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STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

**Proposed Alterations and Additions to an
Existing Dwelling & the installation of a Pool**

at

**No 32 Edgecliffe Boulevard Collaroy
Plateau**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This statement of environmental effects has been prepared to accompany a development application, which is being submitted to Northern Beaches Council. The applicant seeks development consent to undertake the following development on land known as No 32 Edgecliffe Boulevard Collaroy Plateau:

- Construct a new swimming pool and spa along the northern side of the dwelling:
- Undertake Ground level alterations to the dwelling to include:
 - Clad the existing dwelling.
 - Extend part of the dwelling frontage by reducing the front portico.
 - Demolish several internal walls to create an open plan living room, dining room and kitchen area.
 - Construct new internal walls to create a new front entrance area, a bathroom, study, butler's pantry and laundry room.
 - Extend and attach the existing garage to create direct access from the garage into the dwelling.
 - Create a covered Alfresco area at the rear of the dwelling.
- Upper level alterations to the existing dwelling include:
 - Demolish some internal walls to create a new lounge room area opening out onto an extended front deck; and
 - Construct several internal walls to create an improved walk in robe and ensuite to the master bedroom, two additional bedrooms and a bathroom.

The proposal has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Warringah Development Control Plan 2011. This statement of environmental effects is intended to assist Northern Beaches Council in its assessment of the development application and includes;

- A description of the site and the locality and a description of the proposed development;

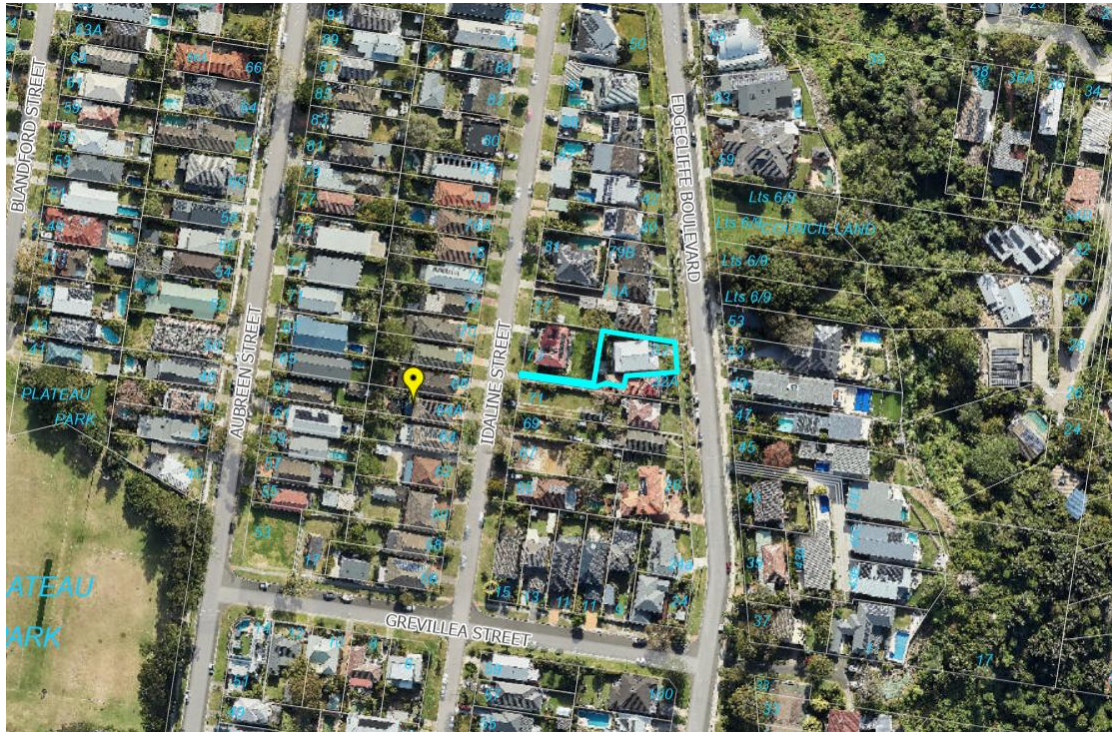
- A description of the statutory framework in which the development application will be assessed inclusive of the local planning instruments; and
- The provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and conclusions in respect of the proposed development.

