Wehbe v Pittwater Council which can be adopted in dealing with the *unreasonable and unnecessary* test under **CI. 4.6(3)(a)**.

Preston CJ at states as follows:

"As to the first matter required by cl 4.6(3)(a), I summarised the common ways in which an applicant might demonstrate that compliance with a development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [42]-[51]. Although that was said in the context of an objection under State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 - Development Standards to compliance with a development standard, the discussion is equally applicable to a written request under cl 4.6 demonstrating that compliance with a development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary."

Based on the above the following identifies the first method identified in Wehbe:

"Ways of establishing that compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary"

42 An objection under SEPP 1 may be well founded and be consistent with the aims set out in clause 3 of the Policy in a variety of ways. The most commonly invoked way is to establish that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary because the objectives of the development standard are achieved notwithstanding non-compliance with the standard: (our emphasis)

Clause 4.6(3)(a) – UNREASONABLE AND UNNECESSARY

This clause 4.6 responds to the matters required to be demonstrated by sub-clause 4.6(3) namely:

- that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary, in the circumstances of the case, and
- that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

Having considered the above the applicant relies upon the first method demonstrating that compliance is *unreasonable and unnecessary* because the objectives of the development standard are achieved notwithstanding a variation with the standard.

In dealing with the control it is necessary to identify the purpose of the height control and then progress to dealing with the consistency or otherwise with the height objectives. The first consideration relates to overall scale of a building given that both height and FSR determines the scale of a building to another building or natural feature and noting that there is no FSR control applicable for this development.





A response to the objectives of the height standards is as follows:

(a) to ensure that buildings are compatible with the height, bulk and scale of the existing and desired future character of the locality,

The proposal does not offend this objective. The majority of the building complies with the 8.5m height limit. The only section that is required to be varied is the south-east corner roof of the eastern wing and a very minor roof section of the western wing (refer to Figure 2 above – Height Plane). The site and the surrounding area are zoned for medium density development. While the additional residential density has not yet been taken up by redevelopment of the area as a whole, the local planning provisions, together with the state legislation, allow for this type and density of development on the site. The proposal reflects more closely the likely future development of the area, the proposed height variation is only minor and only applies to a relatively section of the two separate wings of the development. The two roof lines where the variation occurs sit behind the front pitched roofs that present to Park Avenue. They will be barely discernible from the footpaths along the Park Ave frontage, noting that the pitched roof forms facing Park Avenue reflect the existing and likely future character of medium density development in this locality.

(b) to minimise visual impact, disruption of views, loss of privacy and loss of solar access to existing development and to public areas, including parks, streets and lanes,

The development presents as two x two storey buildings when viewed various vantage points along the street. The frontages are staggered to generally align and be consistent with the front setbacks of the adjoining houses. Landscaping within the front setback outperforms the requirements of Council's DCP in terms of the amount of landscaped area within the front setback and the percentage of that area available as deep soil planting zones. This same design solution could potentially be expected of two new houses on the two properties. There are no view sharing impacts resulting from the development. Privacy is adequacy preserved and resolved through the siting of window openings and internal layout of the development. The north-south orientation of the site results in morning shadows to the west and afternoon shadows to the east. In each case the adjoining houses receive either good morning or afternoon sunlight – mid-winter. The objective is satisfied by the proposal.

(c) to minimise the adverse impact of development on heritage items, heritage conservation areas and areas of scenic or visual importance.

The site is not a heritage item, is not within a heritage conservation area and is not in proximity to any heritage that it would impact on the reading or historical significance of that item.

(d) to nominate heights that will provide a high-quality urban form for all buildings and a transition in built form and land use intensity

The site and surrounding area is zoned for low rise medium density development as evidenced by the combination of the height standard with the medium density zoning. The proposal offers a suitable design response to the local planning provisions with only a minor variation in two corners of the two wings of the development. These are less than 6% variations. Council has previously approved a boarding house on Park Avenue with both flat and pitched front roof forms facing Park Avenue. The design solution for this development reflects the pitched roof forms of the existing and likely future development in the area. The section of the building that exceeds the building height limit are the corners of the flat roofs. These flat roof forms are indicative of Council approved development in the area, but in this case, they are located behind the pitched roofs and will be barely discernible.

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8.0 4.6(3)(b) – Sufficient Environmental Planning Grounds

(b) that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

The variation relates to height and as such calls upon those matters considered to be environmental planning grounds relevant to the subject matter. Justification provided for the variation applies to this particular application and not environmental planning grounds that could apply to all lands zoned **R3 Medium Density Residential**.

The maximum additional height proposed by the development is **500mm**. The environmental planning grounds justification for the height variation is provided as follows:

- The variation enables the front pitched roof forms to complement the desired future character of the area with the flat roofs (where the two minor variations occur) essentially sit behind the pitched roofs and will not be discernible from various vantage points along Park Avenue.
- The 500mm variation is a maximum height with the large majority of the both roofs complying with the height limit.
- The streetscape along Park Avenue will change over time. It is one-sided due to the railway line opposite to the south. As such there is no built form to complement or reflect on the southern of Park Ave. There are existing two storey townhouses on Park Avenue, older three storey walk-ups and low density, single detached dwellings which are likely to redevelop as their age and redevelopment viability allow.
- The proposal demonstrates that the site has the capacity to support the additional height without significant adverse impacts by way of privacy or overshadowing of adjoining properties. Therefore, the amenity of adjoining residences can be maintained and as such the proposed development achieves an appropriate urban design outcome for Park Avenue.
- Future development of the adjoining property to the east of the site is no disadvantaged by the variation due to excessive overshadowing or amenity issues resulting from the height variation

In dealing with the sufficient environmental planning grounds Preston CJ in Initial Action considers that it is available to the applicant to also deal with the Objectives of the Act under S1.3 in order to demonstrate that grounds exist to warrant a variation to height. Clause 1.3 of the *EP&AAct 1979* relevantly provides:

"1.3 Objects of Act (cf previous s 5)

The objects of this Act are as follows:

(a) 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,

(b) to facilitate ecologically sustainable development by integrating relevant economic, environmental and social considerations in decision-making about environmental planning and assessment,

(c) to promote the orderly and economic use and development of land,

(d) to promote the delivery and maintenance of affordable housing,

(e) to protect the environment, including the conservation of threatened and other species of native animals and plants, ecological communities and their habitats,

(f) to promote the sustainable management of built and cultural heritage (including Aboriginal cultural heritage),

(g) to promote good design and amenity of the built environment,

(h) to promote the proper construction and maintenance of buildings, including the protection of the health and safety of their occupants,

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(i) to promote the sharing of the responsibility for environmental planning and assessment between the different levels of government in the State,
(j) to provide increased opportunity for community participation in environmental planning and assessment. (emphasis added)

A development that complies with the landuse zoning of the site (**R3 Medium Density Residential**) satisfies the objectives of under S1.3 *EP&A Act 1979.*

The plans by CK Design satisfies the objectives in bold given that:

- The development is located within a 'medium density' residential zone which recognises that the likely future character of Park Avenue will be characterised by medium density, not low density, development. The proposed boarding house is one development typology permissible in the R3 zoned area;
- The site is on the fringe of the main urban area but recognised as medium density and therefore functions as a transitional area for residential accommodation in the Penrith area;
- A variety of residential built forms, densities and ages of development exist in the area;
- The proposal remains medium-density and compatible with the likely future character of the area – being low rise, medium density residential accommodation – on the adjoining properties to the east and west along Park Avenue;
- The development allows for the timely and economic development of the land which is important given the site's ease of access to the local train station to the west on Park Avenue and to a variety of services and facilities in the local area;
- The redevelopment of two older dwellings with a new residential accommodation represents a positive social outcome as the development is in a highly accessible location in terms of employment, living and recreation;
- The design presents acceptable scale, bulk and form notwithstanding the minor height variation;
- The design and layout of the development maintains satisfactory access to daylight, sunlight and natural ventilation while maintaining adequate amenity for adjoining residents.

Based on the above the consent authority can be satisfied that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to warrant the variation.

Notwithstanding the above Preston CJ clarified in Micaul and Initial Action, that sufficient environmental planning grounds may also include demonstrating a lack of adverse amenity impacts. In this case, these include:

- The proposal has an acceptable visual fit and balances the opportunities and constraints of the site, given its locational context.
- Maintains satisfactory levels of solar access and privacy to the neighbours.

In summary, the Height of Building variation is considered to be in the public interest given its ability to not cause significant adverse impacts but also because of its ability to provide site specific environmental planning grounds demonstrating that strict compliance is unreasonable and unnecessary in the circumstances of this particular case.

The proposal as one departing from the height standard is in the public interest given its ability to:

- not cause significant adverse natural and built form impacts;
- the additional housing supply and housing choice provided by the development;
- provide environmental planning grounds demonstrating that strict compliance is unreasonable and unnecessary in the circumstances. The justification and specific site considerations are not matters that would apply to all sites zoned R3 Medium Density Residential under the Penrith LEP 2010.





<u>Clause 4.6(4)(a)(ii)</u> The proposed development will be in the Public Interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out.

Consistency with the Zone Objectives

An enquiry is now made in relation to the ability of the proposal and the identified variation, as one departing from the HOB standard, to reasonably satisfy the stated objectives of the zone.

R3 Medium Density Residential

The objectives of the R3 Medium Density Residential zone are as follows:

Zone R3 Medium Density Residential

- 1 Objectives of zone
 - To provide for the housing needs of the community within a medium density residential environment.
 - To provide a variety of housing types within a medium density residential environment.
 - To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
 - To provide for a concentration of housing with access to services and facilities.
 - To enhance the essential character and identity of established residential areas.
 - To ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained.
 - To ensure that development reflects the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area.

The following provides a review of the zone objectives:

• To provide for the housing needs of the community within a medium density residential development

The use of the two lots remains residential, meeting the housing needs of the community within a medium density development typology that is permissible in the zone. The objective is achieved.

• To provide a variety of housing types within a medium density residential environment

The proposal increases the supply of housing for the area – within a development typology that adds variety to the available housing supply. The objective is achieved.

• To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents

This objective is not relevant to the proposal.

• To provide for a concentration of housing with access to services and facilities.

The subject site is well located to provide residents access to a variety of local services and facilities. The Western Sydney (Werrington) Campus is to the east, the Kingswood Train Station to the west, Werrington Lakes Reserve, Penrith Valley Regional Sports





Centre, TAFE NSW – Nepean, Kingswood, Kingswood South Public School, Nepean Hospital and a variety of shopping and employment opportunities within a 3-4km radius of the site. Therefore, the site has good access to these services and facilities.

• To enhance the essential character and identity of established residential areas.

The area is characterised by a variety of housing forms – from low to medium density, of various ages and levels of maintenance. The R3 zone permits a variety of medium density development, including boarding houses. There is no FSR for development of the subject site or within the immediate area, only a height limit. Therefore, it can be anticipated that medium density development that develops in this R3 zone over time will have a variety of densities, dependent upon the development typology proposed. The area will transition and morph over time. This has already commenced with the townhouses and boarding house to the west of the site, adding variety to the older three-storey walk-ups closer to the train station.

The proposed height is within the acceptable range and does not occur across the entire building footprint. The additional height, of itself, does not facilitate/promote an additional storey when viewed from the street or from adjoining site. In order to be compatible the new infill development does not necessarily need to be the same and on this basis the boarding house will be compatible with likely future character of development along Park Avenue. The objective is achieved.

• To ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained.

The development will provide a high level of internal amenity for residents by the grouping of the rooms into small clusters that will identify with each other via shared access and landing areas, then via the larger vertical associations, then the boarding house as a whole via the various communal open spaces. Onsite parking is sufficient for the development and cycling and walking will be encourage by the relatively flat topography along Park Avenue and surrounds.

Externally the development is designed to appear as two x two-storey medium density developments with the central core separating the two wings. This is fronted by domestic style landscaping to complement the residential nature of the area. Overlooking and privacy and privacy to adjoining properties has been addressed via adequate setbacks and installation of window screens to the first floor level. The upper level has only highlight windows facing the side boundaries.

• To ensure that development reflects the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area.

As noted previously the proposal reflects the likely future character of development within the R3 zone along Park Avenue. The existing single dwelling sites contain older dwellings that will, over time, redevelop to their optimal development capacity. This has started to occur with the townhouses west of the subject site. This development may become a catalyst for more medium density development in the area. Its location close to the local services and facilities noted below will continue to make this area an attractive location for future redevelopment.

The departure from the HOB control does not hinder the ability of the development to provide appropriate residential accommodation for a variety of residents on adjoining site. The development does not isolate any sites and therefore does not hinder the future development potential of the aera.

The height and scale of the development is acceptable given the locational context of the site and its proximity to the Kingswood Train Station, Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Werrington Lake Reserve, Nepean Hospital, Western Sydney University (Werrington).





8.0 Other Matters For Consideration

Step 4 - Clause 4.6(4)(b) – The Concurrence of the Secretary has been obtained

On 21 February 2018, the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Notice ('the Notice') under cl. 64 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the EP&A Regulation) providing that consent authorities may assume the Secretary's concurrence for exceptions to development standards for applications made under cl4.6 of the PLEP.

The Court has power to grant development consent to the proposed development even though it contravenes the **HOB** development standard, without obtaining or assuming the concurrence of the Secretary by reason of s39(6) of the *Land and Environment Court Act 1979* (the Court Act).

Clause 4.6(5) - Concurrence Considerations

In the event that concurrence cannot be assumed pursuant to the Notice, cl4.6(5) of the LEP provides that in deciding whether to grant concurrence, the Secretary must consider:

- (a) whether contravention of the development standard raises any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning, and
- (b) the public benefit of maintaining the development standard, and
- (c) any other matters required to be taken into consideration by the Secretary before granting concurrence.

The proposed contravention of the **HOB** development standard has been considered in light of cl4.6(5) as follows:

- The proposed non-compliance does not raise any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning as it is peculiar to the design of the proposed development for this particular site. It is not directly transferrable to any other site in the immediate locality, wider region or the State and the scale of the proposed development does not trigger any requirement for a higher level of assessment;
- As indicated in Section 7 and Section 8, the proposed contravention of the development standard is considered to be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the zone and the objectives of the development standard.

The proposed development contravenes the **HOB** development standard under **cl4.3(2)** of **PLEP 2010** and the building control under **cl 4.3** of the **PLEP 2010** is a development standard and is not excluded from the application of cl 4.6.

This written request to vary the development standard has been prepared in accordance with **cl4.6(3)** of the PLEP and demonstrates that strict compliance with the development standard is unreasonable and unnecessary for the following reasons:

• the proposed development is consistent with the relevant objectives of the development standard pursuant to cl4.3 of the PLEP 2010 and is consistent with the relevant objectives of the R3 zone and therefore, the proposed development is in the public interest;





• the proposed dwelling will not result in significant adverse environmental harm in that the amenity of neighbouring properties will be satisfactory and the dwelling will enhance the Wilson Street streetscape.







STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

"Demolition of existing structures and construction of a new age boarding house with basement parking"

> 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This statement has been prepared on behalf of the applicant in support of a development application to the Penrith City Council (the "Council") comprising demolition of the existing structures and construction of a boarding house containing 64 boarding rooms with basement parking, at 27 & 28 Park Avenue, Kingswood.
- 1.2 The proposal seeks approval for a boarding house containing sixty-four (64) boarding rooms and managers residence. The building is a two-three storey structure over two basement levels containing parking and various service areas. The development presents to Park Avenue as two storeys and two separate buildings. It is divided into eight (8) vertical clusters of rooms, each with their own stairway access and landing. There is an east and west wing which is separated by a common courtyard in the middle of the site. The third habitable level is set behind the front room clusters which are only two storeys with sloping rooflines facing Park Ave. Access to the basement levels is via a two-way driveway located adjacent the eastern boundary.
- 1.3 The subject site is located approximately 700m east of the Kingswood Train Station, north of the railway line reserve. It comprises two allotments, adjoining an existing medium density townhouse development and low density detached housing.
- 1.4 The site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential under Penrith LEP 2010. The site is not subject to a FSR development standard, only a height of building control. There is minor variation requested to 8.5m height limit to allow for the uniformity of the structures and the sloping roof lines when viewed from Park Avenue. The variation is only 500mm in the south-east corner of the building less than 10% and able to be supported in the circumstances. A clause 4.6 written request for variation is submitted as part of the DA documentation.
- 1.5 The use of the site as a boarding house development is permissible within the R3 zone, with the consent of Council. The proposal has been reviewed against the zone and HOB development standard objectives and found to be acceptable, particularly in terms of the likely future character of development in this area and its proximity to a number of services and facilities within the immediate vicinity of Park Avenue. Further, there are no significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the use.
- 1.6 The proposal has been assessed in terms of SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) (SEPPARH) and the Penrith DCP. The SEPPARH overrides the PDCP in the areas specified being the non-discretionary development standards such as parking and landscaped area. As identified in DA Plan set the proposed boarding house has an acceptable visual fit; will be part of an eclectic mix of residential accommodation in the immediate area; and over time will reflect the likely future character given that the zoning permits a higher density of development. It has been assessed and found to satisfy the requirements of the SEPPARH in relation to the character test.
- 1.7 This document has been prepared pursuant to Section 4.12 of the *EP&A Act 1979*, and cl.47 and Schedule 1, Part 1, cl. 2(c) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and reviews the applicable environmental planning instruments and development control plans that apply to the subject property.





- 1.8 The subject proposal is not Integrated or Designated Development pursuant to the *EP&A Act 1979*. The proposal is to be assessed as local development under Part 4 of the *EP&A Act 1979*. It is noted that clauses 45 and 85 of the SEPP (infrastructure) apply to the subject site and the development application will be referred to the relevant authorities as part of the DA assessment process by Penrith Council.
- 1.9 Therefore, it is with confidence and high expectation of support that the development application is submitted to Council.



2.0 DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND LOCALITY

2.1 Site Description

The subject site is legally described as Lot 11 & Lot 12 DP 29528. The two lots are commonly known as No. 27 and No. 28 Park Avenue, respectively. The proposed development site comprises both lots. It is an irregular site with frontage to Park Avenue of 31.61m, rear northern boundary of 30.48m, eastern side boundary of 50.95m and western side boundary of 59.31m.

The two sites are currently occupied by two single storey dwellings and associated garage and structures. They are both generally tired and aged houses on relatively large residential blocks, sitting within a R3 zone. The sites appear to be generally in a fairly unkept condition.



Figure 1: Extract of Site Survey



Figure 2: Location of the site (Source: googlemaps)





Figure 3: Aerial view of the subject site (Source: sixmaps NSW)



Figure 4: View of subject site from Park Avenue

Surrounding the site is an eclectic mix of residential development both low and medium density. The above photos of development along Park Ave demonstrates the existing mix and transitioning nature of development in the area.



Figure 4: View looking east from subject site – single storey older style dwellings on left of photo and State Rail reserve on right of photo (screened by dense vegetation)





Figure 5: View of townhouse development at No. 30 Park Avenue being a product of the R3 zoning hierarchy



Figure 6: View of townhouse development at 44 Park Avenue



Figure 7: View of approved boarding house, under construction as at September 2020 at 45 Park Avenue





Figure 8: View of older style three storey walk-up residential flats at 56 and 58 Park Ave. These are typical of a number of unit development along Park Ave – west of the subject site towards the Kingswood Train Station



Figure 9: View of medium density units (3 storeys) at 70 Park Ave



3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Demolition: Removal of all structures on both allotments and site preparation works.

Site Preparation: Excavation of the basement levels with appropriate soil and sediment erosion control measures in place

Construction: Construction of 2-3 storey boarding house containing 64 rooms and a manager's residence with basement parking over two levels.

The building is a two-three storey structure over two basement levels - containing parking and various service areas. The development presents to Park Avenue as two storeys and two separate buildings. It is divided into eight (8) vertical clusters of rooms, each with their own stairway access and landing. There is an east and west wing with a separated by a common courtyard in the middle of the site. The third habitable level is set behind the front room clusters – which are only two storeys with sloping rooflines facing Park Ave. Access to the basement levels is via a two-way driveway located adjacent the eastern boundary.