This statement of environmental effects should be considered in conjunction with the development plans prepared by *bettswhite home design*.

2.0 SITE AND CONTEXT

2.1 Subject Site

The subject site comprises of an irregular-shaped allotment situated on the western side of Edgecliffe Boulevard. The property is known as No 32 Edgecliffe Boulevard, Collaroy Plateau and is legally identified as Lot 51 in DP 847985.



Locality Plan

The subject site is irregular in shape and vehicle access to the property is gained via a battleaxe handle from the rear in Idaline Street. The subject property has one garage space with a common wall with the adjoining dwelling to the south. The vehicle access is via a shared right of way favouring both properties. The subject site is elevated across the frontage and sits on the high side of the street. There is a minor fall towards the frontage of the property. The subject site has a total area of approximately **563.9m²**. A signed survey plan is included with the development plans.

The existing dwelling consists of a two storey brick residence with a metal roof with a rear single garage. The existing dwelling is in good condition and is typical of the prevailing development pattern in the locality which consists

of large two storey dwellings seeking to take advantage of the sweeping coastal views to the east.

A sewer main traverses the property adjacent to the northern side boundary. The existing sewer main will require concrete encasing to allow for the construction of the proposed swimming pool over it. An easement for drainage runs across the front yard of the property seemingly in favour of the adjoining dwelling to the south.



View of the existing dwelling

The building is not listed under the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 as having any heritage significance nor is it in the immediate vicinity of any items of heritage significance.

The applicant does not propose to alter the existing drainage arrangements as the proposed works are effectively contained within the footprint of the existing dwelling.

No significant trees require removal to facilitate the proposed development. Ample green space exists around the dwelling to assist with natural absorption of stormwater.

2.2 Site Context

The subject site is situated within an established precinct characterised by a large two and three storey buildings interspersed with older single storey dwellings. The buildings in the precinct are generally well presented.

Existing development on the immediately adjoining properties comprises of the following:

- Adjoining the subject site to the south is a similar scale two storey brick and clad dwelling with a tiled roof known as No. 30 Edgecliffe Boulevard. This dwelling is reasonably well setback from the common boundary and it is noted that the two dwellings are orientated away from one another ensuring there is reasonable separation exists between buildings. The proposed works will not add to the scale and bulk of the dwelling and as such will have no impact on this adjoining property in terms of overshadowing or loss of privacy.



View of the adjoining southern property

- Adjoining the subject site to the north is a two-storey clad residence with a tiled roof known as No 34 Edgecliffe Boulevard. This adjoining dwelling is reasonably setback from the subject site and is slightly orientated away from the subject dwelling. The proposed swimming pool will adjoin the common boundary between the two dwellings. It is proposed to include a landscaped privacy screen between the properties ensuring adequate levels of privacy will be maintained. As the proposed works will not add to the bulk and scale of the dwelling and are contained within the existing building footprint there will be no additional issues relating to privacy or overshadowing of the adjoining property.



View of the adjoining northern dwelling

The proposed works will not obstruct views as they are contained within the existing dwelling footprint with no proposal to increase the height of the dwelling.

The subject site is situated on the high side of the street positioned on top of a sandstone road verge and enjoys substantive ocean and district views to the east across the rooflines of the dwellings opposite.

The precinct is reasonably well serviced by public transport and recreational facilities with bus services to Manly and the City nearby. The enhancement of the existing floor space on-site and the provision of additional recreation facilities in the form of a pool is therefore consistent with urban renewal initiatives.