The boarding house is to containg sixty-four (64) boarding rooms, parking for thrity-two (32) vehicles, 13 motorbike and 13 bicycle spaces with manager's room on the ground floor level. The proposed development may be summarised as follows:

Basement 2

- Parking for 32 vehicles, including 2 accessible spaces
- Parking for 2 motorcycles and 13 bicycles
- Plant room
- · Lift and stairs to basement 1

Basement 1

- Parking for 9 vehicles, including 4 accessible spaces
- Parking for 11 motorcycles and 13 bicycles
- Bulky waste room, bin storage room
- Loading bay
- · Lift and stairs to other levels

Ground Floor Level

- Twenty-one (21) boarding rooms (including 6 accessible rooms and 2 single rooms, others are double rooms)
- Community room (22.5m²) with outdoor COS area 46.5m²
- Manager's room 17.5m² with POS area 25.5m²

- Central courtyard between east and west wings of the development
- Stairs to each vertical room cluster
- Lift and stairs to other levels

First Floor Level

- Twenty-six (26) boarding rooms (including 2 single rooms, otherwise double rooms)
- Stairs to each vertical room cluster

Second Floor Level

- Seventeen (17) boarding rooms (all double rooms)
- Stairs to each vertical room cluster

Ancillary

- Consolidate lots
- Landscaping
- Drainage



Table 1: Schedule of rooms

Room No.	Size m ²	No. of persons	Accessible room	Room No.	Size m ² (nett)	No. of persons	Accessible room
	(nett)		(Y or N)		(,		(Y or N)
1	16.0	2	Y	33	16.0	2	N
2	16.0	2	Y	34	17.5	2	N
3	14.5	1	N	35	17.5	2	N
4	17.5	2	N	36	17.5	2	N
5	14.0	1	N	37	17.5	2	N
6	16.0	2	N	38	17.5	2	N
7	16.0	2	N	39	17.5	2	N
8	16.0	2	N	40	16.0	2	N
9	16.0	2	N	41	16.0	2	N
10	16.0	2	Y	42	16.0	2	N
11	16.0	2	Y	43	16.0	2	N
12	16.0	2	Y	44	16.0	2	N
13	16.0	2	Y	45	16.0	2	N
14	16.0	2	N	46	16.0	2	N
15	16.0	2	N	47	16.0	2	N
16	16.0	2	N	48	16.0	2	N
17	16.0	2	N	49	16.0	2	N
18	16.0	2	N	50	16.0	2	N
19	16.0	2	N	51	16.0	2	N
20	16.0	2	N	52	16.0	2	N
21	16.0	2	N	53	16.0	2	N
22	17.5	2	N	54	17.5	2	N
23	17.5	2	N	55	17.5	2	N
24	14.5	1	N	56	17.5	2	N
25	17.5	2	N	57	17.5	2	N
26	17.5	2	N	58	17.5	2	N
27	14.5	1	N	59	17.5	2	N
28	17.0	2	N	60	16.6	2	N
29	17.0	2	N	61	16.6	2	N
30	16.0	2	N	62	16.6	2	Ν
31	16.0	2	Ν	63	16.6	2	Ν
32	16.0	2	Ν	64	16.6	2	Ν
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The following plan extracts show the areas of change from the original development to the proposed development:



Figure 10: Extract of site analysis plan showing tree retention in front yard, staggered building front setback, building separation to neighbouring properties and sun light paths across the site



Figure 11: Proposed streetscape and south elevation showing domestic scale and hieght of devleopment relative to adjoining landuses. Development presents as two x two storey buildings, separated by open space in between; pitched roofline retained along Park Avenue frontage



Figure 12: East Elevation incorporating third storey within roof space; flat roof and high level window openings to upper level





Figure 13: North Elevation (rear of the site – setback over 6m from rear boudnary)



Figure 40: West Elevation showing two storey pitched roof line to Park Ave frontage



Figure 15: 3-D view from Park Avenue showing two storey presentation to Park Ave; single driveway access adjacent eastern boundary and building separation between the east and west wings of the boarding house



4.0 SECTION 4.15 ASSESSMENT – HEADS OF CONSIDERATION

In accordance with s4.15 of the *EP&A Act 1979* the following matters shall be considered in determination of the development application:

4.15 Evaluation

(1) Matters for consideration—general

In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

(a) the provisions of:

(i) any environmental planning instrument, and

(ii) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and

(iii) any development control plan, and

(iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and (iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph),

(v) (Repealed) that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

(b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality, (c) the suitability of the site for the development,

(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,

(e) the public interest.

4.1 Relevant Statutory Environmental Planning Policies (EPIs)

The following identifies the relevant EPIs applicable to the assessment of the application.

The application is assessed under the provisions of Section 4.15 of the Environmental *Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as amended, which include:

- Sydney Regional Environmental Plan no 20 Hawkesbury Nepean River (No 2 1997)
- SEPP No. 55 Remediation of Land
- SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural areas) 2017
- SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007
- SEPP (ARH) Division 3 Boarding Houses
- Draft SEPP (Housing Diversity)
- Penrith Local Environmental Plan (PLEP) 2010
- Penrith Development Control Plan 2014 (PDCP 2014)



4.1.1 Sydney Regional Environmental Plan no 20 – Hawkesbury Nepean River (No 2 - 1997)

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan is applicable to land within the Penrith LGA as identified within the associated mapping.

The site is located approximately 4.6km from the Nepean River foreshore. It is not considered likely that the proposal will impact water quality through its construction operation. Nonetheless, the proposed development incorporates a range of measures to ensure the development does not adversely impact the environment of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River system.

Stormwater runoff from the development will be conveyed to Council drainage system in Park Avenue. Appropriate erosion and sediment controls will be implemented throughout construction, as identified on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan submitted with the DA package.

The proposal has also been designed to be consistent with the provisions Penrith LEP 2010 and the Penrith DCP 2014. The development is therefore consistent with the aims of the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No 20 - Hawkesbury Nepean River.

4.1.2 SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land (SEPP 55) requires that a consent authority must not consent to the carrying out of any development on land unless it has considered whether or not the land is contaminated.

The site is located within an established residential area with residential land uses continuing to the present. The site is therefore considered to have a low risk for potential land contamination.

Should any contamination be discovered on site during excavation or construction, appropriate management and notification procedures will be followed as per conditions of consent and consistent with the legislative requirements and guideline document to manage any contaminated land.

4.1.3 SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural areas) 2017

State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural areas) 2017 seeks to protect the biodiversity values of vegetation in non-rural areas of the State and to preserve the amenity of non-rural areas of the State through the preservation of trees and other vegetation.

The redevelopment of the site across the two lots requires a small number of small trees to be removed as they are located withing the building footprint or zone of influence of the new driveway. The large eucalypt in the front yard is to be retained and protected. This is a significant and important tree within the Park Avenue streetscape and its retention is a positive element of the development.

New landscaping will significantly improve on the current streetscape of the two properties. The side and rear boundary areas are to include trees, plants, shrubs and ground cover to suitably address the need for privacy and a softening of the development when viewed from various vantage points.



The maintenance of the landscaping will be undertaken by management of the property, not left to individual residents – as is the case with strata titled townhouses.



Figure 12: Site plan showing tree removal and retention for the development



Figure 13: Landscape concept plan showing locations of proposed plantings and general planting scheme. Refer also to detailed landscape plans

4.1.4 SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

The site is located immediately north of the State Rail line that runs in an east-west direction. Notwithstanding that the site is separated from the state reserve land by the Park Avenue road reserve, cl 85(3) calls up the provisions of the SEPP as it applies to the subject site.

The Park Avenue frontage is also traversed by a power line immediately adjacent the front property boundary. Clause 45 of the iSEPP is considered on this basis. Clause 45 of iSEPP states:

45 Determination of development applications—other development


(1) This clause applies to a development application (or an application for modification of a consent) for development comprising or involving any of the following—

(a) the penetration of ground within 2m of an underground electricity power line or an electricity distribution pole or within 10m of any part of an electricity tower,

(b) development carried out—

(i) within or immediately adjacent to an easement for electricity purposes (whether or not the electricity infrastructure exists), or

(ii) immediately adjacent to an electricity substation, or

(iii) within 5m of an exposed overhead electricity power line,

(c) installation of a swimming pool any part of which is—

(i) within 30m of a structure supporting an overhead electricity transmission line, measured horizontally from the top of the pool to the bottom of the structure at ground level, or

(ii) within 5m of an overhead electricity power line, measured vertically upwards from the top of the pool,

(d) development involving or requiring the placement of power lines underground, unless an agreement with respect to the placement underground of power lines is in force between the electricity supply authority and the council for the land concerned.

(2) Before determining a development application (or an application for modification of a consent) for development to which this clause applies, the consent authority must—

(a) give written notice to the electricity supply authority for the area in which the development is to be carried out, inviting comments about potential safety risks, and
(b) take into consideration any response to the notice that is received within 21 days after the notice is given.

Council may refer the application to the relevant electricity supply authority for comment, noting that the new development is proposed to setback more than 5.5m from the front property boundary. However, given the driveway works and proposed tree retention within the front yard, this technical clause of the iSEPP is addressed within this Statement.

Clause 85 of iSEPP states:

85 Development adjacent to rail corridors

(1) This clause applies to development on land that is in or adjacent to a rail corridor, if the development—

(a) is likely to have an adverse effect on rail safety, or

(b) involves the placing of a metal finish on a structure and the rail corridor concerned is used by electric trains, or

(c) involves the use of a crane in air space above any rail corridor, or

(d) is located within 5 metres of an exposed overhead electricity power line that is used for the purpose of railways or rail infrastructure facilities.

Note—

Clause 45 also contains provisions relating to development that is within 5 metres of an exposed overhead electricity power line.

(2) Before determining a development application for development to which this clause applies, the consent authority must—

(a) within 7 days after the application is made, give written notice of the application to the rail authority for the rail corridor, and

(b) take into consideration—

(i) any response to the notice that is received within 21 days after the notice is given, and (ii) any guidelines that are issued by the Secretary for the purposes of this clause and published in the Gazette.

(3) Land is adjacent to a rail corridor for the purpose of this clause even if it is separated from the rail corridor by a road or road related area within the meaning of the Road Transport Act 2013.



The application will be referred to rail authority for comment as part of the notification stage of the development application assessment. As there are no anticipated adverse environmental impacts on the land owned and operated in the State Rail reserve area, it is expected that the authority will respond favourably to the proposal.

4.1.5 SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009

The aim of ARH SEPP is to facilitate increased supply of rental housing in NSW. Division 3 of the ARH SEPP permits certain development for the purposes of boarding houses to be carried out if:

- that development is permitted with consent under another environmental planning instrument;
- the site does not contain a heritage item; and
- the site is located within an accessible area. Boarding houses are permitted with consent in the R3 Medium Density Residential zone pursuant to the Penrith LEP 2010.

The proposal requires consideration under Part 2, Division 3 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (SEPP ARH), in accordance with Clauses 26 and 27.

The SEPP ARH contains a number of controls for boarding house developments. The relevant Clauses relating to boarding house developments are outlined in Table 2 below.

Division 3 – Boarding Houses	
Clause	Proposed
 26 Land to which Division applies This Division applies to land within any of the following land use zones or within a land use zone that is equivalent to any of those zones: Zone R3 Medium Density Residential 	The subject site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential. The SEPP applies to the proposal and is assessed below.
27 Development to which Division applies	Noted.
This Division applies to development, on land to which this Division applies, for the purposes of boarding houses.	
28 Development may be carried out with consent	Noted.
Development to which this Division applies may be carried out with consent.	
29 Standards that cannot be used to refuse consent	
A consent authority must not refuse consent to development to which this Division applies on the grounds of density or scale if the density	No FSR applicable to the subject site.

Table 2: Compliance Table under State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009



 and scale of the buildings when expressed as a floor space ratio are not more than: (a) the existing maximum floor space ratio for any form of residential accommodation permitted on the land, or (b) if the development is on land within a zone 	Residential permissible in the
in which no residential accommodation is permitted—the existing maximum floor space ratio for any form of development permitted on the land, or	zone.
 (c) if the development is on land within a zone in which residential flat buildings are permitted and the land does not contain a heritage item that is identified in an environmental planning instrument or an interim heritage order or on the State Heritage Register—the existing maximum floor space ratio for any form of residential accommodation permitted on the land, plus: (i) 0.5:1, if the existing maximum floor space ratio is 2.5:1 or less, or (ii) 20% of the existing maximum floor space ratio, if the existing maximum floor space ratio is greater than 2.5:1. 	Residential flat buildings are <u>not</u> permissible in this R3 Medium Density Residential zone and there is no heritage item or interim heritage order on the site. Therefore, this clause does not. Apply. Not applicable.
(2) A consent authority must not refuse	These are non discretionany
consent to development to which this Division applies on any of the following grounds:	standards.
 consent to development to which this Division applies on any of the following grounds: (a) building height if the building height of all proposed buildings is not more than the maximum building height permitted under another environmental planning instrument for any building on the land, 	No. There is minor variation to the 8.5m height limit for the site. The proposal, in the south-east corner is 500m above the height max height limit. This is addressed in the clause 4.6 written request for variation that is submitted as part of the DA package.
 consent to development to which this Division applies on any of the following grounds: (a) building height if the building height of all proposed buildings is not more than the maximum building height permitted under another environmental planning instrument for any building on the land, (b) landscaped area 	No. There is minor variation to the 8.5m height limit for the site. The proposal, in the south-east corner is 500m above the height max height limit. This is addressed in the clause 4.6 written request for variation that is submitted as part of the DA package.
 consent to development to which this Division applies on any of the following grounds: (a) building height if the building height of all proposed buildings is not more than the maximum building height permitted under another environmental planning instrument for any building on the land, (b) landscaped area if the landscape treatment of the front setback area is compatible with the streetscape in which the building is located, 	No. There is minor variation to the 8.5m height limit for the site. The proposal, in the south-east corner is 500m above the height max height limit.This is addressed in the clause 4.6 written request for variation that is submitted as part of the DA package.The proposal includes a landscape area along each frontage, the central courtyard, POS and COS along the side and rear boundaries.
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	green setback to the street frontage. This is compatible with domestic level of landscaping in the area. The treatment of the front setback is compatible with the local area having regard to the fact that in order to be compatible the treatment does not need to be the same. The proposal achieves a deep soil front setback outside the areas of the driveway.
(c) solar access	
where the development provides for one or more communal living rooms, if at least one of those rooms receives a minimum of 3 hours direct sunlight between 9am and 3pm in mid- winter,	Communal room faces north and will receive a minimum of 3 hours sunlight – mid-winter.
(d) private open space	
 if at least the following private open space areas are provided (other than the front setback area): (i) one area of at least 20 square metres with a minimum dimension of 3 metres is provided for the use of the lodgers, (ii) if accommodation is provided on site for a boarding house manager—one area of at least 	The internal courtyard is a communal area, together with the ground level communal open space area at the rear of the site (46.5m ²) The Managers residence is located on the ground floor level with a POS area of 25.5m ² . It has direct access to the
8 square metres with a minimum dimension of 2.5 metres is provided adjacent to that	manager's residence.
accommodation.	Parking spaces:
 (c) parking if: (i) in the case of development in an accessible area—at least 0.5 parking spaces are provided for each boarding room, and (ii) in the case of development patting and 	Car spaces: 32, including 6 accessible
accessible area—at least 0.4 parking spaces	Motorcycle spaces: 13
are provided for each boarding room, and	Bicycle spaces: 13
(iii) in the case of any development—not more than 1 parking space is provided for each person employed in connection with the development and who is resident on site,	
(f) accommodation size	Each of the rooms comply.
if each boarding room has a gross floor area (excluding any area used for the purposes of	



private kitchen or bathroom facilities) of at least:	
(i) 12 square metres in the case of a boarding room intended to be used by a single lodger,	
(ii) 16 square metres in any other case.	
(3) A boarding house may have private kitchen or bathroom facilities in each boarding room but is not required to have those facilities in any boarding room.	Each room has its own facilities.
(4) A consent authority may consent to development to which this Division applies whether or not the development complies with the standards set out in subclause (1) or (2).	Noted.
30 Standards for boarding houses	
A consent authority must not consent to development to which this Division applies unless it is satisfied of each of the following:	One communal room and dedicated open space areas is provided at ground floor level – at the rear of the building.
(a) if a boarding house has 5 or more boarding rooms, at least one communal living room will be provided,	
(b) no boarding room will have a gross floor area (excluding any area used for the purposes of private kitchen or bathroom facilities) of more than 25 square metres,	Each room is less than 25sqm – nett area. Refer to Table 1 in Section 3 above.
(c) no boarding room will be occupied by more than 2 adult lodgers,	Table 1 in Section 3 above lists the number of lodgers per room. Each room provides for only 1 or 2 lodgers.
(d) adequate bathroom and kitchen facilities will be available within the boarding house for the use of each lodger,	Each room has its own bathroom and kitchen facilities.
(e) if the boarding house has capacity to accommodate 20 or more lodgers, a boarding	Double rooms: 60 Single rooms: 4
room or on-site dwelling will be provided for a boarding house manager,	Max No. of lodgers: 124
(f) (Repealed)	N/A
(g) if the boarding house is on land zoned primarily for commercial purposes, no part of the ground floor of the boarding house that fronts a street will be used for residential purposes unless another environmental planning instrument permits such a use.	The land is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential.



(h) at least one parking space will be provided for a bicycle, and one will be provided for a motorcycle, for every 5 boarding rooms.	Required: 64/5 = 12.8 or 13. Provided: 13 motorcycle and bicycle spaces.
(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to development for the purposes of minor alterations or additions to an existing boarding house.	N/A
30A Character of local area	
A consent authority must not consent to development to which this Division applies unless it has taken into consideration whether the design of the development is compatible with the character of the local area.	Area permits medium density residential development and boarding houses. Refer to the character analysis in section 4.1.5 below.
Part 4 Miscellaneous	N/A
52 No subdivision of boarding houses A consent authority must not grant consent to the strata subdivision or community title subdivision of a boarding house.	

4.1.6 30A Character of local area

The surrounding R3 Medium Density Residential zoned area supports an eclectic mix of twentieth century single storey dwellings, 3-storey walk-ups residential flat buildings, 2 storey multi-dwelling houses/townhouses, approved and/or constructed boarding houses. The age and built form of the area is as varied. Older style single dwellings are being replaced by newer contemporary development. The character of the area is transitioning and generifying from the historical low-density single dwelling development to medium density residential development and boarding houses displaying similar built form. The area is growing to accommodate growth associated with the Penrith CBD and greater Western Sydney. The R3 Medium Density residential zoning of land supports such growth.

The site and surrounding locality are well positioned near services and facilities to cater for an increase in residential density. Newer developments have typically been two storey designs including multi dwelling housing, single dwellings and boarding houses (mostly on single allotments).

Both newer and older style developments in the area tend to have hipped or gable roofs. This is part of the established character of the area. Vegetation removal to accommodate new footprints is often needed and is replaced with new domestic planting schemes.

The proposed development has been designed to consider the likely character of the area.

The design elements incorporated into the proposal are to ensure the proposal does not generate 'physical impacts' to surrounding development in accordance with the planning principle derived from Project Venture Developments v Pittwater Council (2005) NSW LEC 191:



- The proposed building, while not the same, exhibits a reasonable level of consistency with the scale adopted by neighbouring and nearby residential development;
- The design adopts setbacks and associated building separation that mitigates any significant adverse impact associated with privacy, overlooking and overshadowing. Screening is provided to further strengthen levels of internal privacy for residents;
- Despite the absence of a maximum floor space ratio, the design is broken into two distinct buildings to assist with dispersal of visual bulk and scale. The side elevations are articulated due to the physical breaks between the buildings.
- The DA Plan set indicates that development of the proposed scale can be accommodated comfortably within the site;
- The separation of buildings results in the development presenting as two x two storey dwelling houses to Park Avenue, with traditional features of a dwelling house including formal front entrance with pathway, landscaped areas and main living areas fronting the street plus pitched roof with eave;
- The design incorporates a pitched roof line to Park Ave reflective and consistent with the existing roof styles in the immediate area;
- Landscaping, including a variety of trees, shrubs and groundcovers, will provide a vegetated buffer between neighbouring properties;
- Windows and doors of main living areas and small private open space areas have been orientated to Park Ave to assist with retaining surveillance and security of the site;
- The proposed development will not constrain any future redevelopment potential of adjoining sites as it does not create any isolated sites that can benefit from the R3 Medium Density Residential zoning.
- The proposal generates no significant adverse 'physical' impacts' to surrounding development. The overall perceived presentation to the side boundaries and the street is 2 storeys.

The following comments are provided in relation to the 'compatible' appearance of the development:

- The height, bulk and scale of the proposal is consistent with existing and desired building typologies in the medium density residential zone.
- The built form, facing Park Avenue, is limited to two storeys with gable roof forms to ensure the development is compatible with the immediate locality;
- Architectural height plane analysis demonstrates that the majority of the boarding house is compliant with the LEP height limit. A minor variation (less than 6%) is proposed in the south-east of the front section of the building. As this will be barely discernible once constructed and does not, of itself, result in any impacts such as extraneous shadow impacts, the development is therefore considered to be consistent with existing and future desired building heights to be provided in accordance with the LEP control;
- Compliant setbacks are provided to front boundary providing a stepped presentation in line with the offset alignment of the front boundary;
- The two wings of the boarding house are separated by the central communal courtyard, thereby maximising building separation between adjoining dwellings and optimising useable open space, natural ventilation and sunlight as it crosses the site from east to west (that is, side boundary to side boundary in this case).
- Landscaping is consistent with requirements for residential developments and will significantly improve the current presentation of the two sites to Park Avenue and ultimately upgrade the streetscape;
- A single double width driveway servicing the consolidated site is no greater in area than the two combined single driveways that would typically serve each lot.