3.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The applicant seeks development consent to undertake the following at No 2 Orara Road, Allambie Heights:

- Construct a new swimming pool and spa along the northern side of the dwelling:
- Undertake Ground level alterations to the dwelling to include:
 - Clad the existing dwelling.
 - Extend part of the dwelling frontage by reducing the front portico.
 - Demolish several internal walls to create an open plan living room, dining room and kitchen area.
 - Construct new internal walls to create a new front entrance area, a bathroom, study, butler's pantry and laundry room.
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3.1 Design Approach

The proposed alterations are required to provide most needed quality internal living space to meet the needs of the residents. The proposed works essentially amount to a more efficient use of space within the dwelling inclusive of improved balcony and outdoor spaces. The proposed pool will provide additional private recreation opportunities on site.

The proposed façade of the dwelling is to be renovated with the addition of cladding to enhance the appearance of the dwelling. The proposed cladding will complement the overall appearance of the dwelling.

In the context of the precinct the subject dwelling will maintain a uniform and proportionate appearance relative to other dwellings when viewed from the street frontage.

The design solution ensures that privacy issues are well resolved through design.

There will be no additional shadows cast because of the proposed development given that most of the work is contained within the existing dwelling.

The existing separation between dwellings coupled with the improvements contained within the existing dwelling footprint will ensure that privacy and overshadowing issues are well resolved.

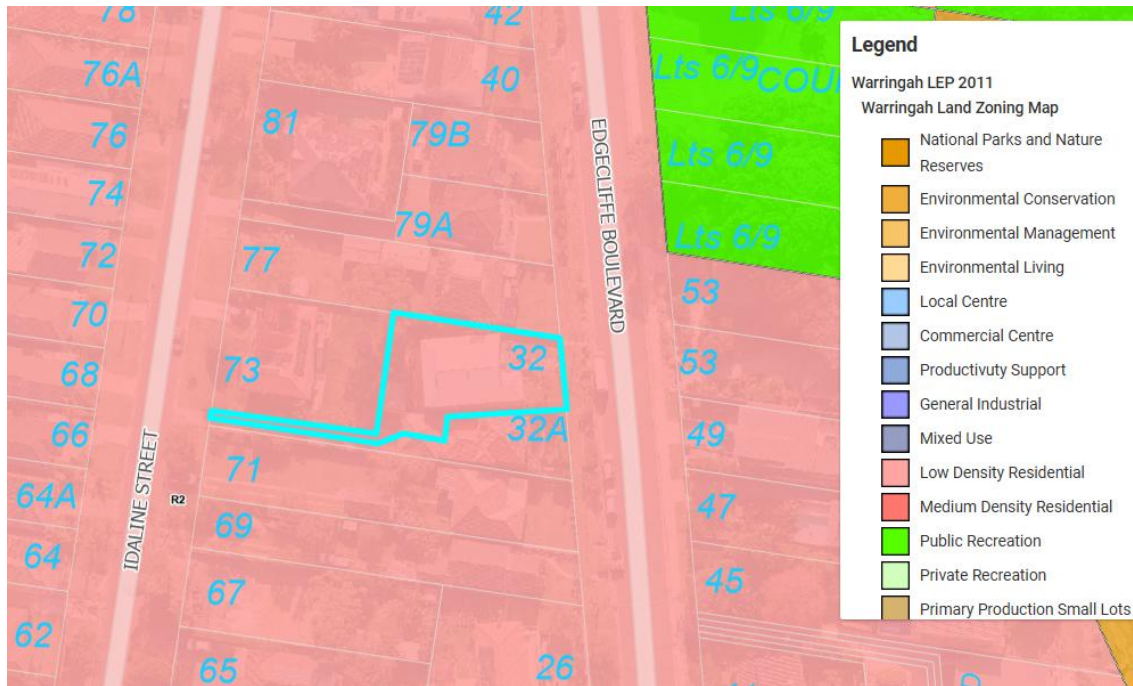


Artists Impression of the Proposed Development

4.0 WARRINGAH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011

4.1 Zoning and Zone Objectives

The subject land is zoned **R2 Low Density Residential** pursuant to Warringah LEP 2011.



Land Zoning Extract – R2 Low Density Residential

A dwelling is defined to mean *a room or suite of rooms occupied or used or so constructed or adapted as to be capable of being occupied or used as a separate domicile.*

The proposed works are ancillary to a dwelling and complies with the above definitions. The proposal is permissible in the zone with development consent.

The specified zone objectives for the R2 zone are as follows:

- *To provide for the housing needs of the community 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 ensure that low density residential environments are characterised by landscaped settings that are in harmony with the natural environment of Warringah.*

Comment:

An assessment of the proposal against the zone objectives indicates that the zone objectives can be met.

The salient elements of this assessment follow:

- The proposed development provides an enhanced level of amenity to the residents on-site. No change in intensification of the use of the dwelling is proposed thus maintaining the existing residential environment. The subject site will continue to benefit from quality green space on-site.
- The issues of external amenity and the relationship of the development to the adjoining properties have been addressed previously in this statement of environmental effects. The proposal is appropriate in this regard.
- The urban design, streetscape and residential character issues relating to the development of the site have also previously been considered, the proposal is appropriate in respect of such considerations.
- The proposed development will contribute to the quality of housing stock in the precinct through enhancing the appearance and act as a catalyst for future home improvements in the immediate area. The proposal will be consistent with desired future development character of the locality and will establish an appropriate form of housing, which is in harmony with the environment.
- There is no proposal to carry out other land use activities.

Having regard to the above, the proposal is consistent with the zone objectives and represents a form of development that by virtue of the objectives is encouraged in the locality.

4.3 Relevant Clauses of the LEP

Clause 4.3 of the LEP sets a maximum **height** for development in accordance with the Building Height Map. The building height map specifies a maximum height limit within the R2 zone of 8.5m.

Comment:

The proposed works on-site are contained below the roof of the existing dwelling and there will be no increase in the building height.

Clause 4.4 of the LEP relates to **Floor Space Ratio**.

Comment:

There is no floor space ratio control applicable to the site.

Clause 4.6 relates to **Exceptions to development standards**.

Comment:

It is not proposed to rely on Clause 4.6 as part of this application.

Clause 6.1 of the LEP relates to **Acid Sulphate Soils**.

Comment:

The subject site is not subject to acid sulphate soil consideration. Accordingly acid sulphate soils do not constitute a constraint to the development of the subject site.

Clause 6.2 of the LEP relates to **Earthworks**.

Comment:

Minimal earthworks are proposed as the swimming pool and spa given will be elevated to be clear of the sewer line. It is understood that Sydney Water will also require consideration of the proposal.

The applicant will abide by any conditions of consent in relation to erosion and sediment control.

Clause 6.3 of the LEP relates to **Flood planning**.

The subject site is not flood affected.

Clause 6.4 of the LEP relates to Development on sloping land and states the following:

- 1. The objectives of this clause are as follows:*

- a. to avoid significant adverse impacts on development and on properties in the vicinity of development sites resulting from landslides originating either on or near sloping land,*
 - b. to ensure the impacts of storm water runoff from development on or near sloping land are minimised so as to not adversely affect the stability of the subject and surrounding land,*
 - c. to ensure subsurface flows are not adversely affected by development so as to not impact on the stability of existing or adjoining land.*
- 2. This clause applies to land shown as Area A, Area B, Area C, Area D and Area E on the Landslip Risk Map.*
- 3. Development consent must not be granted to development on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that:*
 - a. the application for development has been assessed for the risk associated with landslides in relation to both property and life, and*
 - b. the development will not cause significant detrimental impacts because of stormwater discharge from the development site, and*
 - c. the development will not impact on or affect the existing subsurface flow conditions.*

Comment:

The subject site is situated just within a Landslip Area A with slopes of less than 5 degrees.

The existing dwelling has resisted movement over the years and the building platform is relatively level. The existing building footprint will not be increased and the proposed swimming pool will be appropriately engineered to resist any movement.

The works are essentially minor and will not disturb the existing terrain. The proposed works will have no influence on existing water flows.