A character analysis has therefore been undertaken in accordance with the planning principle derived from *Project Venture Developments v Pittwater Council (2005) NSW LEC 191* and the design of the boarding house is compatible with the height, bulk and scale of surrounding and likely future development. It respects the residential built form narrative established by existing medium density development in the local area. The proposal respects the emerging character. The new 2/3 storey development t is able to co-exist with the existing single storey forms.

4.2 Any Draft, exhibited environmental planning instruments

4.2.1 Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing Diversity)

The Draft Housing Diversity SEPP is a proposed new policy which aims to facilitate the delivery of diverse and affordable housing to meet the needs of the State's growing population. An *Explanation of Intended Effect* was exhibited between 29 July and 9 September 2020 for the proposed new Housing Diversity SEPP. The draft SEPP proposes to amend some boarding house provisions of the ARH SEPP as discussed in Table 3 below.

Proposed Amendment	Comment
The definition of a boarding house is to be amended as follows: boarding house means an affordable rental building that — (a) provides lodgers with a principal place of residence for 3 months or more, and	The development falls outside the amended definition of a boarding house under the proposed Housing Diversity SEPP as it not to be managed by a community housing provider. The remainder of the criteria are satisfied.
 (b) is managed by a registered not-for-profit community housing provider (CHP), and (c) has some shared facilities, such as a communal living room, bathroom, kitchen or laundry, and (d) has rooms, some or all of which may have private kitchen and bathroom facilities, that accommodate one or two adult lodgers, but does not include backpackers' accommodation, a group home, hotel or motel accommodation, seniors housing or a serviced apartment. Note. Boarding houses are a type of residential accommodation. 	As this is a draft SEPP only and not currently in effect, Council is not prevented from approving the application and it is our understanding that the SEPP will contain savings provision. The proposed boarding house does not fall within the definition of backpackers' accommodation, a group home, hotel or motel accommodation, seniors housing or a serviced apartment.
Boarding house development will not be mandated in the R2 Low Density Residential zone	The site falls within the R3 Medium Density Residential zone. Boarding houses will continue to be a permissible land use within this zone under the proposed Housing Diversity SEPP.

Table 3: Draft Housing Diversity SEPP



Introduction of a flat 20% FSR	Residential flat buildings are not permissible
bonus above the existing maximum	under the PLEP 2010 within the R3 Medium
FSR where residential flat buildings	Density Residential zone. Further, there is no
are permissible in the zone.	FSR applicable for this site.
Maintain reduced minimum car	The development is not being carried out by
parking rates for boarding house	Provider. Car parking is provided as required
development applications lodged	by the current SEPP provisions and complies
by or on behalf of a social housing	with the minimum numbers for vehicles,
provider.	motorcycles and bicycles.

4.2.2 Strategic Planning Context for Housing Diversity

Future Directions for Social Housing

Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW is a 10 year housing strategy by the State Government intended to guide social and affordable housing supply and respond to affordability trends. The strategy will address the full gamut of housing; homelessness to home ownership, in a coordinated approach that includes regional NSW locations.

The expected waiting times for social housing in the Penrith area (Penrith zone) is identified as 5 to 10 years for studio and 1-bedroom properties, according to the *Guide to waiting times for social housing,* as at 30 June 2020.¹

While this proposal is not to be developed by the State Government or managed by a community housing provider, it aligns with the general objectives of the policy. That is, assisting in the provision of housing supply. A private boarding house offers an alternative to the more expensive new single residential units dwellings. In this manner, the proposal will support the State Government broader housing policy. The proposal provides a more private living option than say a share 2 bedroom flat or unit.

A Housing Strategy for NSW

A Housing Strategy for NSW, prepared in May 2020, is a Discussion Paper which identified affordability as one of the primary barriers to home ownership. Low income growth coupled with rising cost of housing has increased mortgages and placed significant pressure on social housing services.

The Discussion Paper identified a range of affordability concerns, including impacts associated with the rental price of housing within centres and close to services and amenities. Where prices are often inflated in 'liveable' areas, the Government identified provision of support for residents who need to live near local facilities, jobs and their networks to assist with gaining financial sustainability. The proposed development is consistent with this approach through facilitation of high quality housing within walking distance to transport services which will take residents to jobs and services. There is also a range of recreational facilities and areas available in the Penrith district together with community-based services for residents.

¹ https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times



Greater Sydney Regional Plan 2018

The Greater Sydney Region Plan was released in 2018 to guide the growth and development of Sydney. The site is located within the 'Western City' district and Planning Priority W5 is relevant to the provision of social housing as follows:

W5 - Providing housing supply, choice and affordability, with access to jobs, services and public transport.

Further analysis of the strategy indicates that the development is consistent with the government's desire to provide housing in the right places; locations that are in walking distance to trains, buses, retail facilities, open space and schools. The subject site is well located to capitalise on a range of important amenities provided within Penrith. Further, the boarding house typology effectively responds to the changing demand for social housing, particularly provision of housing to assist residents in times of immediate need.

The proposed development will therefore contribute to regional social housing objectives through effective utilisation of an underutilised residential site.

Penrith City Strategy

The Penrith City Strategy (referred to as 'the Strategy') was adopted by Council on 24 June 2013. The Strategy summarises the key issues facing the LGA over the next 10-20 years and outlines how Council will respond.

The Strategy identified that there are significant changes emerging in the structure of the LGA's housing with an increase in single person households. More accommodation is needed, particularly apartments, townhouses and smaller dwellings to meet community needs. Further, a greater diversity in housing types is required to better suit changing community needs, including the availability of smaller housing options. The Strategy identifies that it is important to ensure there is a diversity of housing types in both new and older areas.

The Strategy also identifies that housing affordability is an ongoing and significant issue, particularly in recent years. This has resulted in demand for smaller, less expensive homes.

Council's policy response aims to provide housing that meets community needs with regard to supply, choice, design quality, sustainability and affordability.

Key housing goals include:

- H1. Protection of the City's agreed urban and rural boundaries
- H2. An additional 25,000 dwellings between 2006 and 2031.
- H3. A choice of housing that responds to a diverse community and changing household structures.
- H4. Housing design is of a high standard and enhances the character of the City.
- H5. Design is appropriate for our climate.
- H6. Medium and high-density residential development located in and adjacent to the City's centres
- H7. Housing that maximises resource efficiency and minimises greenhouse gas emissions
- H8. Housing that is adaptable and accessible and will accommodate people of all ages and abilities, recognising that their needs change over time.
- H9. Affordable housing through partnerships and Government initiatives.



The proposed development is consistent with the housing goals as follows:

- The development is conveniently located within an existing urban area, with proximity to the Penrith City Centre, transport infrastructure, open spaces, employment and retail facilities to support residents and visitors.
- The development will support population growth through accommodation of up to 124 residents at any time (NB: this is a maximum).
- The boarding house will contribute to the diversity in built form and residential typology within the area.
- The development will aptly provide for the LGA's increase in single person households and the recognised need for smaller dwellings and accommodation.
- The contemporary but familiar architectural design represents an upgrade to the site and surrounding low density dwellings.
- The proposal is within the R3 Medium Density Residential zone conveniently located within walking distance of the Kingswood Train Station, local bus services and the topography encourages walking and cycling as it is generally flat in the immediate area.
- The boarding house has been designed to maximise resource efficiency and minimise greenhouse gas emissions will be constructed in accordance with BASIX commitments.
- The development will provide adaptable and accessible housing within six (6) accessible rooms.
- The onsite resident manager will oversee the operation of the boarding house, thereby ensuring a high level of maintenance, order and compliance with the adopted POM and House Rules.
- The boarding house will contribute to affordable rental provision of high quality accommodation for residents, particularly those on lower incomes, those not requiring larger accommodation and those needing to be located need places of employment and/or services.

The proposal will therefore assist in meeting the key housing goals as identified at the State and Local levels.

4.3 Local Planning Instrument

4.3.1 Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 (PLEP 2010)

The proposed use reasonably satisfies the stated aims and objectives of the LEP.

1.2 Aims of Plan

(2) The particular aims of this Plan are as follows—

(aa) to protect and promote the use and development of land for arts and cultural activity, including music and other performance arts,

(a) to provide the mechanism and planning framework for the management, orderly and economic development, and conservation of land in Penrith,

(b) to promote development that is consistent with the Council's vision for Penrith, namely, one of a sustainable and prosperous region with harmony of urban and rural qualities and with a strong commitment to healthy and safe communities and environmental protection and enhancement,

(c) to accommodate and support Penrith's future population growth by providing a diversity of housing types, in areas well located with regard to services, facilities and transport, that meet the current and emerging needs of Penrith's communities and safeguard residential amenity,

(d) to foster viable employment, transport, education, agricultural production and future investment opportunities and recreational activities that are suitable for the needs and skills of residents, the workforce and visitors, allowing Penrith to fulfil its role as a regional city in the Sydney Metropolitan Region,



(e) to reinforce Penrith's urban growth limits by allowing rural living opportunities where they will promote the intrinsic rural values and functions of Penrith's rural lands and the social well-being of its rural communities,

(f) to protect and enhance the environmental values and heritage of Penrith, including places of historical, aesthetic, architectural, natural, cultural, visual and Aboriginal significance,

(g) to minimise the risk to the community in areas subject to environmental hazards, particularly flooding and bushfire, by managing development in sensitive areas,

(h) to ensure that development incorporates the principles of sustainable development through the delivery of balanced social, economic and environmental outcomes, and that development is designed in a way that assists in reducing and adapting to the likely impacts of climate change.

Comment: The subject site is located within the Penrith area. The proposal is a permissible land use. It seeks to provides an affordable and alternative form of residential accommodation, being a boarding house. The development will provide a service to the local residential community and/or those on a temporary basis but no less than 3 months. The proposal will not significantly impact on the surrounding area and will provide a boost to local businesses and employment sites in the area. The Nepean Hospital and Western University Campus are in relatively close proximity to the site.

Table 4 below provides an assessment of the proposal against the provisions of the Penrith LEP 2010.

LEP Clause	Proposal	Complies
 Zone and Permissibility Image: Solution of the services to meet the day to day needs of residents. To provide for a concentration of housing with access to services and facilities. 	 Boarding houses are permitted with consent in the R3 zone under PLEP 2010. The proposed development is consistent with the R3 zone objectives in that: The proposal contributes to the housing needs of the community in a proposed built form that reflects the permissible use in Park Avenue and is consistent with the objectives of the zone; Increases the diversity of housing supply and choice in the area; The development is designed to optimise the advantages of the site's proximity to public transport, educational, employment and recreational facilities and services. 	Yes

Table 4: Penrith LEP 2010



 To enhance the essential character and identity of established residential areas. To ensure that a high level of residential amenity is achieved and maintained. To ensure that development reflects the desired future character and dwelling densities of the area Permitted with consent Attached dwellings; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boarding houses; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Centrebased child care facilities; Community facilities; Dual occupancies; Dwelling houses; Emergency services facilities; Environmental protection works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Flood mitigation works; Group homes; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Information and education facilities; Multi dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Recreation areas; Respite day care centres; Roads; Secondary dwellings; Semi-detached dwellings; Seniors housing; Shop top housing; Tank-based aquaculture; Any other		
or 3.		
Clause 4.1 Minimum subdivision lot size	The proposal does not involve subdivision.	N/A
The minimum lot size is 400sqm.		
Clause 4.3 Height of buildings	The proposal varies the maximum height for the site – in the south-east corner of the building. A Clause 4.6 HOB request for variation is submitted with the DA package, addressing the minor variation.	No minor variation



The maximum building height for the subject site is 8.5m.		
Clause 4.4 Floor space ratio No FSR mapped for the site.	The site has no mapped floor space ratio.	N/A
Clause 5.10 Heritage conservation	The site is not identified as a heritage item or located within a heritage conservation area. No heritage items are located within proximity of the site.	N/A
Clause 7.1 Earthworks	Earthworks are required for the two basement levels. Appropriate drainage, erosion and sediment controls will be incorporated during construction and throughout the use of the development.	Yes
	The proposed earthworks will not have a significant detrimental impact on the environmental functions and processes, neighbouring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land.	
Clause 7.2 Flood Planning	Site is located within the Flood Planning Area of the Penrith CBD Catchment Overland Flow Flood Study. The Park Ave and the front boundaries of the sites area identified as being flood affected. The site is located clear of any overland flows and therefore flood related development controls are not applicable to the development.	N/A
	Flood Planning Area	



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Clause 7.3 Development on natural resources sensitivity land	The site is not identified within the Natural Resources Sensitive Map.	N/A
Clause 7.4 Sustainable development	The proponent is committed to achieving a high level of sustainability measures within the new age boarding house development to reduce emissions, water and waste.	Yes
	The proposed design incorporates boarding rooms and common areas with northern orientation, good solar access and natural ventilation.	
	The development will be provided with appropriate waste management and recycling facilities throughout its operation as per the Waste Management Plan.	
	The development is located with good access to public transport facilities and within walking distance to a range of services including commercial, community and medical facilities thus reducing vehicle dependence for tenants.	
	The site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential with the proposed boarding house being a rational, economic and orderly use of the land. Adaptive re-use potential of the site is therefore not required to be considered further as the existing built form is at the end of its economic life.	
Clause 7.5 Protection of Scenic Character and Landscape Values	The site is not identified within the Land with Scenic and Landscape Values Map.	N/A
Clause 7.6 Salinity	None known.	N/A
Clause 7.7 Servicing	The proposal will incorporate provision of or connection to the reticulated water, sewer, electricity, gas and telephone.	Yes



Clause 7.9 Development of land in the flight paths of the site reserved for the proposed Second Sydney Airport	The site does not fall within the anticipated flight path of the proposed Second Sydney Airport and therefore it is unlikely the development will be adversely affected by aircraft noise from that source.	N/A
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4.4 Non-statutory Planning Instruments and Policies

4.4.1 Penrith Development Control Plan 2014 (PDCP 2014)

Further to this broad context, the PDCP as a whole contains the development controls that guide this type of residential development. Table 5 below is an assessment of the proposal against the provisions of the DCP.

Clause	Proposal	Complies
Part C1: Site Planning and Design	Principles	I
1.1 Site Planning	A Site Analysis Plan has been prepared for the proposed development in accordance with the DCP controls.	Yes
1.2 Design Principles	The high-quality architectural design maximises energy efficiency across the proposal – internally and externally. All rooms within the boarding house have access to natural light and natural ventilation. The development will be constructed in accordance with BASIX commitments as outlined within the BASIX Certificate submitted with the DA package. It is considered the proposed will result in an appropriate outcome for the site in that it responds to existing site constraints and characteristics. While not necessarily the same development typology as existing in the area, it is similar to No. 45 Park Avenue Boarding House (approved by Council). Its design and layout reasonably reflects the approved and likely future character of residential development within the R3 zone along Park Avenue.	Yes
	9.0m is a technical variation to the	

Table 5: Penrith DCP Assessment



	8.5m maximum height control of the PLEP2010. However, it is numerically minor, only applies to the two sections of the building. The proposal generally fits with the eclectic nature of residential development in the immediate area.	
	The proposed development is consistent with CPTED principles and has been designed to mitigate the incidence of opportunistic crime where possible. The following principles have been implemented within the design of the development:	
	 the proposed design of rooms, common room, gathering spaces and balconies/ terraces combines a sense of safety, privacy and residential stewardship. the built form and open space footprints afford maximum natural surveillance opportunities. the pedestrian and car park entry will be secured to ensure residents are provided with an appropriate level of access control. lighting, fencing, landscaping and signage design will facilitate target hardening. 	
	The proposed boarding house provides six accessible rooms and six accessible parking spaces.	
Part C2: Vegetation Management		
2.1 Preservation of trees	The proposal requires the removal of a number of trees on the site. The main tree – the mature eucalypt within the front yard of the site is retained and protected. The staggered building setback assists with the protection of this tree together with the splay setback.	Yes
	Suitable replacement plantings are proposed as part of the development which will make a significant improvement to the biodiversity values of the site and	



	enhance the ecological qualities of the area.	
	Extensive landscaping which incorporates a range of trees, shrubs and ground covers will positively contribute to the landscape character of the site and domestic scale of landscaping along Park Avenue.	
Part C3: Water Management		
3.2 Catchment Management and Water Quality	A Stormwater Management Plan is submitted as part of the DA package. Appropriate stormwater management controls are to be implemented for the development during construction and throughout the use of the site, which will contribute towards protecting water quality and the catchment.	Yes
3.4 Groundwater	The proposed boarding house is unlikely to have an adverse impact on underlying and surrounding groundwater.	Yes
3.6 Stormwater Management and Drainage	A Stormwater Management Plan is submitted with the DA package. Stormwater runoff from the development will be conveyed to Park Ave and Council's existing stormwater drainage network. The proposed stormwater measures	Yes
	are appropriate to control the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff from the development.	
C4: Land Management		
4.1 Site stability and earthworks	The proposal includes excavation of the basement levels to a depth of up to 6.8m. The area is limited to the building envelope, under the boarding rooms and driveway areas. A dilapidation report and Construction Management Plan (CMP) will be prepared and submitted with the Construction Certificate documentation.	Yes
	It is considered that the earthworks can be appropriately managed and will not have an undue adverse	



	environmental or amenity impact on adjoining properties. Conditions of consent to be imposed.	
4.3 Erosion and Sedimentation	Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be implemented during construction of the development.	Yes
4.4 Contaminated lands	The site has been used for residential purposes and contamination risks are low having regard to previous use of the site.	Yes
4.5 Salinity	No known impacts.	Yes
Part C5: Waste Management		
5.1 Waste Management Plans	A Waste Management Plan is submitted with the DA package. The plan details the types and volumes of wastes and recyclables likely to be generated by the development, how waste and recyclables will be stored and treated on site, and ongoing waste management procedures.	Yes
5.2 Development Specific Controls	The development provides designated bin rooms for waste receptacles and bulky goods waste room. There is a loading bay and truck turn table for to access the waste area in basement 1. Internal waste storage areas will also be provided for each room. The proposed waste bin location and layout complements the building design and is suitable for the use of the proposed development. Waste will be appropriately managed during occupation in accordance with the DCP controls, as outlined within the Waste Management Plan.	Yes
Part C6: Landscape Design		
6.1 Controls	A high-quality landscape design is proposed, which integrates with the building design and makes a positive contribution to the streetscape. The design incorporates a range of soft and hard	Yes



	landscaping elements along with a range of plantings including native and exotic plants, including trees, shrubs and ground covers.	
C7: Culture and Heritage		
7.1 European Heritage	The site is not identified as a heritage item or located within a heritage conservation area. No heritage items are located within proximity of the site.	Yes
7.2 Aboriginal Culture and Heritage	The site is significantly disturbed for residential land use. Should any relics be found during construction works, the relevant stop work procedure will be followed.	Yes
7.3 Significant Trees and Gardens	The site does not contain any significant trees or gardens that are considered to be of cultural, historical, scientific or aesthetic significance. The one large eucalypt in the front yard is retained.	
Part C10 Transport, Access and Pa	rking	
10.2 Traffic Management and Safety	The Traffic Report submitted with the DA package concludes that the proposed development will not generate substantial adverse traffic or parking implications. The proposed driveway and parking areas have been designed to improve road and pedestrian safety. The vehicular access and exit points are clearly defined and located to provide safe and efficient movement of traffic and pedestrians. The development also provides suitable off-street parking facilities for vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles, including accessible spaces.	Yes
10.5 Parking, Access and Driveways	Parking requirements are derived from SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 and the DCP is not relevant. The amount of parking provided for vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles and	Yes



	accessible rooms is compliant w the provisions of the SEPPARH.	/ith
10.7 Bicycle Facilities	The development provides spa for storage of thirteen (13) bicyc in accordance with requirements of ARH SEPP.	ace Yes les the
Part C13: Infrastructure and Service	95	
13.2 Utilities and Service Provision	In accordance with the DCP requirements, the proposal will incorporate provision of or connection to the following service • Reticulated water • Electricity • Reticulated sewer • Telecommunications	es:
Part D Land Use Controls		
D5 – Other Land Uses		
5.11 Boarding Houses		
Objectives		
a) To ensure that boarding houses fit the local character or desired future local character of the area.	a) As discussed in section 4.1.6 above, the proposal fits with the eclectic existing residential typologies along Park Ave, together with the approved and likely future character of residential development on the area.	Yes
<i>b) To minimise negative impacts on neighbourhood amenity.</i>	b) the potential impacts are addressed in accordance with the provisions of s4.15 of the EP&A Act. Where a variation to any State or Local Planning provision is proposed, the variation has been addressed through appropriate design solutions or justified. In this way any potential negative impacts have been adequately addressed and the development is worthy of approval.	Yes
c) To ensure boarding house premises are designed to be safe and accessible.	c) The necessary measures to ensure safety and security are addressed throughout this Statement – CPTED measures, access report,	Yes



	landscaping design and a resident manager and POM.	
d) To respond to increasing neighbourhood densities resulting from boarding house development.	d) Noted. The proposal adds to the residential density in the neighbourhood. It is a permissible use, design in a manner to address and mitigate potential impacts.	Yes
e) To ensure that boarding houses operate in a manner which maintains a high level of amenity, health and safety for residents.	e) Internal and external amenity has been addressed within the design, layout, POM, House Rules and locational context of the development. In each case the proposal is considered to achieve a high level of amenity.	Yes
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 1) Local Character a) Boarding house development applications shall be accompanied by detailed site analyses to assist with the determination of local character. b) A neighbourhood analysis must be completed to identify the desired future character of the neighbourhood. It is recommended that community consultation be undertaken as part of the analysis to determine aspirations for the future character. c) Key elements that contribute to consideration of local and neighbourhood character include: - Surrounding land uses - Social and Historic Context - Scale - Built Form - Natural Environment - Density - Amenity - Safety and Security - Social dimensions and housing affordability – Aesthetics 	Detailed site analysis is included as part of development application plans. The character of the area and the fit of the proposal is addressed as part of the SEPPARH Character test (refer to Section 4.1.6 above). The boarding house has been designed to consider existing older style housing stock, eclectic residential built forms along Park Avenue and the future built form anticipated for the Park Ave area. The development is compatible with the height, bulk and scale of nearby older, new and approved developments, including a boarding house at No. 45 Park	Yes
	A range of measures have been incorporated into the design to ensure the boarding house positively contributes to the existing and emerging character of the area, including:	