5.0 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2011

Warringah Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011 was adopted by Council on 12th May 2010 and came into effect on 9th November 2010.

The DCP applies to all land within the Warringah Local Government Area (LGA) and provides complimentary controls and considerations to the Warringah Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011.

The DCP is to be read in conjunction with LEP 2011.

The DCP contains 4 relevant parts relating to built form controls, siting factors, design and the natural environment.

5.1 Context and Site Analysis

A site analysis plan accompanies the architectural plans. A written analysis of the site and context supplements the site analysis plan under section 2 of this statement of environmental effects.

Part B - Built Form Control Objectives

B1 Wall Height

Objectives

- *To minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation purposes.*
- *To ensure development is generally beneath the existing tree canopy level.*
- *To provide a reasonable sharing of views to and from public and private properties.*
- *To minimise the impact of development on adjoining or nearby properties.*
- *To ensure that development responds to site topography and to discourage excavation of the natural landform.*
- *To provide sufficient scope for innovative roof pitch and variation in roof design.*

Requirements

1. Walls are not to exceed 7.2 metres from ground level (existing) to the underside of the ceiling on the uppermost floor of the building (excluding habitable areas wholly located within a roof space).

Exceptions

This control may be varied for land shown on DCP Wall Height Map on sites with slopes greater than 20% within the building footprint (measured at the base of the external walls), provided the building:

- does not exceed the 8.5 metre height development standard;*
- is designed and located to minimise bulk and scale; and*
- has a minimal visual impact when viewed from the downslope sides of the land.*

Comment:

It is not proposed to increase the existing wall height of the dwelling on the upper level. Compliance is achieved.

B2 Number of Storeys*Objectives*

- To ensure development does not visually dominate its surrounds.*
- To minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation purposes.*
- To provide equitable sharing of views to and from public and private properties.*
- To ensure a reasonable level of amenity is provided and maintained to adjoining and nearby properties.*
- To provide sufficient scope for innovative roof pitch and variation in roof design.*
- To complement the height of buildings control in the LEP with a number of storeys control.*

Comment:

The Number of Storeys DCP map does not indicate a maximum number of storeys applying to the subject site.

B3 Side Boundary Envelope

Objectives

- *To ensure that development does not become visually dominant by virtue of its height and bulk.*
- *To ensure adequate light, solar access and privacy by providing spatial separation between buildings.*
- *To ensure that development responds to the topography of the site.*

Requirements

1. *Buildings on land shown coloured on the DCP Map Side Boundary Envelopes must be sited within a building envelope determined by projecting planes at 45 degrees from a height above ground level (existing) at the side boundaries of:*
 - *4 metres, or*
 - *5 metres**as identified on the map.*

Comment:

It is not proposed to alter the existing width or height of the dwelling. Accordingly, the proposed works will have no impact on the existing side boundary building envelope.

The existing dwelling maintains compliant side setbacks and the proposal is of a domestic scale, which is complimentary and in keeping with the existing surrounding built environment.

B4 Site Coverage

Objectives

- *To provide opportunities for the provision of landscaping and the enhancement of existing native vegetation.*
- *To minimise the bulk and scale of development.*
- *To reduce the stormwater runoff, preventing soil erosion and siltation of the natural drainage network.*
- *To limit impervious areas and encourage natural drainage into the sub-surface.*

Comment:

The proposed development will retain landscaped deep soil opportunities on-site. The proposed works are effectively contained within the footprint of the dwelling. Ample green space exists on-site and the proposed development will have no adverse impacts on the streetscape.

No change is proposed to the existing drainage arrangements on-site.

B5 Side Boundary Setbacks

Objectives

- *To provide opportunities for deep soil landscape areas.*
- *To ensure that development does not become visually dominant.*
- *To ensure that the scale and bulk of buildings is minimised.*
- *To provide adequate separation between buildings to ensure a reasonable level of privacy, amenity and solar access is maintained.*
- *To provide reasonable sharing of views to and from public and private properties.*

Comment:

The proposed works are contained within the footprint of the existing dwelling. The existing side boundary setbacks are therefore maintained and considered compliant. The proposed swimming pool is to be appropriately setback from the northern side boundary. Planting is to be used to screen the pool area from the adjoining property given its elevated nature.