	 The proposed building height and design exhibits consistency with the scale adopted by newer neighbouring residential dwellings; The design adopts setbacks and associated building separation that mitigates any unacceptable impact associated with privacy, overlooking and overshadowing; the design is broken into two distinct building wings (east and west) to assist with dispersal of visual bulk. the floor area proposed is not overbearing and the Site Plan clearly indicates that development of the proposed scale can be accommodated comfortably within the site; the front façades include pitched roof lines, reflecting the general built form character along Park Ave; Landscaping, including advanced trees, shrubs and groundcovers, will provide a vegetated buffer between neighbouring properties; The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the PLEP 2010 and DCP 2014. 	
 2) Built Form, Street Impact and Appearance a) The entrance to the boarding house must be in a prominent position addressing the street. b) New boarding houses must not 	 a) Pedestrian entrance to the boarding house is in a prominent position addressing Park Avenue. b) Shadow impacts are addressed in the DA plan set, 	Yes
reduce the achievement of access to a minimum of 3 hours sunlight in the main living area and in at least 50% of private open space between 9am and 3pm on 21 June for adjoining properties.	demonstrating that properties to the east and west of the site will retain morning or afternoon sunlight – mid- winter.	Yes
 c) Boarding houses must be designed to have a sympathetic relationship with adjoining development. 	 c) The boarding house has been designed with internal and external spaces sited to 	Yes



	address amenity of the resident and adjoining neighbours. The building setbacks are sufficient for separation – with those setback areas containing landscape features to soften and separate the properties.	
d) Proposals must demonstrate that neighbourhood amenity will not be adversely impacted by factors such as noise and privacy.	d) Amenity issues are addressed via the setbacks, landscaping, orientation of rooms, tree retention at the front of the site, onsite management of the development.	Yes
e) There must be no basement encroachments to setbacks either above or below ground.	e) Noted. The basement levels are setback from the side and rear boundaries.	Yes
 f) R3 Zone - Minimum setbacks. The intent of this control is to ensure consistency with local character by replicating streetscape patterns of buildings and private gardens in established neighbourhoods, which have visual and symbolic richness that are valued by their community. R3 zone: Front: average of adjoining neighbours to 5.5m, whichever is the greater. 	f) Setbacks: Front: the proposal has a staggered setback over 5.5m from the front boundary. The staggered setback achieves the DCP averaging and protects the mature gum tree on the site. Complies.	Yes
Side: 2m along not more than 50% of the building length. The remaining 50% is to achieve a minimum setback of 3m. These areas are to be a min of 1.5m wide. Rear: 4m for single storey building or 6m for two storey building. Building Envelope: As per diagrams below:	Side setbacks: Both side elevations have a 2m min with 3m recesses along the building elevation, thereby articulating and modulating the appearance of the building from both adjoining properties. This complies with the intent of the DCP provision.	
	Rear setback: each level is setback 6.7m from the rear boundary. Complies.	
	Building Envelope:	
	The following red lines show the 45 ⁰ building envelope above 6.5m at the boundary. In each case the	







 g) In an R2 or R3 Zone, boarding houses should comply with controls for Single Dwellings where these controls do not conflict with the requirements of the SEPP. h) A boarding house proposal of a scale similar to a multi dwelling housing development should comply with the controls and objectives for Multi Dwelling Housing within this DCP, where they are not in conflict with the requirements of the SEPP and the objectives of the zone. i) A boarding house proposal of a scale similar to a residential flat building or high density mixed use development should comply with the controls and objectives for Residential Flat Buildings within this DCP, where they are not in conflict with the requirements of the SEPP, and the objectives of the zone. 	the front yard is retained and protected. The front setback landscaping will improve the current domestic presentation of the new development to Park Avenue. The communal areas of the site will be maintained by the boarding house management, not left to individual residents. This will ensure that the external appearance of the site and the development will be well maintained. g) - i) This is a medium density zone as opposed to an R2 zone. The proposal is not a single dwelling, a townhouse development or residential flat building. It is not considered appropriate to require a boarding house to apply the same controls, particularly where Council provides specific development controls that are to guide the development of boarding house within a R3 zone. There is no provision in g) – i) that indicates which provisions override the other. In this case, the boarding house has been sited and designed in accordance with Council's DCP controls for boarding houses, as enunciated in their adopted PDCP 2014.	
3) Compatibility with Streetscape in the Front Setback In order to be compatible with the streetscape, boarding houses must supply the following elements within the front setback, in addition to complying with other relevant Landscape Design controls in this DCP and Built form, streetscape impact and appearance controls in this section:		



 a) A minimum of 18m² deep soil area must be provided to support larger plants and trees used to soften the form of the building and provide shade. Deep soil areas are to be a minimum width and length of 3m. Deep soil zone may form part of the landscaped area calculation. b) A watering system that does not rely on lodgers to maintain plantings. 	Required: 18m ² deep soil area for planting of larger plants and trees. Proposed: 55.2m ² area (forward of the 5.5m building line - located on the western section of the site), includes the retention of the large mature eucalypt. The 33.5m ² area on the eastern side of the site is similar – deep soil planting area. Both areas comply with the 3m x 3m dimensions. Subject to condition of consent.	
 4) Tenant Amenity, Safety and Privacy Boarding houses are to maintain a high level of resident amenity, safety and privacy by ensuring: a) communal spaces including laundry, bathroom, waste facilities, private open space, kitchen and living areas are accessible to all lodgers; b) if over 10 boarding rooms are supplied, 10% of the total number of dwellings (rounded up) must be accessible; c) cross ventilation should be achieved in common areas including corridors, common kitchen areas, living areas, laundry, waste and kitchen facilities; d) all opening windows are to be provided with fly screens; and e) secure mailboxes shall be provided on the property allowing resident only accesss f) Communal kitchen facilities must be provided with a minimum area of: a. 7m2 for up to 6 lodgers, b. or 11m2 for more than 6, up to 12 lodgers. c. A minimum of 15m² will be provided above 12 lodgers, plus 1m² for each additional lodger over 12; or all bedrooms shall contain kitchenette facilities with a fridge, adequate cupboards and shelves and a 	 In accordance with DCP requirements, the proposed design includes: The development is accessible to all lodgers. Six rooms and six parking spaces are available for as accessible rooms and parking. Cross ventilation is provided to common area. Window openings will be provided with flyscreens. Secure mailboxes will be provided on the property. Kitchen facilities are provided within rooms. 22.8m² of floor area provided for the common room with direct access to a further 46.5m² outdoor COS area. 	Yes



 microwave. For fire safety reasons no other cooking appliances are permitted. g) Common rooms must be provided at a minimum rate of 2m2 per lodger, or a minimum of 13m2 where there are fewer than 6 lodgers. Common rooms do not include circulation space or laundry, bathroom, waste and kitchen facilities. 5) Visual and Acoustic Amenity Impacts Boarding houses are to provide: a) bedrooms separate from significant noise sources; b) sound insulation between bedrooms to provide reasonable amenity; c) communal areas and bedroom windows away from the main living area or bedroom windows of any adjacent buildings; and d) screen fencing, plantings, and acoustic barriers in appropriate locations. 	The rooms are broken up into four vertical clusters around a central courtyard. There is an east and west wing. Rooms are oriented either towards the central courtyard or outwards towards a property boundary. At ground level the rooms have POS areas. At upper floor levels rooms have small balconies to provide natural ventilation. The width and size of the balconies do not facilitate gatherings of people. Therefore, privacy and noise emissions are reduced and the amenity of adjoining residents protected. Screen plantings around the boundaries is proposed to increase privacy across	Yes
6) Logotian	ground level.	N//A
Boarding Houses shall not be located in cul-de-sacs.	sac.	N/A
7) Plan of Management An operating 'Plan of Management' is to be submitted with each development application for a boarding house (including new and existing boarding houses).	A Draft POM and House Rules is Appendix A of this Statement. It is anticipated that this will be a condition of consent of any approval.	Yes



4.5 Suitability of the site for the development

It is considered that the development, as proposed, is suitable for the subject site. Council has previously approved a boarding house of similar design and external appearance at No. 45 Park Avenue. This application, while proposed over two allotments, breaks up the boarding house into two wings (east and west) and into eight (8) vertical room clusters. Visually this reduces the perceived scale of the development. The two front room clusters have a pitched roof line – reflecting the existing character of nearby single dwellings and townhouses. These two clusters are two storeys only, thereby retaining the two storey character of development along parts of Park Avenue and the expected built form in this area. The third storey rooms are essentially within an attic level of the rear of the development, nested behind the front pitched roof. They will be barely discernible from Park Avenue.

As detailed by this assessment, the proposed development is unlikely to have any significant negative impacts on the natural or built environments. The proposed development is generally consistent with relevant state and local planning legislation and design guidelines for boarding houses. Any non-compliances have been identified and addressed through design solutions or considered on planning grounds to be reasonable and justified.

The proposal aims to provide rental housing which will assist in meeting State Government objectives for Western Sydney.

The site is considered to be suitable for the proposed development for following reasons:

- The proposed development is permissible and consistent with the objectives of the R3 land use zoning;
- There are no site constraints that would prevent a boarding house development;
- The locational context of the subject site provides additional housing within proximity to a range of facilities and services that will benefit the new residents and the local economy;
- The existing character is an eclectic mix of residential development of various ages and built form typologies that will transition over time;
- The residential character along Park Ave and surrounds is undergoing a transition from low density to a more diverse residential community facilitated by the R3 zoning controls;
- The location is well-sited to accommodate additional residents, being serviced by public transport and other services in Kingswood and the broader Penrith district;
- The dual site can adequately accommodate the proposed development without adversely impacting the residential amenity of neighboring development; and
- The proposal's design is based on sound site analysis and contributes positively to the locality.

4.6 Any submissions made in accordance with this act or the regulations

Council is responsible for the referral of the application to relevant Government bodies and to adjoining owners. Any submissions will be reviewed by the applicant and Council during the assessment process, and duly considered.

4.7 Public Interest

Given that the relevant issues have been addressed with regard to the public interest as reflected in the relevant planning policies and codes, the development is unlikely to result in any adverse impact to the public interest in the circumstance of the case.



The proposal is a new age boarding house to be managed in the private rental sector, not by a social housing provider. Notwithstanding this, a review of the social housing waiting lists for the area reveals that there is a significant need for additional housing outside of the larger, more expensive private unit or townhouse rental market.

There are currently 1,678 applicants on the waiting list for social housing in the GW05 Penrith region with 179 of these are categorised to be priority application.² The expected social housing waiting time data for the Penrith area, as at 30 June 2020, are listed below:

- Expected waiting time for studio/1 bedroom property 5 to 10 years;
- Expected waiting time for 2-bedroom property 5 to 10 years;
- Expected waiting time for 3-bedroom property 10+ years;
- Expected waiting time for 4+ bedroom property 5 to 10 years.

It is clear that any assistance in providing housing in the private rental market that can help some local residents is in the public interest. More private housing opportunities will reduce some burden on public housing in the medium to long term.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The proposal seeks approval for a boarding house containing sixty-four (64) boarding rooms over basement parking. The site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, wherein a boarding house is a permissible landuse, with Council's consent.

The proposal has been sited and designed taking into account the site features as well as the adjoining and adjacent development. The design solution includes breaking the development into vertical rooms clusters and two wings sited around a central courtyard. Parking is provided at basement level, creating space for good quality landscaping at the front, sides and rear of the site plus impacts of parking and access is internalised.

The development will be consistent with the objectives of the R3 Medium Density Residential zone and the PLEP Height of building development standard. The minor variation to the height limit is addressed within the Clause 4.6 variation request. The environmental planning grounds are outlined in that submission, demonstrating that the proposal can be supported under the circumstances of this case.

Accordingly, the subject application, as described in this Statement, will result in no undue environmental impact that would warrant modification or refusal of the application. The proposal is worthy of the approval of Council.

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² https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times





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	Site area	0.00 m2
	Natural deep soil	413.7 m2
	Raised planter 1000mm-1200mm	52.4 m2
()))	Raised planter 600-800mm	15.3 m2
	Natural soil continuation under deck	13.6 m2
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Planting schedule

Symbol Botanical name Trees APA (B) Acer palmatum 'Bonfire' Bonfire Ja BAS Banksia serrata Old Man I CKS Callistemon 'Kings Park Special' Kings Park ER Elaeocarpus reticulatus Blueberry PYC Pyrus calleryana 'Çapital' Ornamenta Shrubs / small feature trees CSS Camellia s Camellia sasangua 'Setsugekka' MP Murraya paniculata Orange Je SNN Syzygium 'Straight & Narrow' Straight & Syzygium 'Resilience' SYR Resilience WFN Westringia fruticosa 'Naringa' Ozbreed G Ferns / Palms / Succulents / ornamental bamboos ARC Archontophoenix cunninghmaniana Bangalow CAA Cyathea australe Tree Fern COB(B) Colocasia esculenta 'BM' Black Mag Colocasia esculenta COB Elephants COR(M) Cordyline spp. Mini Selected [LAV Livistona australis Cabbage RHA Raphis excelsor Lady Finge Groundcovers/Climbers Dichondra repens Kidney we DIR Ornamental grasses/strappy leaved plants СМ Clivea miniata Kaffir Lily CRP Crinum pedunculatum Swamp Lil LTT Lomandra Lime Tuff Dwarf Lom

Planting schedule species to be sourced from local nurseries supplying plants of local provenance wherever possible. Landscape contractor is to check plant numbers on plan against the schedule prior to submitting tender price. Contact landscape architect if any number discrepancies are found. Council compliance controls require that any substitution of species variety or container size MUST be confirmed with landscape architect to ensure a compliance certificate can be issued that's meets the specific development consent conditions of the project.

Irrigation notes

Automatic drip line watering system to be selected. To extend to ALL garden areas nominated on the deep soil and planter box areas and is to include all raised planter boxes over slab. (all nature strip lawn areas to be excluded) Water supply tap hosecocks as indicated on CC stage drawings. (To be coordinated with Hydraulic and Structural Engineer's details). Dripline supply system only to be incorporated.

Generally: Supply an automatic drip line irrigation system. To include all piping to solenoids either PVC lines and/or class 12 pressure pipe or low density, rubber modified polypropeyline reticulation as required to provide water supply to the nominated areas. To be coordinated with Hydraulic engineers plans. To include all bends, junctions, ends, ball valves, solenoids and all other ancillary equipment. Backwash valve: An approved backwash prevention valve is to be boated at the primary water source for top up valves to rainwater tanks (where applicable).

Ensure rain sesnsor is installed for common area garder zones connected to time rs

Chemical root control: Provide standard chemical root inhibiting chemical cartridge. These are to be industry standard, in-line replaceable cartridges located for easy access for replacement cartridge installation Automatic Controller: Provide automatic 2 week timer with hourly multi-cycle operation for each zone as noted on the irrigation areas plan on sheet Battery timers to isolated planter boxes is acceptable and

o maintained by the owners corporation as part of the orgoing property maintenanace.

Performance: It shall be the Landscape Contractor's responsibility to ensure and guarantee satisfactory operation of the irrigation system. The system is to be fit for the purpose and should utilize sufficient solenoids to provide for the varying watering requirements of landscape areas to allow all plants and lawn areas to thrive and attain long term viability. <u>Festing:</u> After the system has been installed to the satisfaction of the project manager, the installation shall be tested under working conditions. Acceptance of the installed plant and equipment shall be subject

these being satisfactory. Warranty: A twelve month warranty is to be provided in writing by the Landscape Contractor, which shall commit the Landscape Contractor to rectify the system (the items they have installed) to the satisfaction of the project manager or nominated representative. This will apply should any fault develop, or the capacity or efficiency fall below that guaranteed, or should the discharge or pressure be inadequate, or should defects develop in the filter unit or control heads, or any blockages that may develop in the system.

Approvals: The Landscape Contractor is to liaise as necessary, to ensure that the irrigation system conforms with all Water Board, Council and Australian standards (AS)

General construction notes

1. Site preparation Any existing trees and vegetation to be retained shall be preserved and protected from damage of any sort during the execution of landscape work. In particular, root systems of existing plants must not be disturbed if possible. Any nearby site works should be carried carefully using hand tools. To ensure the survival and growth of existing trees during landscaping works, protect by fencing or armoring where necessary. Trees shall not be removed or lopped unless specific written approval to do so is given or is indicated on plan. Storage of materials, mixing of materials, vehicle parking, disposal of liquids, machinery repairs and refueling, site office and sheds, and the lighting of fires shall not occur within three (3) metres of any existing trees. Do not stockpile soil, rubble or other debris cleared from the site, or building materials, within the dripline of existing trees. Vehicular access shall not be peimitted within three (3) metres of any tree.

2. Soil preparation All proposed planting areas to be deep ripped to 200mm (where possible) and clay soils to be treated with clay breaker.. Apply at least 200mm depth good quality garden soil mix to all garden planting areas. To comply with AS 4419 Turfed areas as noted to be laid over 100mm min. good quality turf underlay over existing soil which is to be deep ripped to 200mm depth prior to installation. To be worked in with rolary hoe except where tree root damage would otherwise occur. In such situations care to be taken to hand cultivate in any area where existing tree roots exist to preserve health of trees and to comply with the requirements of the Arborist's report. Where

planting is to occur in existing soil profiles ensute soil conditioners and compots worked into the top 200mm profile. To comply with AS 4454:1999

3. New plantings

Newly planted trees and large shrubs should be secured to stakes with hessian ties to prevent rocking by wind. Planting holes for plant material should be large enough in size to take root ball with additional space to take back filling of good quality planting mix. (Please note mature heights of planting as shown on planting schedule can vary due to site conditions, locations in constricted deep soil or over slab planters and so forth) Also shallow soils in certain locations may affect planting heights. Nominated heights for plantings in raised planters over slabs are nominated as less than their normal expected heights in acknowledgement of the contained soil environment. For other deep soil trees heights are subject to particular site conditions, and intended hedging or pruning for functional requirements such as available planting width, intended access under branches and solar access.

4. Planter boxes & waterproofing

All slab areas to be waterproofed and 'Atlantis' drainage cell installed with geotextile fabric or similar approved. (see planter drainage detail this drawing package) Refer Engineer's details for ALL structural, drainage and installation details whatsoever for planter box construction. All internal planter slab levels to have mortar screed to fall to drainage outlets as nominated by the Stormwater Engineering details. All planting containers to have the following soils: • Benedicts Smart Mix no. 4 Lightweight Planter Mix (or approved equivalent) to min. 300mm depth. To be installed over Benedicts light weight No.5 light weight sub-soil mix (or approved equivalent). To comply with AS

- 4419 and AS 3743
- confirm the integrity of the engineer's specified waterproofing of the planter boxes at time of soil and plant installation. 5. Mulching

All planting areas to be mulched with a minimum 75mm thick cover of recycled hard wood chip mulch and then all plant areas to be thoroughly soaked with water. To comply with AS 4454 6. Fertliser

All planting areas to be fertilised with 9 month 'NPK' slow release fertiliser.

7. Stakind To those plants indicated on the planting schedules provide: hardwood stakes as nominated and driven into ground to a depth able to achieve rigid support. No staking in raised planters to avoid damaging waterproofing installatior

8. Turfing Turfed areas to be to be laid over 100mm good quality turf underlay over existing soil which is to be deep ripped to 200mm depth prior to installation

9. Structural All structural details whatsoever to Engineer's details.

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Common name	Cont. size	Staking	Mature height	No req.
Bonfire Japanese Maple (Small deciduous garden tree)	75Lt	3x50x50x1800	5-7.0M	2
Old Man Banksia (Small native. Gnarled trunk & serrated leaves)) 75Lt	3x50x50x1800	4-6.0M	1
Kings Park Special Bottlebrush (suitable small street tree)	45Lt	4x50x50x1800	3-4.0M	2
Blueberry Ash (indigenous small tree)	45Lt	3x50x50x1800	6-8.0M	1
Ornamental Pear (medium deciduous narrow tree)	75Lt	2x50x50x1800	7-10.0M	2
Camellia sasangua (somi hadgad Camellia)	300mm	2~50~50~1800	2-2 5M	1
Orange lessamine (flowering screening plant)	300mm	bedged	2-2.5M	a a
Straight & Narrow Lilly Pilly (very parrow and vertical screen)	300mm	hedged to rea height	2-5.0M	45
Resilience Lilly Pilly (native screen plant. Can be hedged)	300mm	hedged	2.8-3.5M	15
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Ozbreed Grey Box® (hardy low screen can be hedged)	200mm	hedged	0.4-0.7M	11
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Bangalow Palm (Tropical style tall palm)	Semi adv.	wire guys	8-12M	3
Tree Fern (Native tree ferns)	300mm	nil	2-4.0M	5
Black Magic Elephants ears (Dark large leaved plant)	200mm	nil	1-1.5M	2
Elephants ears (Large leaved plant)	200mm	nil	1-1.5M	2
Selected Dwarf Cordyline (Shade tolerant bright foliage)	200mm	nil	0.6M	12
Cabbage Palm (tall indigenous palm)	semi adv	wire guys	8-12.0M	2
Lady Finger Palm	300mm	nil	2-2.5M	2
Kidney weed (native carpet groundcover)	tubes	nil	0.1M	200
ts Koffin Lilly (chade televent group de succi)	200	nil	0.5M	22
Natifi Lify (snade tolerant groundcover)	∠00mm 200mm	nii		16
Swamp Lify (native mass planted groundcover)	200mm 150mm	nii	0.5-0.7	10 50
Dwarr Lorranura (ornamental grass)	roomm	[]]]	0.410	50

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• All planter boxes are to have automatic dripline irrigation system. Connecting pipes conduit to be cast into slab structures prior to slab pcur to be coordinated with the Structural Engineer's plans.

• Landscape contractor to install all planter box fill material and plant material after other site works are completed to ensure no deterioration of waterproof membrane. To be confirmed by Engineers and project manager to

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PROPOSED BOARDING HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT 27 & 28 PARK AVENUE, KINGSWOOD

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750	75	NSW-GUIDE TO CODES AND PRACTICES FOR STREETS OPENING		
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100	1:100
150	1:100
225	1:200
300	1:250
375	1:300

AS 3500.3 - TABLE 8.2 SIZE OF MINIMUM INTERNAL DIMENSIONS FOR STORMWATER AND INLET PITS

DEPTH TO	MINIMUM INTERNAL DIMENSION (mm)			
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	WIDTH	WIDTH	DIAMETER	
≤600	450	450	600	
>600 ≤900	600	600	900	
>900 ≤1200	600	900	1000	
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STORMWATER TREATMENT SUMMARY

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TREATMENT DEVICES;

- 1. 1 x ENVIROPOD SERIES 200 FILTER BASKETS
- 2. 11 x (310mm PSORB) STORMFILTER SYSTEM

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Koikas Acoustics Pty Ltd was engaged to prepare a noise impact assessment for the proposed development at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood NSW seeking approval for the construction of a new boarding house with 64 boarding rooms, a communal room & managers room over three above ground floor levels with associated basement level parking.

For the DA proposal, the acoustic adequacy of the proposed design must be assessed in terms of standard planning guidelines issued by the Council in their Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP), and also in terms of other standard planning guidelines related to common sources of noise.

As per Council guidelines and other standard planning instruments, Koikas Acoustics has determined the following acoustical components require an assessment at the current DA stage:

- 1. **Mechanical plant** noise emission from the proposed development to neighbouring dwellings (determine criteria only).
- 2. **Operational** noise emission from the proposed development to neighbouring dwellings.
- 3. **Rail** noise associated with the T1 Line and its impact on future occupants of the development.
- 4. Inter-tenancy sound-insulation requirements for shared partitions within the building.

This report presents the results and findings of an acoustic assessment for the subject proposal. Inprinciple acoustic treatments and noise control recommendations are included (where required) so that the premises may operate in compliance with the nominated acoustic planning levels.



2.0 THE PROPOSAL

The development is proposed to occupy the site at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood NSW. The application is for a new boarding house with 64 boarding rooms, a communal room & a manager's room over three above ground floor levels with two basement level parking. The current development design can be seen in architectural drawings as prepared by CK Design, detailed in Table 1. All calculations and noise modelled scenarios conducted for this assessment are referenced to these architectural drawings.

Table 1. Design drawings used in the assessment	Table 1. Design drawings used in the assessment											
Drawing Title	Drawing No.	Date	Project No.									
Cover page	A1-01	May 20	20016-14									
Site analysis	A1-03	May 20	20016-14									
Site plan	A1-04	May 20	20016-14									
Basement 2 floor plan	A1-05	May 20	20016-14									
Basement 1 floor plan	A1-06	May 20	20016-14									
Basement 1 floor plan	A1-07	May 20	20016-14									
Ground floor plan	A1-08	May 20	20016-14									
First floor plan	A1-09	May 20	20016-14									
Second floor plan	A1-10	May 20	20016-14									
Roof plan	A1-11	May 20	20016-14									
Elevations	A1-12	May 20	20016-14									
Elevations	A1-13	May 20	20016-14									
Sections	A1-14	May 20	20016-14									
Notes 1. Detailed above are the plans and drawing are made without the prior knowledge published within this report may be incorr	1. Detailed above are the plans and drawings available at the time of assessment. Where design changes are made without the prior knowledge of Koikas Acoustics, the assessment results and conclusions published within this report may be incorrect.											

The development location is situated in a primarily urban residential area. The subject site is classified as R3 'Medium Residential' as per relevant land zoning maps from Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010. Surrounding properties are also predominantly residential in classification, also located within R3 'Medium Residential' zoning.

Prevailing ambient noise conditions on-site and in the local area are generally the result of typical environmental noise such as rail, distant traffic and localised domestic noise sources.

The subject site and surrounding properties are identified on the aerial photograph included in Figure 1.





Figure 1. Aerial photo of the subject site, monitoring location and surrounding area (image source - Six maps)



3.0 RAIL NOISE AND VIBRATION SURVEYS

Rail noise and vibration surveys were conducted by Koikas Acoustics on the 7th April 2021 at the subject premises. The location of each survey can be seen in Figure 1.

The assessment procedure of AS 2377-2002 considers that a minimum of 20 rail pass-by events should be recorded to acquire reliable noise and vibration data. 20 rail pass-by events were recorded during the survey, all of which were commuter trains.

Noise measurements were taken with a Type 1 NTi XL2-TA spectrum analyser sound level meter. The instrument was field calibrated with a Larson Davis CAL200 Precision Acoustic Calibrator before and after the survey. No system drift was recorded. The Sound Exposure Level (SEL) of each pass-by event was recorded in dB(A).

Rail vibration levels were measured with a Vibrock 901 seismograph. Vibration levels were recorded in directions x, y and z as unweighted R.M.S. acceleration. The survey data was subsequently analysed as per ISO2631-2:2003 to appropriate a Vibration Dose Value (VDV) in $m/s^{1.75}$ for each measured train pass-by event.

The calculated VDV's for all 20 recorded events were separated into groups of commuter and freight trains and then averaged. The average VDV for a single commuter and freight train pass-by event was then used to calculate the total DAY and NIGHT period VDV for all rail pass-bys.

Table 2. Rail	Table 2. Rail noise and vibration survey results											
Description		Value	Measurement result									
Noise from trai	n pass-by	SEL	81 dB(A)									
Vibration from	train pass-by	VDV (i)	0.046 m/s ^{1.75}									
Notes 1. 2.	SEL = Sound Exposure Level VDV (i) = Vibration Dose Value fo	or a single pass-by event										

A summary of the surveyed data is included below.



ACOUSTICAL REQUIREMENTS 4.0

4.1 **RAIL NOISE – ISEPP/DOP**

As per Clause 87 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, hereafter referred to as ISEPP, development for a residential, place of public worship, hospital, educational facility or child care centre use must be designed to consider the indoor noise amenity of future occupants.

Where the development is for residential use, the consent authority must be satisfied that the following internal rail levels will not be exceeded:

- LAeq 35 dB in any bedroom in the building between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am. •
- LAeq 40 dB elsewhere in the building (excluding a garage, kitchen bathroom or hallway) at • any other time.

Neither the ISEPP nor DoP guidelines specifically define a target level for sleeping areas during daytime hours. To maintain a level of consistency between indoor noise amenity in living and sleeping areas during daytime hours, an LARG, (15 hours limit of 40 dB is adopted by Koikas Acoustics. A summary of the applied rail noise planning levels is included in Table 3.

ISEPP requires that before any application is determined under which this clause applies, consideration must be given to guidelines that are issued by the Director-General. It is the understanding of Koikas Acoustics that the Director-General has issued guidelines relating to the determination of suitable indoor noise levels for development with open windows allowing natural ventilation of indoor areas. The Director-General has recommended under this condition (open windows) that indoor noise levels should not exceed:

- LAeq 45 dB in any bedroom in the building between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am. •
- LAeq 50 dB elsewhere in the building (excluding a garage, kitchen bathroom or hallway) at any other time.

The NSW Department of Planning (DoP) supports the design targets of ISEPP and the Director-General guidelines within their road/rail noise guidelines (Development near rail corridors and busy roads, Interim Guideline 2008).



As mentioned previously, neither the ISEPP nor DoP guidelines specifically define a target level for sleeping areas during daytime hours. Koikas Acoustics has adopted for living and sleeping areas during daytime hours an L_{Aeq, 15 hours} 50 dB for windows and doors open.

Table 3. Indoor design noise level [dB]										
Design condition	Area	Noise metric	Day (7 am to 10 pm)	Night (10 pm to 7 am)						
Windows/doors closed	Bedroom	L _{Aeq}	40	35						
Windows/doors closed	Living area	L_{Aeq}	4	0						
Windows/doors open	Bedroom	L _{Aeq}	50	45						
Windows/doors open	Living area	L _{Aeq}	5	0						

A summary of the applied rail noise planning levels is included in Table 3.

4.2 EPA NOISE POLICY FOR INDUSTRY

Noise emission design targets have been referenced from the NSW Environmental Protection Authority Noise Policy (EPA) for Industry (NPfI). The NPfI replaces the former Industrial Noise Policy, also prepared by the EPA.

The NPfl is designed to assess environmental noise impacts associated with scheduled activities prescribed within the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, Schedule 1. It is also commonly used as a reference tool for establishing suitable planning levels for noise generated by mechanical plant and equipment and noise emission from commercial operations.

The guideline applies limits on the short-term intrusive nature of a noise or noise-generating development (project intrusive noise level), as well as applying an upper limit on cumulative industrial noise emissions from all surrounding development/industry (project amenity noise level).

The most stringent of the project intrusive noise level and project amenity noise level is applied as the **project noise trigger level**. The project noise trigger level is the point, above which noise emission from a source or development site would trigger a management response.

To be able to define the more stringent of the intrusive and amenity noise levels, the underlying noise metrics must be the same. As the intrusive noise level is defined in terms of an LAeq 15 minutes and the amenity noise level is defined in terms of an LAeq Period, a correction +3dB correction is applied to the project amenity noise level to equate the LAeq Period to LAeq 15 minutes.



4.3 PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS (NOISE CONTROL) REGULATION 2017

Clause 45 of the regulation requires that air conditioning units installed on residential premises must not emit noise that is audible within a habitable room in any other residential premises between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am (Monday to Friday) or 10 pm and 8 am (Saturday, Sunday and public holidays).

4.4 INTER-TENANCY NOISE

In Class 2 or 3 buildings, the BCA acoustical Performance Requirements state that separating walls and floors must provide insulation against the transmission of airborne or impact generated sound sufficient to prevent illness or loss of amenity for the occupants.

A wall/floor partition is considered to satisfy BCA Performance Requirements where it is shown to:

- Have a laboratory tested acoustic rating that meets or exceeds the Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions of F5.4 to F5.7, or
- Complies with Specification F5.2, or
- Is tested on-site to achieve the minimum acoustic performance as defined within *Verification Methods* FV5.1 and FV5.2.

The Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions applying to this specific development are summarised below:



Table 4.	BCA acoustic design requirements							
Partition	Detail	Airborne sound	Impact sound					
Floor	Separating SOU's, or an SOU from a plant room, lift shaft, stairway, public corridor, public lobby or the like, or part of a different classification	Rw + Ctr ≥ 50	Ln,w ≤ 62					
Wall	Separating SOU's	Rw + Ctr ≥ 50	Not applicable					
<i>See notes 1 and 2</i>	Separating a habitable room (other than a kitchen) in one SOU from a bathroom, sanitary compartment, laundry, kitchen in another SOU	Rw + Ctr ≥ 50	Discontinuous construction					
	Separating an SOU from a plant room or lift shaft	Rw≥50	Discontinuous construction					
	Separating an SOU from a stairway, public corridor, public lobby or the like, or part of a different classification	Rw≥50	Not applicable					
Door	Located in a wall separating an SOU from a stairway, public corridor, public lobby or the like	Rw≥30	Not applicable					
Services	Duct, soil, waste or water supply pipes located in a wall or floor cavity and serves or passes through more than one SOU (including a stormwater pipe)	Rw + Ctr ≥ 40 (habitable) Rw + Ctr ≥ 25 (other)	Not applicable					
Pumps	A flexible coupling must be used at the point of connection be any circulating or another pump.	tween the service's pipe	s in a building and					
Notes 1. 2. 3.	 Where a wall is to achieve a sound insulation rating and has a floor above, the wall must continue to either the underside of the floor or to the ceiling which has a comparable sound insulation rating to the wall. Where a wall is to achieve a sound insulation rating and has a roof above, the wall must continue to either the underside of the roof or to the ceiling which has a comparable sound insulation rating to the wall. As defined by the BCA, a 'habitable room' means a room used for normal domestic activities such as bedroom, living room, lounge room, music room, television room, kitchen dining room, study, playroom, family room, home theatre and sunroom. 							



5.0 **MECHANICAL PLANT AND BUILDING USE NOISE IMPACTS**

Mechanical plant and equipment on this project could include air conditioning condensers units where they are installed in the development and other ventilation plant required for basement levels and garbage rooms etc.

Outdoor common areas such as the outdoor communal area are considered to be noise generating areas associated with 'building use'.

5.1 **PROJECT NOISE TARGETS**

This noise is assessed as per the planning levels contained within the NPfI. Acoustic planning levels are largely determined with to the existing environmental noise levels. Noise surveys conducted for this assessment show that environmental noise levels can differ based on the location of a particular receiver and its orientation to major contributors of noise in the area, such as road corridors and commercial operations. The following NPfI planning levels apply for this project, based on logging conducted by Koikas Acoustic previously:

Table 5.	NPfI plan	ning level	S								
Period, T (Note 1)	Intrusiv	/e	Amenity								
	RBL	Area Area level Area level correction									
Day	38	43	Urban	60	No	55	58	43			
Evening	37	42	Urban	50	No	45	48	42			
Night	32	37	Urban	45	No	40	43	37			
Notes 1. 2. 3.	3237Urban45No404337The NSW EPA Industrial Noise Policy refers to the following periods, Day – 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday and 8 am to 6 pm Sunday and public holidays, Evening – 6 pm to 10 pm Monday to Sunday, Night – 10 pm to 7 am Monday to Saturday and 10 pm to 8 am Sunday and public holidays. The amenity criterion is based on the area classification of the site as being 'urban' and has been corrected for an assessment in areas of high traffic and for existing industrial noise where applicable. Project noise amenity level = recommended noise amenity level – 5dB, except where specific										

Surrounding commercial properties must also not be exposed to noise that exceeds LAeg Period (business hours) 63 dB during business hours.

At this stage, a mechanical design is yet to be completed. A detailed mechanical plant noise impact assessment is to be provided once the final mechanical design and specification have been completed.



5.2 CALCULATED RECEIVER LEVELS

Operational noise levels have been predicted to nearby residential receivers by way of preparing an acoustic model and conducting point-to-point calculations based on standard sound propagation algorithms. Reference should also be made to additional noise control recommendations included within Section 5.4 of this report, which also govern the calculated receiver noise levels.

Due to the size of the development, several potentially affected receiver locations must be assessed in terms of their respective noise exposure from 'building use' associated with the development. The most noise-sensitive receiver locations are summarised below.

R1	Residential townhouse (1 st floor level)	30 Park Avenue
R2	Residential townhouse (1 st floor level)	30 Park Avenue
R3	Residential townhouse (1 st floor level)	30 Park Avenue
R4	Residential dwelling (ground floor level)	20 Joesph Street
R5	Residential dwelling (ground floor level)	18 Joesph Street
R6	Residential dwelling (ground floor level)	16 Joesph Street
R7	Residential dwelling (ground floor level)	26 Park Avenue
R8	Residential dwelling (ground floor level)	26 Park Avenue

Where noise levels are shown to comply at the above most noise affected properties, compliance is implied at other less sensitive properties.

CALCULATED NOISE LEVELS 5.3

The external common area is identified on the ground floor of the site neighbouring the internal community room, as well as a seating area occupying the southern boundary of the ground floor. Noise from the internal communal living area will be confined to indoor areas where windows and doors are closed. In this regard, the primary focus of the noise emission assessment is attributed to persons talking in the outdoor common area, especially during nighttime hours.

When predicting noise emission, conservatively 24 people are assumed to occupy the ground floor communal outdoor area with 50% talking with a normal vocal effort. Sound power levels attributed to a normal conversational voice are 68 dB L_{wAeq}.

Based on that there are 32 car parking spaces within the proposed car park area of the development site, a maximum of 20 vehicle movements into the car park is predicted at the peak

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arrival/departure during the busiest 15-minute period. Noise from car engines igniting and doors slamming will be confined to internal areas within the garage and therefore have not been considered for this assessment.

Noise source levels are shown below:

Table 6. Noise Source and noise levels			
Noise Source	Descriptor	Noise level [dB]	Location
A person talking with normal vocal effort	L_{WAeq}	68	Communal Open Spaces
Car entering/leaving the car park	L_{WAeq}	78	Carpark/Driveway

Calculated cumulative receiver noise levels are as follows:

Table 7. Predicted noise levels to residential and commercial receiver locations [dB] - LAeq 15-minutes				
Receiver	Location Height	Predicted receiver noise levels Night-time Criteria		Exceedance
R1	First Floor	13		-
R2	First Floor	17		-
R3	First Floor	39 ¹	-	
R4	Ground Floor	35	37 -	
R5	Ground Floor	35		
R6	Ground Floor	37	-	
R7	Ground Floor	34	-	
R8	Ground Floor	16		-
Notes 1.	Receiver locations are outside neighbouring windows. Noise reduction over a balustrade and through an open window with a non-direct line of sight is expected to be approximately 5-10 dB, therefore compliance with the limiting EPA NPfI criteria.			

Cadna/A noise contour diagrams are attached as Appendix B.

The noise impact from people talking in the outdoor spaces and cars traversing to the car park area is predicted to not exceed the night-time project noise trigger levels at any residential properties surrounding the proposed development site provided the recommendations outlined in Section 5.4 of this report are implemented. As the noise is predicted to comply with night-time NPfI guidelines, it is expected to also comply with the less stringent daytime and evening criteria.