B7 Front Boundary Setbacks

Objectives

- *To create a sense of openness.*
- *To maintain the visual continuity and pattern of buildings and landscape elements.*
- *To protect and enhance the visual quality of streetscapes and public spaces.*
- *To achieve reasonable view sharing.*

Comment:

No encroachment into the front setback is proposed. No change is proposed within the front building alignment.

B9 Rear Boundary Setbacks

Objectives

- *To ensure opportunities for deep soil landscape areas are maintained.*
- *To create a sense of openness in rear yards.*
- *To preserve the amenity of adjacent land, particularly relating to privacy between buildings.*
- *To maintain the existing visual continuity and pattern of buildings, rear gardens and landscape elements.*
- *To provide opportunities to maintain privacy between dwellings.*

Comment:

The rear boundary setback is not proposed to be altered as part of this application.

Part C - Siting Factors

C1 Subdivision

Comment: Not applicable.

C2 Traffic Access and Safety

Objectives

To minimise:

- *traffic hazards;*
- *vehicles queuing on public roads*
- *the number of vehicle crossings in a street;*
- *traffic, pedestrian and cyclist conflict;*
- *interference with public transport facilities; and*
- *the loss of “on street” kerbside parking.*

Comment:

The subject site presently accommodates 1 on-site car spaces situated at the rear of the dwelling and within an existing single garage. It is proposed to increase the width of the exiting garage as the existing area to improve access and manoeuvrability.

C3 Parking Facilities

Objectives

- *To provide adequate off street car parking.*
- *To site and design parking facilities (including garages) to have minimal visual impact on the street frontage or other public place.*
- *To ensure that parking facilities (including garages) are designed so as not to dominate the street frontage or other public spaces.*

Comment:

It is not proposed to alter the existing parking arrangements on site other than to widen the existing garage.

C4 Stormwater

Objectives

- *To ensure the appropriate management of stormwater.*
- *To ensure the appropriate management of stormwater.*
- *To minimise the quantity of stormwater run-off.*
- *To incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design techniques and On-Site Stormwater Detention (OSD) Technical Specification into all new developments.*
- *To ensure the peak discharge rate of stormwater flow from new development is no greater than the Permitted Site Discharge (PSD).*

Comment:

No change is proposed to the existing drainage arrangements on-site.

C5 Erosion and Sediment Control

Objectives

- *To reduce the potential for soil erosion and adverse sedimentation impacts upon the environment.*
- *To prevent the migration of sediment off the site onto any waterway, drainage systems, public reserves, road reserve, bushland or adjoining private lands.*
- *To prevent any reduction in water quality downstream of the development site.*

Comment:

Appropriate measures will be undertaken during construction of the pool so as to minimise disruption to surrounding residents and the natural environment. The applicant will abide by appropriate conditions of consent in this regard.

C6 Building Over or Adjacent to Constructed Council's Drainage Easements

Objectives

- *To ensure efficient construction, replacement, maintenance or access for emergency purposes to constructed public drainage systems located within private property.*

Comment: Not applicable.

C7 Excavation and Landfill

Objectives

- *To ensure any land excavation or fill work will not have an adverse effect upon the visual and natural environment or adjoining and adjacent properties.*
- *To require that excavation and landfill does not create airborne pollution.*
- *To preserve the integrity of the physical environment.*
- *To maintain and enhance visual and scenic quality.*

Comment:

Minimal excavation is required associated with the proposed swimming pool given its elevated nature. All appropriate design measures will be implemented to protect the adjoining northern property.