5.4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Boundary fences should be a minimum of 1.8 m high. Boundary fences should utilise the • following construction:
 - o Double lapped 15mm thick timber fence palings offset so that there are no air gaps. This equates to a total barrier thickness of 30 mm; OR
 - 15mm compressed fibre cement panels with no air gaps at the joins; OR 0
 - 6mm compressed fibre cement panels on either side of a 50 mm steel frame with 0 fibre-glass insulation batts (14 kg/m³) to the cavity, or
 - the equivalent in sound transmission loss. 0
- The outdoor communal area should not be occupied by more than 24 people at any one • time during the night-time period.
- Doors to the indoor communal areas should be kept shut during the night-time period. •



6.0 **RAIL NOISE AND VIBRATION ASSESSMENT**

6.1 NOISE

Calculating the resulting level of noise that is transmitted through a facade and into a room is dependent upon the external façade noise level, the sound insulation performance of the building facade (inclusive of all building components), and the level of acoustic absorption that is present within the subject room.

A calibrated CadnaA noise model was used to predict external façade rail noise levels. The calibrated model considered:

- Commuter trains generating an average SEL for each pass-by of 81 dB(A). •
- 259 commuter trains passing by the site during daytime hours (7 am to 10 pm) as per Sydney Trains timetables.
- 60 commuter trains passing by the site during night hours (10 pm to 7 am) as per Sydney Trains timetables.

Maximum external façade traffic noise levels are expected to be:

Daytime	LAeq, 15 hours	58 dB and
Night time	LAeq, 9 hours	53 dB

at the upper floor level and along the southern facade of the building exposed to the rail corridor.

Reduced noise exposure along the sides of the building will result from the limited field of view of the rail corridor and partial noise shielding from adjacent buildings.

The least noise-exposed facade of the building will be along the northern boundary where a high level of noise shielding is generated by the subject building and surrounding buildings.

Indoor noise levels were calculated to certify the acoustic performance of the proposed building facade. The noise modelling and subsequent analysis conclude the following:



6.1.1 External walls

ole 8. External walls recommendations		
Recommended construction	Area to which the recommendation applies	
AFS150 wall system	All external walls	

6.1.2 Ceiling/roof

Table 9.	Ceiling/roof recommendations	
Recomn	nended construction	Area to which the recommendation applies
• • • OR	0.6mm metal clad One layer of 18mm plywood 150 mm timber joist with 100 mm Earthwool ceiling insulation (14 kg/m ³) One layer of 13 mm standard plasterboard 100 mm thick concrete slab	All ceiling/roof areas

6.1.3 Windows and doors

Table 10. Glazing recommend	able 10. Glazing recommendations		
Room	Glass recommendation	Seals	
All areas	6.38 mm laminated glass	Q-lon and fin	

In addition to the minimum glass recommendation, the installed window/glazed door systems (inclusive or framing and seals) must achieve a minimum acoustic rating of Rw 31 for 6.38mm thick laminated glass and comply with Notes 1 to 4 below.

Notes

- 1. Window frames should be tightly fitted to the external wall minimising any air gaps. Any air gaps present should be packed with timber and an appropriate acrylic sealant such as Knauf Bindex (or approved equivalent).
- 2. All open-able windows and glazed door systems should be airtight when closed.
- Q-lon type seals or the equivalent should be fitted along the perimeter of all glazing systems to minimise air 3. gaps. For sliding glass systems that cannot incorporate Q-lon seals, heavy-duty fin-type seals such as Schlegel SilentFin could be used. If the windows/doors are not designed to be air-tight when closed, the reduced performance of the windows/doors could compromise the acoustic integrity of the building facade.
- Recommended glass systems are calculated based on current architectural drawings as established within this 4. report.

Koikas Acoustics notes that the recommendations provided in this report are for the minimum required glazing that is predicted to achieve satisfactory acoustic performance. No consideration has been given to other factors such as safety, thermal or energy efficiency that may render the recommended glazing not compliant with other standards or guidelines. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the client to ensure all glazed windows and sliding doors installed on-site to meet all building design requirements.



6.1.4 Ventilation

In some cases where external rail traffic noise levels are high, it is not a viable option to naturally ventilate rooms through the opening of windows and/or doors. This is due to the level of traffic noise being transmitted through the open doors resulting in a breach of the applied noise criterion.

As a general rule, where windows or doors opened sufficiently to provide natural ventilation to a room, the indoor noise level is 10dB below the outside noise level. Therefore, a window or sliding door to a room may be opened to provide natural ventilation where the outdoor noise level does not exceed 10dB above the "Windows open" criteria as detailed within this report.

In this case, rail noise levels are not significant and naturally ventilated rooms are expected to still result in the 'open windows' noise criteria being achieved.

6.2 VIBRATION

Vibration levels (VDV) for individual pass-by events have been calculated from site survey results and are included in Table 3 of this report. Where the individual VDV values for commuter train passbys are corrected for the cumulative impact throughout the day and night periods based on the expected rail movements summarised above in Section 6.1, the total VDV for the day and night periods calculated for the future development are:

- Daytime total VDV (commuter and freight trains): 0.095m/s^{1.75}
- Nighttime total VDV (commuter and freight trains): 0.066m/s^{1.75}

These values are significantly below the human comfort thresholds recommended in the DEC guideline. As such, Koikas Acoustics expects a low probability of adverse comment.

7.0 INTER-TENANCY NOISE

The following recommendations are expected to satisfy the relevant provisions of the BCA sound insulation requirements between tenancies. Options have been provided in all cases that consider a range of standard constructions.

All wall systems should be installed as per general installation guidelines included in the BCA and as per relevant manufacturer installation guidelines/requirements.

Alternate systems and design may be considered to those recommended within this report provided that they are approved by an appropriately qualified acoustical engineer/consultant.

7.1 RECOMMENDED PARTITION WALLS

Table 11 recommends several partition wall systems that are capable of achieving the required acoustic performance.



Table 11.	Recommended partition wall systems		
Wall type	BCA design standard	Construction	
Inter- tenancy wall	Rw + Ctr≥50 Discontinuou s	 Partition wall between sole-occupancy units – Separating a habitable room (other than kitchen) in one unit from a bathroom, sanitary compartment, laundry or kitchen in adjoining unit [AFS] AFS 162 Logicwall, 20mm cavity, 64mm steel studs with 75mm thick Tontine TS insulation within the stud cavity, 10mm Soundcheck. [Masonry] Two leaves of 110mm clay brick masonry, 50mm cavity between the leav (where brick ties are used they are to be of the resilient type), 13mm cement render to easide. BCA D.T.S. [Concrete] 125mm concrete panel, 20mm cavity, 64mm steel studs, 70mm polyest insulation (9kg/m³) between the studs, 13mm plasterboard fixed to studs. BCA D.T.S. [Hebel] 13mm Fyrchek, 75mm Hebel Powerpanel, 35mm cavity, 64mm steel studs wit 100mm S6 polyester insulation, 13mm Fyrchek/Aquachek. [Lightweight] 2x64mm steel studs, 20mm cavity, 60mm polyester insulation (11kg/m positioned between one row of studs, 2x13mm fire resistant plasterboard each side. 	
	Rw + Ctr ≥ 50	 <u>Partition wall between sole-occupancy units</u> [AFS] AFS 162 Logicwall panel, paint or render finish. [AFS] AFS 162 Logicwall panel, 28mm furring channel, Tontine TSB2 insulation within the framing cavity, 13mm plasterboard. [Masonry / Hebel / Lightweight] As above. [Concrete] 200mm concrete panel, 13mm cement render of each face. BCA D.T.S. 	
Common wall	Rw≥50 Discontinuou s	<i><u>Partition wall between sole-occupancy unit and plant room or lift shaft</u> As above for inter-tenancy wall partitions that satisfy discontinuous construction</i>	
	Rw ≥ 50	 <u>Partition wall between sole-occupancy unit and stairway, public corridor, public lobby or</u> <u>the like or part of a different classification</u> [AFS] AFS 150 Logicwall panel, paint or render finish. [AFS] AFS 162 Logicwall panel, paint or render finish. [Masonry] Single leaf 150mm brick masonry with 13mm cement render on each face. [Concrete] 125mm thick concrete panel. [Hebel] 13mm Gyprock CD, 75mm Hebel Powerpanel, minimum 20mm cavity, 64mm steel framing with 50mm glasswool insulation, 13mm Gyprock CD. [Lightweight] 92mm steel studs, 60mm polyester insulation (11kg/m3) positioned between the studs, 2x13mm fire-resistant plasterboard each side. 	
Services shaft wall	Rw+Ctr ≥40	<u>Services shaft wall to habitable room within unit</u> [Masonry] 110mm brick masonry with 13mm cement render on each face. <i>BCA D.T.S.</i> [Concrete] 100mm thick concrete panel. <i>BCA D.T.S.</i> [Lightweight] 2x13mm plasterboard, pipe lagging (Soundlag 4525C, Acoustilag 45)	
	Rw+Ctr≥25	<u>Services shaft wall to non-habitable room within unit</u> [Lightweight] 2 layers of 13mm plasterboard	
Notes:1. 2. 3. 4.	Recommendations within the above table are based on published acoustic data obtained from the manufacturer's website. Laboratory tests of the AFS 162 Logicwall on its own showed non-compliance with the BCA requirement of Rw + Ctr 50. However, an investigation by PKA Consulting concludes that the poor acoustic performance was due to factors not related to the wall system, but rather the test facility. It is expected that the acoustic performance will satisfy the BCA condition. This conclusion is supported by numerous field tests that indicate compliance with the BCA verification methods rating. All installation of proprietary type wall systems must be as per the relevant installation guidelines and manuals. BCA D. T. S. = BCA Deemed-to-Satisfy construction. These wall systems are to be installed as per "Construction Deemed to Satisfy" notes included within Specification E5.2 of Volume One of the BCA. Where these sustances		
4.	manuals. BCA D. T.S. =BCA Deemed-to-Satisfy construction. These wall systems are to be installed as per "Construction Deemed-to-Satisfy" notes included within Specification F5.2 of Volume One of the BCA. Where these systems are installed correctly as per the BCA they do not require compliance testing to verify acoustic performance		



7.2 RECOMMENDED PARTITION FLOOR/CEILING

The following floor/ceiling assemblies are recommended to achieve the BCA minimum acoustic rating requirements.

- 19 mm strip timber over	

Notes

RF Rubber foam composite

RFC Rubber foam cork composite

Alternative underlay suppliers could also be considered.

If there is no suspended ceiling beneath the concrete slab, the acoustical impact noise rating would % $\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \, dt = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial f}{\partial$

reduce by up to 8 rating points.



The above recommendations also apply to balconies/terraces situated above indoor areas of apartments below.

7.2.1 Installation requirements

All flooring and acoustic underlays should be installed as per relevant manufacturers installation and design guides.

Hard floor coverings such as tiles must not make contact with any walls or joinery such as kitchen benches, cupboards etc.

During the installation of hard floor coverings, temporary spacers of 5 - 10 mm should be used to isolate the floor covering from walls and/or joinery with the resulting gaps filled with a suitable mastic type sealant or off-cut of rubber-underlay material. Most acoustic underlay manufacturers include a construction detail in this regard that involves an upturn of the rubber underlay material at the wall/floor junction.

The following diagrams show detailed installation requirements of different flooring systems in conjunction with underlays.



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7.2.2 Alternative ceiling/floor systems

Alternative floor/ceiling systems can be considered provided that the acoustic performance is tested or assessed by a consulting acoustical engineer as being compliant with the sound insulation performance requirements of the BCA.

Verification of installed acoustic performance should be determined following the recommendation of Section 5.5 of this report.

7.2.3 NATA certified ceiling/floor systems

Flooring systems tested in a NATA or an equivalent International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) certified laboratory and complying with the acoustical performance requirements of the BCA do not require that they be tested in-situ for verification of installed acoustic performance.

Flooring systems not tested by a NATA or ILAC MRA certified laboratory should be tested before any flooring is installed to ensure that the flooring systems comply with the BCA's impact-noise rating requirements.

7.2.4 Impact-noise rating performance

Impact-noise ratings derived from in-situ testing can vary from site to site and between different



space within the same building constructed of the same building materials.

Impact-noise rating differences can arise from:

- the type of flooring installed •
- whether the flooring is touching the walls creating bridging, •
- whether the flooring is in contact with the skirting boards creating bridging, •
- the thickness of floor slabs, •
- the air gap between the plasterboard ceiling and the concrete slab,
- the sealing between the plasterboard and the walls,
- the thickness and density of the plasterboard ceiling,
- the degree of sealing between the plasterboard ceiling and the down-lights, •
- the connections of the suspended ceiling grid to the concrete slab,
- the insulation installed or not installed in the cavity,
- the surface area of the floor,
- the geometry of the floor surface,
- flanking paths between the concrete slab and the wall types, and
- the junctions between the slab and the walls.

7.2.5 Verification of Acoustic Performance

The recommendations for partition construction details included in this report are not BCA certifications of acoustic compliance. The recommendations are based on our professional opinion of acoustic performance ratings. Due to the number of variables that can exist between development sites, it is not possible to confirm acoustical compliance without conducting in-situ testing.

Koikas Acoustics recommends that in-situ testing is conducted on representative and fully installed partition assemblies to ensure adequate acoustic insulation and isolation is achieved before installation throughout the development.

7.2.6 Ceiling lining

Standard 13 mm plasterboard ceiling lining is satisfactory. Where a fire-rated ceiling is required, 13 mm or 16 mm fire-rated plasterboard may be used instead of standard plasterboard.



7.2.7 Insulation in ceiling cavities

Acoustic insulation in the ceiling cavities is not required provided that the depth of the ceiling cavity is no less than 100mm and that the suspended ceiling system used is a light steel grid type system such as Rondo Key-lock or similar.

Where ceiling cavities are less than 100 mm in-depth, 50 mm fibreglass insulation (11kg/m³ density) is recommended.

7.3 SOIL, WASTE, WATER SUPPLY PIPES

Where a duct, soil, waste or water supply pipe is located within a wall or ceiling cavity and serves or passes through one or more SOU's, the following separation details may be used to comply with the required acoustic rating:

Table 9.	Services in cavity wall or ceiling		
Option	Rating	Documented source	System detail
1	Rw + Ctr 25	CSR Red Book, KA opinion	2 layers of 10 mm plasterboard
2	Rw + Ctr 25	CSR Red Book	Acoustilag 45 and 13 mm plasterboard wall/ceiling lining
3	Rw + Ctr 25	CSR Red Book	Unlagged pipes and 13 mm Soundchek wall/ceiling lining. Alternatively, 2 layers of 16mm Fychek may be used as wall/ceiling lining
4	Rw + Ctr 40	CSR Red Book	Acoustilag 45 and 13 mm Soundchek wall/ceiling lining. Alternatively, 2 layers of 16 mm Fychek may be used as wall/ceiling lining
5	Rw + Ctr 40	Pyrotech Soundlag 4525C brochure	Soundlag 4525C and minimum 10 mm plasterboard wall/ceiling lining
Notes: 1. 2. 3.	The acoustic lagging material may be excluded by using Rehau Raupiano Plus pipe system. All installations are to be as per relevant manufacturers' specifications and requirements. Incorporating downlights into ceilings will impact the acoustic rating of the partition system. Consultation should be made with an acoustic consultant in the event of downlights being proposed in the ceiling. The		
	CSR Red Book provides some guidance on downlights being installed in a services partition system.		





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7.3.1 Additional BCA requirements

The BCA further qualifies the acoustic requirements of services partitions with the following:

- Services must not be chased into concrete or masonry elements,
- An access door or panel must be firmly fixed to overlap the frame or rebate the frame by not less than 10 mm and be fitted with proper sealing gasket along all edges and constructed of:
- Wood, particle board or block board not less than 38 mm thick; or
- Compressed fibre reinforced cement sheeting not less than 9 mm thick; or
- Other suitable material with a mass per unit area not less than 24 kg/m².
- A water supply pipe must only be installed in the cavity of discontinuous construction, and in the case of a pipe that serves only one SOU, must not be fixed to the wall leaf on the side adjoining any other SOU and have a clearance not less than 10 mm to the other wall leaf.

7.4 SOUND ISOLATION OF PUMPS

A flexible coupling must be used at the point of connection between the service's pipes in a building and any circulation or another pump.





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7.5 UNIT ENTRY DOORS

Where an entry door is incorporated into a wall that separates a tenancy from a common area such as a Lobby/Foyer, that door must achieve an acoustic rating of no less than Rw 30. A suitable door system to achieve this would be a 40 mm solid core timber door with Raven type RP10/RP10si door frame/perimeter seals and RP8si door bottom seals.



The Schlegel type or other equivalent door seals can be considered provided that they provide comparable acoustical sound transmission loss performance.



7.6 **VERIFICATION OF ACOUSTIC PERFORMANCE**

It is common for comparable floor/ceiling systems designs to achieve varying acoustic insulation and isolation ratings between buildings. This can be due to the quality of workmanship, attention to detail in sealing any penetrations, and the emergence of flanking sound transmission paths within a building. For this reason, one cannot categorically state that any partition will achieve a specific acoustic rating without conducting in-situ testing.

Koikas Acoustics recommends that in-situ testing is conducted on a representative, and fully installed floor/ceiling assembly (for all types of floor coverings - timber, tiles, carpet) to ensure adequate acoustic insulation and isolation is achieved, before installing all floors on all floor levels of the building.



8.0 CONCLUSION

Koikas Acoustics was requested to prepare an acoustic report for the proposed boarding house at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood NSW. The acoustic report is to accompany a development application being submitted to Penrith City Council.

The assessment considers potential noise impacts to future occupants of the development, and to surrounding residents such that acceptable acoustic amenity for the area is maintained.

Acoustic planning levels have been referenced from current ISEPP, NSW DoP, EPA, and BCA acoustic planning guidelines and requirements.

The included recommendations are based on designs prepared by CK Design.

The conclusions reached in this report should assist Council in making their determination of the proposal in terms of compliance with the necessary acoustic design requirements. A further detailed acoustic report may be required for the CC submission should the building design be amended, or as required by Council.

Of the assessed components of noise, the following conclusions have been reached:

- 1. Building noise is not expected to exceed the nominated criteria provided the recommendations outlined in section 5.4 of this report are properly implemented.
- 2. A detailed assessment of mechanical plant noise should be prepared for the subject development before construction. Where air conditioning and other mechanical ventilation systems not be proposed, the recommendations provided in this report would be voided.
- 3. The building can be sufficiently insulated against existing external sources of noise in the area such as rail traffic through the use of acoustic glazing. Recommended glazing systems are provided in this report. These recommendations should be verified before construction.
- 4. Acoustic treatment options for the common floors and services partitions included within this report would be adequate for satisfying the sound insulation provisions of the BCA.

In our professional opinion, there is sufficient scope within the proposed building design to achieve the applied acoustic planning guidelines.



APPENDIX A








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ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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1.0 Introduction

- I. This Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) was commissioned by CK Design, on behalf of property owner, Mr Mattar, of 27-28 Park Ave, Kingswood, for trees potentially impacted by proposed Development Application (DA) to Penrith Council for redevelopment of the site.
- II. The proposal entails the demolition of existing structures, and bulk excavation for the construction of a new multi-level boarding house , including basement parking.
- III. The Arborist has identified a total of seven (7) trees, including site and street trees, where their TPZ extends into the clients site. All trees are assessed with respect to the Australian *Standard- Protection of trees on development* sites (AS 4970/2009).
- IV. The Arborist had made recommendations for those T2-T7 to be removed, to facilitate the works, assessed as not significant, of low retention value, or exempt, and could be replaced as part of the new development.
- V. Whist the street tree, T1, was initially proposed for retention as part of the design, with a somewhat adequate setback from basement excavation, the cumulative impacts from ground floor grade modifications, and pruning to suit building elevations, results in major impact. Coupled with the species pre-disposition to branch failure, the Arborist also supports the trees removal.
- VI. This AIA is to be sent to Penrith Council, as supporting documentation for the Development Application, for final determination of trees to be made.

2.0 Methodology

- The Arborist accessed the site and inspected trees, by way of Visual Tree Assessment (VTA), at ground level only, on 1st April, 2021, under normal weather conditions.
- II. All dimensions are estimated by diameter tape or by eye sight.
- III. Advanced assessment by means of sounding decay, subterranean investigation or canopy inspections were not undertaken at the time, nor warranted.
- IV. Tree species are identified by foliage and fruit/nuts only, with no formal testing undertaken.
- V. The Arborist tables the following in 3.2 Tree Observations -<u>Table 1 Tree Assessment</u> <u>& Impacts Evaluation;</u>
 - a. Genus & species, Common name, age, vigour and crown characteristics, general health and condition, defects and the presence of pest and disease.

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- b. An appraisal of trees with reference to Tree AZ; determination of the worthiness of trees in the planning process, and a Tree Retention Value (STARS Matrix) that assesses the trees significance and value for retention on the site where development occurs. (Refer to <u>Appendix</u> for further clarification of all scales and values)
- c. Calculation of Tree Protection Zones (TPZ) and Structural Root Zones (SRZ), proposed setbacks to works and degree of incursion characterised by minor, moderate, major or no impact to trees.
- VI. Findings in Table 1.0 are to be read in conjunction with Notes in Appendix.
- VII. Calculations of impacts are undertaken by using an interactive calculator. (Treetec, 2014)
- VIII. A Site Plan is included in <u>Appendix</u>, using survey provided by the client, and overlaid by the Arborist, to annotate tree locations only.
- IX. A Glossary of terms is provided in the <u>Appendix</u> of this report, for clarification of Arboricultural terms and meanings

Plan Type/Document	Provided by	Reference	Date
Survey	Cibar Surveying	-	-
Site Plan	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-06	May 20
Basement 2 Floor	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-06	May 20
Plan			
Basement 1 Floor	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-08	May 20
Plan			
Ground Floor Plan	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-09	May 20
Roof Plan	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-12	May 20
Elevations	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-14	May 20
Sections	CK Design	Project 20016-04 Sheet A1-15	May 20
Arborist parameters	Paul Scrivener	2248 Issue B Sheets 1-3	31.03.2021
design response			

X. The following documentation was used as part of this assessment;

3.0 Observations

3.1 Site Observations

I. The sites are referred to as Lots 11 and 12 DP 29528 of Penrith City Council and zoned R3 - Medium Density Residential.

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- II. Both adjoining sites are of traditional rectangular allotments with slightly splayed frontages and of southern orientation.
- III. Site ground slightly rise from the street and relatively flat within the boundaries ,
- IV. Site context notes and freestanding clad dwellings with detached garages
- V. The site (combined) is bound by town housing to west side , free-standing dwelling to the east and across the road from the railway.
- VI. Soil on site is not formally assessed, but eSpade Web indicating it is Luddenham soil landscape containing "Wianamatta Group Ashfield Shale and Bringelly Shale formations. The Ashfield Shale consists of laminite and dark grey shale. Bringelly Shale consists of shale, calcareous claystone, and laminite. Between these two shale members is the Minchinbury Sandstone consisting of fine to medium-grained lithic quartz sandstone." (State of New South Wales - Department of Planning, Industry and Environment 2020)
- VII. Site vegetation appears to be small, peripherally planted trees as part of landscape over the years, except for T1.



VIII. See picture (below) ,courtesy of SIXMaps, with combined sites as per orange outline.

3.2 Tree Observations & Impact Summary (AS4970:2009)

	Genus Species	Common Name	Height (m)	Spread (m)	Age	Condition	TREEAZ	Retention Value	DBH (mm)	DAB (mm)	TPZ (m)	SRZ (m)	Impacts/ Incursion % Nil Low Major Total Loss Exempt	Comments / Impact Summary
1	Corymbia citriodora	Lemon scented gum	15	20x 18	M	F	A2	M /L	720	900	8.64	3.17	12.41% +	Street tree, within the front setback of No. 28.Canopy spans to adjoining properties and the street. A fair degree of kino weeping from the main trunk. The crown notes a handful of snapped limbs (100mm). At 6.5m high, the apical stem was previously torn and whilst the canopy holds good cover ,the crown is considered crowded , with conflicting branches, poor form, weeping over street cabling and adjoining properties. Basement encroachment (Lower limit of major impact) by way of excavation will occur within 5.5m and included 200mm of over excavation. Ground floor will incur 13.5% of the TPZ thus resulting in a cumulative Major impact. Retain and protect tree. Refer to recommendations for mitigations.
2	Ulmus parvifolia	Chinese elm x 3	6	5	M	F	Z10	L	150 x3	300	3.12	2.0		The stand comprises 3 small trees , within the combined site and intertwined in the fence. Plans denote these trees are within the construction zone and therefore deemed a total loss. Remove tree
3	Eriobotrya japonica	Loquat	4.5	4	M	F	Z3	L	100 x2	180	2.0	1.61		Sheltered tree. Exempt species under Penrith City Council - Exempt Tree Species List.
4	Triadica sebifera	Chinese tallow	7	5	M	F	Z3		200 160	300	3.12	2.0	a r e 6 25	Self-seeded tree. Exempt species under Penrith City Council - Exempt Tree Species List.

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	1					1					1	1		
5	Fraxinus	Evergreen	4+	5	M	F	Z3	L	100	300	2.64	2.0		Small tree of low significance.
	griffithii	Ash							x5					Plans denote this tree is within the construction zone and therefore
														deemed a total loss.
														Remove tree
6	Prunus sp	Plum	4	4	M	F	Z3	L	150	280	2.0	1.94		Tree partly obscured by the Privet in the vicinity of the rear boundary.
														Exempt species under Penrith City Council - Exempt Tree Species List.
7	Ulmus	Chinese elm	8	15	M	F/	G	L	180	500	5.88	2.47		The eastern codominant stem has failed because of the bark inclusion and
	parvifolia			N/S		P			x3					with other bark inclusions noted. Low set canopy, with dome like form.
									300					Plans denotes this tree is within the construction zone and therefore
									240					deemed a total loss.
														Remove tree

4.0 Indirect Impacts

The following are indirect impacts that trees may succumb to during construction related activities. It is imperative that these be taken into consideration and all attempts made to minimise indirect impacts, as they can occur over the duration of construction and indeed accumulate to have significant effect on trees longevity.

- I. <u>Mechanical damage from plant/machinery</u>; Direct wounding and damage of stems and branches by large plant & machinery, including excavator, bob cat, crane, etc., during construction activities will have some impact in the form of cambium damage/abrasion to tree trunks and branch tearing well into collar attachments in turn exposing live woody tissue and predisposing the tree to pest and disease. Similarly, plant/machinery is also responsible for soil compaction within the trees TPZ.
- II. <u>Indirect root injury from soil compaction</u>; When soil is compacted either via building materials/debris stockpiled on the TPZ or TPZ is utilised as a thoroughfare for heavy plant and machinery, the soil inevitable becomes compacted and impacts on the air and moisture uptake and ultimately affecting the gaseous exchange within the drip line that is vital for the trees health and longevity.
- III. <u>Soil contamination;</u> where chemicals, cement, and paint products etc., get washed or spilled into the soil and the tree absorbs the soluble content through its roots in addition lime from cement wash off can alter the soil PH
- IV. <u>Soil grade changes</u>; when the top soil cover down to a depth of approximately 150mm is striped it can illuminate vital feeder roots and can temporarily shock the tree. This process is common particularly during the landscape process. In addition, these fine roots if exposed can prematurely dehydrate and die
- V. <u>Landscaping Impact</u>; Side paths and driveways comprised of concrete and non-porous materials can deprive roots of air and water and affect gaseous exchange. This is particularly true when there has been lack of consideration for trees located on adjacent properties and within close proximity to building envelope. In addition, masonry fence lines require sub grade footings and usually at the expense of root loss of nearby trees. Furthermore, there can be an increase in reflected heat to the remaining trees as a result from surrounding hard surfaces.

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5.0 Discussion and Conclusion

- I. The Arborist notes the sites , with the exception of the large significant Lemon scented gum, are devoid of large significant trees, and notes that vegetation assessed is characteristically small to medium, with no tree on site being assigned a high retention value .
- II. Through consultation with designers, the Arborist notes the challenges brought about by redevelopment, where often the required developable area is markedly increased, mainly due to the size of the new development, upgrading of required facilities, amenities and inclusions associated with modern building.
- III. In this case, the inclusion of a basement for secure off- street car parking, and to meet the needs of increased patronage, requires major soil cuts, inevitably at the expense of some of the natural environment. The Arborist cannot make judgments on other planning controls, nor on the clients choice of site usage, but takes such factors into consideration when assessing the viability of trees long term with respect to building and associated construction activities.
- IV. Given the *nature* of the proposal it is *inevitable* that the natural environment will be lost to accommodate for the building footprint that includes a bulk soil cut for the basement that extends close to the eastern and western site boundaries, leaving rear boundary private open space, assumedly as a deep soil zone.
- V. In accordance with AS4970:2009, site trees, T2 T7 are all totally lost for the basement footprint, or for building area (side access), the Arborist noting none of these trees as worthy of design changes for their retention. The Arborist notes that of this cohort of trees, T3, T4 and T6 are exempt trees according to Penrith City Council and T2, T5 and T7 lack real arboricultural or landscape merit.
- VI. The Arborist focus was then on the retention and management of T1, given its amenity and streetscape appeal. The Arborist accepts that the design allows 5.5m setback for the basement, resulting in a 12.41% incursion in accordance with AS4970:2009, marginally higher than the allowable incursion. However, the incursion is compounded when plans suggest the further grade modifications for ground floor, and pruning of the canopy to suit building elevations.
- VII. In appraising the extent of pruning required for T1, to suit proposed building elevations, the Arborist noted several factors that consequently made him re-evaluate the trees retention, including the species itself and associated issues.
- VIII. The extent of pruning was actually considered extensive in that large diameter branches would have to be removed to accommodate building elevations, mainly in part as the canopy is wide, low set and overcrowded. Indeed the tree itself cannot be formatively pruned to rectify the issues associated with the canopy, in that the tree is expected to respond with epicormic regrowth.

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- IX. At the inspection , the Arborist noted the tree having suffered several incidences of branch failure, with the apical stem completely lost, for reasons unknown.
- X. The Lemon scented gum, is synonymous with the phenomenon of Summer Brach Drop (SBD), where mature trees, for no obvious reason, drop large branches. Barrell (2014) discusses that there are three major factors that create a threshold for defining SBD. Firstly, the tree must be mature, secondly the branch failure occurs after heavy rainfall following long periods of drought, much of what has occurred between 2019 and present in Sydney, and finally, the tree shows no other obvious defects that would correlate with the limb failure.
- XI. Given the tree shows no obvious signs other defects, the loss of branches is being attributed to its genetic predisposition, and therefore this tree passes the thresholds for SBD.
- XII. Whilst it is generally not a reasonable thought to remove trees purely based on what some refer to as anecdotal , rather than, scientific evidence, the fact is , that spontaneous limb failure *does* occur, and it has been documented enough to allow many Sydney Councils to be "weary " of certain species, in particular, the Lemon scented gum, which tells us that management of these trees is pertinent.
- XIII. The Arborist has had to assess this tree ,contextually, that being in the context of high traffic area , where the tree hovers over a *higher* density of building on site, the pedestrian walkway, the street and adjoining sites.
- XIV. It is for this reason that the Arborist re-evaluated the trees retention, after it seemingly passed the threshold test for SBD, and where it now poses an "unmanageable " risk . Even where an Arborist assumes the role of "monitoring " trees, this is challenged in this case, where in part, there are still some unknowns as to *why* SBD occurs, and that it is not easy, or even possible, to define or predict future limb failures , and therefore the tree is an unmanageable asset.
- XV. Even where the risk of SBD is still considered low, the Arborist , in his professional judgement, feels that a preventative approach would be best suited on this site , where *no* amount of risk is considered acceptable, where frequency of use will be high.

6.0 Recommendations

- I. The Arborist supports the removal of T1-T7.
- II. The Park Ave verge can accommodate two (2) new advanced street tree plantings, at the developers cost, to suit Penrith Street Tree Master Plan.
- III. The Landscape Plan should also adequately compensate for the loss of tree canopy, with new small to medium sized trees in deep soil zones int ne rear, and in anterior common areas, where trees become communal assets and are subjected to a management regime. The replanting of Lemon scented gum is not endorsed.

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Appendix A

Tree Location Plan



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Appendix B

Photographs



Photo 1: Looking south at T1 in location



Photo 2:Northern perspective of the crown. Note the torn apical stem, per red arrow

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Photo 3: Looking east at T2 and T3 , in location



Photo 4: Looking south at T4, in location



Photo 5: Looking west at T5, in location

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Photo 6: Looking north at T6, in location



Photo 7: Looking north at T7, in location

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Photo 8 : Bark included failed stem in T7

Appendix C

Tree Assessment & Impacts Evaluation Table Notes									
Н	Height of tree (e	estimated)							
S	Spread of tree (estimated)							
Age	Y = Young EM = Early Matu	J= Juvenile f Jre	M= Mature	O=Over mature	S=Senescent				
Condition	G= Good	F=Fair F	P= Poor D=	Dead					
TREES AZ	Categorisation of	of trees with regards	to development						
	Refer to Append	<u>dix – Tree AZ</u>	<u> </u>						
Retention Value	H=High M=M	edium L=Low R=	Removal						
	(Refer to Appendix - Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS)©								
DBH	Diameter at Breast Height (estimated circumference of tree at approximately 1400mm)								
DAB	Diameter at Basal								
TPZ	Calculated area	Calculated area above and below ground at a radial distance form centre of trunk.							
	Exclusion zone f	or the protection of	tree roots and cr	own to ensure tre	ee viability				
SRZ	Calculated area below ground at a radial distance from centre trunk of tree, required								
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Setback	Calculated setba	ack for proposed wo	rks from tree, me	asured at centre	of trunk.				
Impacts/Incursion	Calculated degree of incursion								
	Nil	Low	Moderate	Significant	Total Loss				
	No impact	0%- 15%	15%- 25%	25%+	Lost to proposal				
Tree	Arborist commentary on tree location, health, structure and relationship to								
data/Impacts	development.								
Summary									

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CALCULATIONS

TPZ (Radius) = DBH X 12 SRZ (Radius) = $(D \times 50)^{0.42} \times 0.64$

- The Australian Standards provides a formula for calculating both the TPZ and SRZ. The TPZ is a combination of both root and crown area requiring protection for viable tree retention. Basically, it is the area isolated from construction disturbances. The TPZ incorporates the SRZ, the area required for tree stability.
- It should be noted that the TPZs have been calculated with the following in mind; tree characteristics, typography of the site and the TPZ reconfiguration allowance as stated in AS 4970-2009. (Refer to Appendix E for calculation methods of TPZ.) The Standards allow 10% of the radii from one edge of the TPZ to be offset and added to another edge whilst still maintaining total surface area required for TPZ
- TPZ of palms is calculated as no greater than 1m of its radial canopy span and no SRZ is calculated.
- TPZ and SRZ estimated only and cannot be relied on as accurate with trees on neighbouring properties

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Appendix E

IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) (IACA 2010)©

In the development of this document IACA acknowledges the contribution and original concept of the Footprint Green Tree Significance & Retention Value Matrix, developed by Footprint Green Pty Ltd in June 2001. The landscape significance of a tree is an essential criterion to establish the importance that a particular tree may have on a site. However, rating the significance of a tree becomes subjective and difficult to ascertain in a consistent and repetitive fashion due to assessor bias. It is therefore necessary to have a rating system utilising structured qualitative criteria to assist in determining the retention value for a tree. To assist this process all definitions for terms used in the *Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria* and *Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix*, are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009.

This rating system will assist in the planning processes for proposed works, above and below ground where trees are to be retained on or adjacent a development site. The system uses a scale of *High, Medium and Low significance* in the landscape. Once the landscape significance of an individual tree has been defined, the retention value can be determined. An example of its use in an Arboricultural report is shown as Appendix A.

Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria

1. High Significance in landscape

- The tree is in good condition and good vigour;
- The tree has a form typical for the species;
- The tree is a remnant or is a planted locally indigenous specimen and/or is rare or uncommon in the local area or of botanical interest or of substantial age;
- The tree is listed as a Heritage Item, Threatened Species or part of an Endangered ecological community or listed on Councils significant Tree Register;
- The tree is visually prominent and visible from a considerable distance when viewed from most directions within the landscape due to its size and scale and makes a positive contribution to the local amenity;
- The tree supports social and cultural sentiments or spiritual associations, reflected by the broader population or community group or has commemorative values;
- The tree's growth is unrestricted by above and below ground influences, supporting its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ tree is appropriate to the site conditions.

2. Medium Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-good condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form typical or atypical of the species
- The tree is a planted locally indigenous or a common species with its taxa commonly planted in the local area
- The tree is visible from surrounding properties, although not visually prominent as partially obstructed by other vegetation or buildings when viewed from the street,
- The tree provides a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree's growth is moderately restricted by above or below ground influences, reducing its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ.

3. Low Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-poor condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form atypical of the species;
- The tree is not visible or is partly visible from surrounding properties as obstructed by other vegetation or buildings,
- The tree provides a minor contribution or has a negative impact on the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree is a young specimen which may or may not have reached dimension to be protected by local Tree Preservation orders or similar protection mechanisms and can easily be replaced with a suitable specimen,
- The tree's growth is severely restricted by above or below ground influences, unlikely to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ tree is inappropriate to the site conditions,

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- The tree is listed as exempt under the provisions of the local Council Tree Preservation Order or similar protection mechanisms,
- The tree has a wound or defect that has potential to become structurally unsound. Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species
- The tree is an Environmental Pest Species due to its invasiveness or poisonous/ allergenic properties,
- The tree is a declared noxious weed by legislation.
- Hazardous/Irreversible Decline The tree is structurally unsound and/or unstable and is considered potentially dangerous, The tree is dead, or is in irreversible decline, or has the potential to fail or collapse in full or part in the immediate to short term.

The tree is to have a minimum of three (3) criteria in a category to be classified in that group.

Note: The assessment criteria are for individual trees only, however, can be applied to a monocultural stand in its entirety

Table 1.0 Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix

IACA, 2010, IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS), Institute of Australian Consulting Arboriculturists, Australia, <u>www.iaca.org.au</u>



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Appendix E

Tree AZ Categories (Version 10.10 ANZ)

Category Z: Unimportant trees not worthy of being a material constraint

Local policy exemptions: Trees that are unsuitable for legal protection for local policy reasons including size, proximity and species

- Z1 **Z2** Young or insignificant small trees, i.e. below the local size threshold for legal protection, etc
 - Too close to a building, i.e. exempt from legal protection because of proximity, etc
- **Z**3 Species that cannot be protected for other reasons, i.e. scheduled noxious weeds, out of character in a setting of acknowledged importance, etc

High risk of death or failure: Trees that are likely to be removed within 10 years because of acute health issues or severe

- **Z4** Dead, dying, diseased or declining
- Severe damage and/or structural defects where a high risk of failure cannot be satisfactorily reduced by 75 reasonable remedial care, i.e. cavities, decay, included bark, wounds, excessive imbalance, overgrown and vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, etc
- **Z6** Instability, i.e. poor anchorage, increased exposure, etc
- Excessive nuisance: Trees that are likely to be removed within 10 years because of unacceptable impact on people **Z**7 Excessive, severe and intolerable inconvenience to the extent that a locally recognized court or tribunal would be likely to authorize removal, i.e. dominance, debris, interference, etc
- **Z8** Excessive, severe and intolerable damage to property to the extent that a locally recognized court or tribunal would be likely to authorize removal, i.e. severe structural damage to surfacing and buildings, etc Good management: Trees that are likely to be removed within 10 years through responsible management of the tree population
- Severe damage and/or structural defects where a high risk of failure can be temporarily reduced by **Z9** reasonable remedial care, i.e. cavities, decay, included bark, wounds, excessive imbalance, vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, etc
- **Z10** Poor condition or location with a low potential for recovery or improvement, i.e. dominated by adjacent trees or buildings, poor architectural framework, etc
- **Z11** Removal would benefit better adjacent trees, i.e. relieve physical interference, suppression, etc
- Z12 Unacceptably expensive to retain, i.e. severe defects requiring excessive levels of maintenance, etc

NOTE: Z trees with a high risk of death/failure (Z4, Z5 & Z6) or causing severe inconvenience (Z7 & Z8) at the time of assessment and need an urgent risk assessment can be designated as ZZ. ZZ trees are likely to be unsuitable for retention and at the bottom of the categorization hierarchy. In contrast, although Z trees are not worthy of influencing new designs, urgent removal is not essential and they could be retained in the short term, if appropriate.

Category A: Important trees suitable for retention for more than 10 years and worthy of being a material constraint

- A1 No significant defects and could be retained with minimal remedial care
- A2 Minor defects that could be addressed by remedial care and/or work to adjacent trees
- **A3** Special significance for historical, cultural, commemorative or rarity reasons that would warrant extraordinarv efforts to retain for more than 10 years
- **A4** Trees that may be worthy of legal protection for ecological reasons (Advisory requiring specialist assessment)

NOTE: Category A1 trees that are already large and exceptional, or have the potential to become so with minimal maintenance, can be designated as AA at the discretion of the assessor. Although all A and AA trees are sufficiently important to be material constraints, AA trees are at the top of the categorization hierarchy and should be given the most weight in any selection process.

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Appendix F

Glossary of Terms

Taken from: Draper, D. B and Richards, P.A. (2009) Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments, CSIRO Publishing, Victoria, Australia

Arborist An individual with competence to cultivate, care and maintain trees from amenity or utility purposes.

Basal Proximal end of the trunk or branch, e.g. trunk wound extending to the ground is a basal wound, or as epicormic shoots arising from lignotuber

Branch failure The structural collapse of a branch that is physically weakened by wounding or from the actions of pests and diseases or overcome by loading forces in excess of its load – bearing capacity.