C8 Demolition and Construction

Objectives

- *To manage demolition and construction sites so that there is no unreasonable impact on the surrounding amenity, pedestrian or road safety, or the natural environment.*
- *To promote improved project management by minimising demolition and construction waste and encouraging source separation, reuse and recycling of materials.*
- *To assist industry, commercial operators and site managers in planning their necessary waste management procedures through the preparation and lodgement of a Waste Management Plan*
- *To discourage illegal dumping.*

Comment: Noted.

C9 Waste Management

Objectives

- *To facilitate sustainable waste management in a manner consistent with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD).*
- *To achieve waste avoidance, source separation and recycling of household and industrial/commercial waste.*
- *To design and locate waste storage and collection facilities which are convenient and easily accessible; safe; hygienic; of an adequate size, and with minimal adverse impacts on residents, surrounding neighbours, and pedestrian and vehicle movements.*
- *To ensure waste storage and collection facilities complement waste collection and management services, offered by Council and the private service providers and support on-going control for such standards and services.*
- *To minimise risks to health and safety associated with handling and disposal of waste and recycled material, and ensure optimum hygiene.*

- *To minimise any adverse environmental impacts associated with the storage and collection of waste.*
- *To discourage illegal dumping.*

Comment:

Appropriate waste management procedures will be implemented during the construction phase. A waste management plan accompanies the development plans.

Part D – Design

D1 Landscape Open Space and Bushland Setting

Objectives

- *To enable planting to maintain and enhance the streetscape.*
- *To conserve and enhance indigenous vegetation, topographical features and habitat for wildlife.*
- *To provide for landscaped open space with dimensions that are sufficient to enable the establishment of low lying shrubs, medium high shrubs and canopy trees of a size and density to mitigate the height, bulk and scale of the building.*
- *To enhance privacy between buildings.*
- *To accommodate appropriate outdoor recreational opportunities that meet the needs of the occupants.*
- *To provide space for service functions, including clothes drying.*
- *To facilitate water management, including on-site detention and infiltration of stormwater.*

Comment:

The applicant proposes to provide screen planting along the common northern boundary adjacent to the proposed pool.

There will be no adverse effect on native vegetation. There are no significant trees requiring removal to facilitate the proposed works. It is noted that there is a requirement to provide 40% landscape content on site. The proposal retains a landscaped area of 202.1sqm or 36%. A minor variation to the landscape control exists in this regard.

Ample open space and private recreation space exists on-site to the benefit of the residents.

D2 Private Open Space

Objectives

- *To ensure that all residential development is provided with functional, well located areas of private open space.*
- *To ensure that private open space is integrated with, and directly accessible from, the living area of dwellings.*
- *To minimise any adverse impact of private open space on adjoining buildings and their associated private open spaces.*
- *To ensure that private open space receives sufficient solar access and privacy.*

Comment:

The open space areas on site benefit from ample solar access, particularly across the rear yard of the site. The private open space will be embellished through the provision of the development works including the proposed swimming pool and spa.

D3 Noise

Objectives

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To ensure that noise emission does not unreasonably diminish the amenity of the area or result in noise intrusion which would be unreasonable for occupants, users or visitors.*

Comment:

The proposed dwelling maintains compliant setbacks. No adverse noise is anticipated from a typically domestic use. The pool pump will be housed under the pool to minimise noise.

D4 Electromagnetic Radiation

Objectives

- *To ensure the safety of the community from electromagnetic radiation.*
- *To ensure that mobile phone base station and associated infrastructure and equipment does not result in an adverse visual impact on the natural or built environment.*

Comment: Not applicable.

D6 Access to Sunlight

Objectives

- *To ensure that reasonable access to sunlight is maintained.*
- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To promote passive solar design and the use of solar energy.*

Note: *Overshadowing by vegetation will not form part of Council's assessment of access to sunlight.*

The planning principle established in the Benevolent Society v Waverly Council (2010) NSWLEC 1082 will be used in the assessment of sunlight.