Buttress A flange of adaptive wood occurring at a junction of a trunk and root or trunk and branch in response to addition loading.

Callus wood Undifferentiated and unlignified wood that forms initially after wounding around the margins of a wound separating damaged existing wood from the later forming lignified wood or wound wood.

Canker A wound created by repeated localized killing of the vascular cambium and bark by wood decay fungi and bacteria usually marked by concentric disfiguration. The wound may appear as a depression as each successive growth increment develops around the lesion forming a wound margin (Shigo 1991, p. 140)

Canopy cover The amount of area of land covered by the lateral spread of the tree canopy, when viewed from above that land.

Codominant stem Two or more first order structural branches or lower order branches of similar dimensions arising from about the same position from a truck or stem.

Crown Of an individual tree all the parts arising above the trunk where it terminates by its division forming branches, e.g. the branches, leaves, flowers and fruits; or the total amount of foliage supported by the branches.

Decline The response of the tree to a reduction of energy levels resulting from stress. Recovery from a decline is difficult and slow, and decline is usually irreversible.

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) Measurement of a trunk width calculated at a given distance from above ground from the base of the tree often measured at 1.4m.

Dominance A tendency in a leading shoot to maintain a faster rate of apical elongation and expansion other than other nearby lateral shoots, and the tendency also for a tree to maintain a taller crown than its neighbours (Lonsdale 1999, p.313)

Dripline A line formed around the edge of a tree by the lateral extent of the crown.

Dynamic Load Loading force that is moving and changes over time, e.g. from wind movement (James 2003, p. 166)

Endemic A native plant usually with a restricted occurrence limited to a particular country, geographic region or area and often further confined to a specific habitat.

Epicormic Branch derived from an epicormic shoot

Frass The granular wood particles produced from borer insects and can be categorized as fine frass, medium frass, and coarse frass with the different types being of different sizes and caused by different insects.

Habitat tree A tree providing a niche supporting the life processes of a plant or animal

Hazard The threat of danger to people or property from a tree or tree part resulting from changes in the physical condition, growing environment, or existing physical attributes of the tree, e.g. included bark, soil erosion, or thorns or poisonous parts, respectively.

Included bark The bark on the inner side of the branch union, or in within a concave crotch that is unable to be lost from the tree and accumulates or is trapped by acutely divergent branches forming a compression fork

Indigenous A native plant usually with a broad distribution in a particular country, geographic region or area. See also Endemic, Locally indigenous and non-locally indigenous.

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In situ Occurring in its original place, e.g. soil level, remnant vegetation, the place from where a tree was transplanted, or where a tree is growing.

Irreversible decline The decline of a tree where it has progressively deteriorated to a point where no remedial works will be sufficient to prevent its demise , usually of poor form and low vigour.

Isolated tree A tree growing as a solitary specimen in an exposed location away from other trees as a result of natural or artificial causes and may be naturally occurring.

Kino The extractive polyphenols (tannins) formed in veins in a cambial zone as a defense in response to wounding in eucalypts. Often visible as an exudate when the kino veins rupture or are injured (Boland, *et al.* 2006, p. 691)

Lignotuber A woody tuber developed in the axils of the cotyledons.

Loading Weight that is carried, e.g. as bending stress on a branch.

Locally Indigenous A native plant as remnant vegetation, self-sown or planted in an area or region where it occurred originally.

Longevity Long lived, referring to a plant living for a long period of time.

Mechanical wound -Wound inflicted by abrasion, by mechanical device

Naturalised A plant introduced from another country or region to a place where it was not previously indigenous where it has escaped from agriculture or horticulture or as a garden escape and has sustained itself unassisted and given rise to successive generations of viable progeny.

Necrotic Dead area of tissue that may be localized e.g. on leaves, branches, bark or roots

Negligence With regard to trees , failure to take reasonable care to prevent hazardous situations from occurring which may result in injury to people or damage to property (Lonsdale 1999, p. 317)

Noxious weed A plant species of any taxa declared a weed by legislation. Treatment for the control or eradication of such weeds is usually prescribed by legislation...

Remnant A plant /s of any taxa and their progeny as part of the floristics of the recognised endemic ecological community remaining in a given location after alteration of the site or its modification or fragmentation by activities on that land or on adjacent land

Useful Life Expectancy (ULE) A system used to determine the time a tree can be expected to be usefully retained

Shedding - Shedding of plant organs when it is mature or aged, by the formation of a corky layer across its base. This may be influenced by stress, drought, senescence, declining condition, reduced vigour and also occurs

Stability Resistance to change especially from loading forces or physical modifications to a trees growing environment

Stress A factor in a plants environment that can have adverse impacts on its life processes e.g. altered soil conditions, root damage, toxicity, drought or water logging. The impact t of stress may be reversible given good arboricultural practices that may lead to plant decline.

Structural defect A weak point in or on a tree causing its structural deterioration diminishing its stability in full or part

Structural integrity The ability of a load bearing part of a tree, and its resistance to loading forces

Structural roots- Roots supporting the infrastructure of the root plate providing strength and stability of the tree.

Symbiotic An association between different species usually but not always mutually beneficial.

Termite leads Tunnels of mud on the stem and between the bark created by termites that may be active or inactive.

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) A combination of RPZ and CPZ as an area around the tree set aside for the protection of a tree and a sufficient proportion of its growing environment above and below ground established prior to demolition or construction and maintained until the completion of works to allow for its viable retention including stability.

Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) A visual inspection of a tree from the ground. Such assessment should only be undertaken by suitably competent practitioners.

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This report has been compiled using knowledge & expertise relating to trees, and makes recommendations based on this. It should be noted that trees are affected by many elements, environmental and situational, some of which cannot be predicted or foreseen even by Qualified Arborists.

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared by Hemanote Consultants to assess the traffic and parking implications for the proposed new age boarding house development at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood, for sixty-four (64) self-contained boarding rooms, over two basement parking levels.

This report is to be read in conjunction with the architectural plans prepared by CK Design (reduced copy of the plans is attached in Appendix 'A' of this report) and submitted to Penrith City Council as part of a Development Application.

This report is set as follows:

- Section 2: Description of the existing site location and its use;
- Section 3: Description of existing traffic conditions near the subject site;
- Section 4: Description of the proposal, vehicular access and on-site parking provision, layout and circulation;
- Section 5: Assessment of the on-street parking conditions and utilisation near the subject site; and impacts on parking;
- Section 6: Assessment of impacts on traffic near the subject site; and
- Section 7: Outlines conclusions.

2 EXISTING SITE DESCRIPTION

> Site Location

The site is located on the northern side of Park Avenue at properties No. 27-28 (legally known as Lots 11 and 12 of DP29528) within the suburb of Kingswood. The site has a frontage of approximately 32 metres to Park Avenue from the south. Refer to Figure 1 for a site locality map.



Figure 1: Site Locality Map

> Existing Site & Surrounding Land Use

The subject site has an area of 1,680m² and is currently occupied by single residential dwellings. It is located in a mainly residential area, characterised by residential dwellings, as well as retail and commercial sites on the other side of the railway line. The site is also located approximately 850 metres from Kingswood Railway Station.



Photo 1: The frontage of the subject site to Park Avenue

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3 EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

3.1 Road Network and Classification

Park Avenue is a local collector road that runs in an east to west direction, between Heath Street (local road) to the east and Richmond Road (local road) to the west. It intersects with Walter Street and Heath Street near the subject site.

3.2 Road Description and Traffic Control

Park Avenue has a two-way undivided carriageway with a width between kerbs of approximately 11 metres. This carriageway generally provides one travel lane per direction, with on-street parking available on both sides of the road. At present, unrestricted parking is permitted on both sides of Park Avenue, including the frontage of the subject site.

The legal speed limit on Park Avenue is 50km/h. Park Avenue intersects with Walter Street and is controlled by a T-priority, given to traffic travelling along Park Avenue.



Figure 2: Aerial photo of the subject site

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Photo 2: Park Avenue near the subject site - facing east



Photo 3: Park Avenue near the subject site - facing west

3.3 Current Traffic Flows

A traffic volume count was undertaken by Hemanote Consultants on Park Avenue in front of the subject site on Wednesday 24 March 2021, during the morning period (7.00am to 9.00am) and afternoon period (3.00pm to 6.00pm), considering traffic peak periods.

The current traffic flows in the morning & afternoon peak are shown in Table 1 below.

Traffic movement	Morning Peak Hour (Vehicles Per Hour)	Evening Peak Hour (Vehicles Per Hour)					
	7.30am – 8.30am	5.00pm – 6.00pm					
Park Avenue							
Eastbound	182	190					
Westbound	175	184					

Table 1: Current Peak traffic flows in the vicinity of the subject site (on a typical weekday)

The results of the traffic volume counts undertaken determined that the traffic morning peak period on Park Avenue was between 7.30am to 8.30am and the afternoon peak period was between 5.00pm to 6.00pm on a typical weekday.

The current traffic flows on Park Avenue near the subject site are typical for a local collector road in a mainly residential area near a railway station, where traffic is free flowing without major queuing or delays in peak hours, with spare capacity.

It is determined that the existing mid-block level of service on Park Avenue near the subject site is at level 'A', in accordance with Table 4.4 of the Roads & Maritime Services' *"Guide to Traffic Generating Developments - 2002"* (shown below) where peak hour flow is less than 200 vehicles/hr/direction.

Level of Service	One Lane (veh/hr)	Two Lanes (veh/hr)
A	200	900
В	380	1400
С	600	1800
D	900	2200
E	1400	2800

Table 4.4: Urban road peak hour flows per direction RMS Guide)

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3.4 Existing Transportation Services

The subject site has good access to existing public transport services in the form of trains and buses. The site is located approximately 850 metres from Kingswood Railway Station.

Frequent bus services operate along Park Avenue, Victoria Street, Burton Street, Oxford Street, Richmond Road, William Street, Francis Street, Rugby Street, Charles Sturt Drive, Heavy Street, John Oxley Avenue, Wrench Street and Cambridge Street in close proximity of the subject site (i.e. bus routes 780, 782 and 785).



Figure 3: Bus services near the subject site (Bus route 785)

4 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Description of the proposal

The proposed development is for the demolition of the existing residential dwellings located at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kingswood, and the construction of a new age boarding house with on-site basement parking.

The proposed development will include the following:

- A new age boarding house containing a total of sixty-four (64) self-contained boarding rooms (including 6 accessible rooms) allocated for the use of residents, in addition to a manager's room.
- A total of thirty-two (32) on-site car parking spaces (9 spaces in upper basement level and 23 spaces in lower basement level), including 6 accessible car spaces & adjacent shared areas, in addition to 13 motorcycle spaces (11 spaces in upper basement level and 2 spaces in lower basement level) and 13 bicycle storage spaces located in lower basement level.

Refer to *Appendix 'A'* for the proposed development plans.

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4.2 Vehicular & Pedestrian Access

The vehicular access to and from the off-street basement car parking levels will be via an existing access driveway located towards the south-eastern corner of the site, in Park Avenue. The proposed access driveway is to be widened to 6.2 metres, which is adequate for a low volume (Category 1) access driveway in accordance with AS2890.1:2004 – Table 3.2.

The access driveway is to provide two-way vehicular movements, where two vehicles can pass each other at the same time without causing delays or congestion to traffic on the street. The proposed access driveway is located more than 6 metres from the tangent point of the adjacent kerbline, in accordance with Figure 3.1 of AS2890.1:2004.

Vehicular access is to be located and constructed in accordance with the requirements of AS2890.1:2004, where vehicles enter and exit the site in a forward direction at all times.

The existing vehicular crossing located in Park Avenue towards the south-western corner of the site is to be made redundant and replaced with new kerb, gutter and footpath, to be constructed to Council specifications.

The clear sight line triangle (2.5m x 2m) between the driver's eye view and pedestrians is to be provided on the exit side of the driveway, as per Figure 3.3 of AS2890.1:2004. A separate pedestrian access gate is also provided at the front of the site, to segregate pedestrians and vehicles and improve safety within the site.

4.3 On-site Parking Provision

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) ARHSEPP 2009 requires car parking to be provided at a rate of 0.5 car parking spaces for each boarding room for a development in an accessible area. The subject site is located in an accessible area as it is situated approximately 850 metres walking distance of a railway station and approximately 400 metres walking distance of a bus stop on a bus route. The ARHSEPP 2009 also requires parking for motorcycles and bicycles to be provided at a rate of 1 space per 5 boarding rooms.

Parking requirements	Car/ motorcycle/ bicycle parking rate	Proposed boarding rooms	Parking required	Total parking required	Total parking proposed
Boarding House Developments					
Car parking	1 per 2 boarding rooms		32	32	32
Motorcycle parking	1 per 5 boarding rooms	64	12.8	13	13
Bicycle parking	1 per 5 boarding rooms		12.8	13	13
			Total	58	58
Compliance with off-street parking					Yes

Table 2: On-site car, motorcycle & bicycle parking requirements and provision

The proposed boarding house for a total of 64 boarding rooms would, therefore require thirty-two (32) on-site car parking spaces, in addition to thirteen (13) motorcycle spaces and thirteen (13) bicycle storage spaces.

The proposed development provides a total of thirty-two (32) on-site car parking spaces (9 spaces in upper basement level and 23 spaces in lower basement level), including 6 accessible car spaces & adjacent shared areas, in addition to 13 motorcycle spaces (11 spaces in upper basement level and 2 spaces in lower basement level) and 13 bicycle storage spaces located in lower basement level.

Therefore, the on-site car, bicycle and motorcycle parking proposed is adequate for the proposed development and in compliance with ARHSEPP 2009 requirements.

4.4 On-site Parking Layout and Circulation

The layout of the on-site car parking area and manoeuvring arrangements has been designed to enhance vehicular and pedestrian access, where vehicles enter and exit the site in a forward direction, through the provision of adequate internal aisle width and turning space.

AS2890.1:2004 Parking facilities Part 1: Off-street car parking requires a minimum parking space width of 2.4 meters (for User Class 1A residential parking) and a minimum length of 5.4 meters. The proposed off-street car spaces have a minimum clear width of 2.4 metres and a minimum length of 5.4 meters each, which is adequate.

The accessible car parking spaces have a width of 2.4 metres, in addition to adjacent 2.4 metres wide shared area, which is adequate in accordance with AS2890.6:2009.

An extension at the blind aisle has been provided beyond the last parking spaces in accordance with Clause 2.4.2(c) of AS2890.1:2004. Car parking spaces adjacent to walls or obstructions have been made wider than the minimum width, to accommodate full door opening in accordance with Clause 2.4.2(d) of AS2890.1:2004.

Clause 2.4.2 of AS2890.1:2004 requires a minimum aisle width of 5.8 metres for twoway aisles, adjacent to 90° angle parking. The proposed aisles have a minimum width of 6 metres, which is adequate for two-way traffic and manoeuvring into and out of parking spaces.

A 4.3 metres wide turning bay is provided towards the rear of the upper basement level, to allow vehicles to turn around within a maximum three-point-turn, if all other car parking spaces are occupied and exit the site in a forward direction.

The ramp to the upper basement level has a clear width of 5.5 metres, in addition to a 300mm wide kerb on either side and has a grade of 1:20 (5%) for the first 5.3 metres within the site. It has a maximum grade of 1:6.5 (15.4%) with changes in grade of 8.3% for 4 metres at either end of the ramp, to prevent vehicle scraping.

The ramp to the lower basement level has a minimum clear width of 5.5 metres, in addition to a 300mm wide kerb on either side and has a maximum grade of 1:5 (20%) with changes in grade of 10% for 2 metres at either end of the ramp, to prevent vehicle scraping.

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A minimum 2.2 metres headroom clearance is to be generally provided from the car park basement levels to the underside of all services conduits and suspended stormwater pipelines, in accordance with Clause 5.3.1 of AS2890.1:2004. A "Maximum Clearance 2.2m Height" sign is to be erected at the entrance to the basement car park area and is to be clearly visible to all drivers. A minimum 2.5 meters headroom clearance is to be provided above the accessible parking spaces and the adjacent shared zones in accordance with Clause 2.4 of AS2890.6:2009. A headroom clearance of 3.1 metres is provided at the entrance to the upper basement and leading up to the loading bay and truck turning area.

Traffic convex mirrors are to be installed at the vehicular ramps (as shown on the basement plans), to provide drivers with further assistance with viewing oncoming traffic.

All vehicular manoeuvring within the site has been designed and checked using the HRV, B99 and B85 design vehicle turning paths from AS2890.1:2004, AS2890.2:2018 and Austroads. Refer to the vehicle swept paths diagrams attached in Appendix 'B' of this report.

Therefore, the car parking layout and circulation are adequate in accordance with AS2890.1:2004, AS2890.6:2009 and AS2890.2:2018, where vehicles are to enter and exit the site in a forward direction at all times.

Waste Collection

All waste storage is to take place within the dedicated garbage storage area located in basement 1 level. Waste Bins will be collected by a private waste contractor within the loading bay located in the upper basement level, using a Heavy Rigid Vehicle (HRV – 9.7 metres long truck as shown below). A truck turntable (11 metres in diameter) is provided in front of the loading bay to ensure trucks can enter and exit the site in a forward direction. Refer to the truck swept path plans attached in Appendix 'B' of this report.

2.3.1 Low Entry Heavy Rigid Waste Collection Vehicle

Vehicle Classifications	Heavy Rigid Vehicle Dimensions		
Overall Length (m)	9.7		
Operational Length (m)	11.7		
Design Width (m)	2.8		
Design Height (m)	3.1		
Swept Circle (m)	17.0		
Clearance (travel height) (m)	3.5		
Roadway/ramp grade (max)	1:6.5 (15.4%)		
Rate of change of grade (max)	1:12 (8.3%) in 4.0m of travel		
Gross Weight (max tonnes)	28.0		
Front Chassis Clearance	13°		
Rear Chassis Clearance	16°		

Table 1: Standard dimensions in accordance with AS 2890.2



Figure 1: 9.7m Heavy Rigid Rear Load Waste Collection Vehicle specifications

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5 ON-STREET PARKING PROVISION

5.1 Existing Parking Controls

The subject site is located in a mainly residential area, where unrestricted parking is permitted on both sides of Park Avenue, including the frontage of the subject site.

5.2 Impacts of Proposed Development on Parking

The parking demand resulting from the boarding house development can be accommodated within the proposed adequate and compliant on-site car, bicycle and motorcycle parking spaces. The subject site has good access to existing public transport in the form of train and bus services.

Therefore, the proposed development will not have adverse impacts on parking in the surrounding area.

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6 EXTERNAL TRAFFIC IMPACT

An indication of the potential traffic generation of the proposed development is provided by the RMS *Guide to Traffic Generating Development - 2002*.

The Guide specifies the following traffic generation rates for high density residential developments:

- 1.52 daily vehicle trips per dwelling,
- 0.19 AM peak hour vehicle trips per dwelling, and
- 0.15 PM peak hour vehicle trips per dwelling.

Therefore, the proposed development with sixty-four (64) boarding rooms has an estimated traffic generation as follows:

- 98 daily vehicle trips (In and Out trips).
- 13 AM peak hour vehicle trips (In and Out trips).
- 10 <u>PM peak hour vehicle trips (In and Out trips)</u>.

The estimated peak hour traffic generation from the proposed development is of low impact on existing flows on Park Avenue and surrounding streets. The traffic generated by the proposed boarding house development can be readily accommodated within the existing road network.

The potential increase in the number of vehicle movements in and about Park Avenue and adjacent streets is minor and will not have adverse impacts on the amenity of the area.

7 CONCLUSION

It can be concluded from the traffic and parking impact assessment that the proposed boarding house development at 27-28 Park Avenue, Kimgswood will not have adverse impacts on existing traffic or parking conditions and is worthy of Council's support in its current form.

- The current traffic flows on Park Avenue are typical for a local road in a mainly residential area near a railway station, with free-flowing traffic without major queuing or delay in peak traffic periods, with spare capacity.
- The estimated peak hour traffic generation is of low impact on existing flows on Park Avenue and the surrounding road network. The traffic generated by the proposed boarding house development can be readily accommodated within the existing road network.
- The potential increase in the number of vehicle movements in and about Park Avenue and adjacent streets will not have adverse impacts on the amenity of the area.
- The parking demand resulting from the proposed boarding house development can be easily accommodated within the proposed adequate off-street car, motorcycle and bicycle parking, which is in compliance with ARHSEPP 2009 requirements.
- The subject site has excellent access to existing public transport services in the form of regular train and bus services.
- The proposed development will not have adverse impacts on parking in the surrounding area.

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Appendix A – Proposed Development Plans

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Appendix B – Vehicle Swept Paths

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