Exceptions

Council may consider a variation to this control in the particular circumstances of a proposal, where an applicant can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Council that:

- i) the slope or topography of the site or adjoining property makes compliance impractical; and*
- ii) other design options have been investigated which would comply but would unreasonably constrain the development of an otherwise compliant building.*

Comment:

No issues arise in respect of overshadowing in the context of site circumstances, the proposed development, site orientation and design initiatives.

D7 Views*Objectives*

- *To allow for the reasonable sharing of views.*
- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To ensure existing canopy trees have priority over views.*

Requirements

1. *Development shall provide for the reasonable sharing of views.*

Note: *Assessment of applications will refer to the Planning Principle established by the Land and Environment Court in Tenacity Consulting v Warringah Council (2004) NSWLEC 140.*

Comment:

The subject dwelling is situated on the high side of the street. The views from dwellings in the street are all orientated towards the east. The dwellings on the high side of the street enjoy views across the roofline of the dwellings situated on the opposite side of the road towards the coastline. The proposed development will not result in the loss of views to any adjoining or nearby property.

D8 Privacy*Objectives*

- *To ensure the siting and design of buildings provides a high level of visual and acoustic privacy for occupants and neighbours.*
- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To provide personal and property security for occupants and visitors.*

Requirements

- 1. Building layout should be designed to optimise privacy for occupants of the development and occupants of adjoining properties.*
- 2. Orientate living areas, habitable rooms and windows to private open space areas or to the street to limit overlooking.*
- 3. The effective location of doors, windows and balconies to avoid overlooking is preferred to the use of screening devices, high sills or obscured glass.*
- 4. The windows of one dwelling are to be located so they do not provide direct or close views (ie from less than 9 metres away) into the windows of other dwellings.*
- 5. Planter boxes, louvre screens, pergolas, balcony design and the like are to be used to screen a minimum of 50% of the principal private open space of a lower apartment from overlooking from an upper apartment.*

Comment:

The proposal is consistent with the privacy provisions of the DCP, which seek to protect the amenity of residents.

D9 Building Bulk*Objectives*

- To encourage good design and innovative architecture to improve the urban environment.*
- To minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation purposes.*

Comment:

The proposed works are all contained within the footprint of the existing dwelling. It is not proposed to increase the bulk of the dwelling. A minor addition into the existing front portico at ground level is proposed. There will be no adverse impacts due to building bulk.

10 Building Colours and Materials*Objectives*

- To ensure the colours and materials of new or altered buildings and structures are sympathetic to the surrounding natural and built environment.*

Comment:

The proposed façade treatment and new balustrade areas will be sympathetic to the built environment in terms of colour and materials. The colour tones selected for the site reflect the existing established vegetated environment and be consistent with the lower level of the dwelling.

D11 Roofs

Objectives

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *Roofs are to be designed to complement the local skyline.*
- *Roofs are to be designed to conceal plant and equipment.*

Comment:

There are no plans to alter the existing roof.

D12 Glare and Reflection

Objectives

- *To ensure that development will not result in overspill or glare from artificial illumination or sun reflection.*
- *To maintain and improve the amenity of public and private land.*
- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*

Comment:

The proposed development being domestic in nature and situated on a local road will not result in any undue impact with regards to overspill glare and reflection.

D13 Front Fences and Walls

Objectives

- *To ensure that fencing, terracing and retaining walls are compatible with the existing streetscape character while creating visual interest in the public domain.*

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To avoid a 'walled in' streetscape.*

Comment:

No change is proposed to boundary fencing.

D14 Site Facilities

Objectives

- *To provide for the logical placement of facilities on site that will result in minimal impacts for all users, particularly residents, and surrounding neighbours.*
- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To make servicing the site as efficient and easy as possible.*
- *To allow for discreet and easily serviceable placement of site facilities in new development.*

Comment:

All site facilities are currently available to the site in accordance with Clause D14. It is not proposed to alter the current arrangement in terms of site facilities.

D15 Side and Rear Fences

Objectives

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*

Comment:

No change is proposed.

D16 Swimming Pools and Spa Pools

Objectives

- *To ensure swimming pools and spas are located to preserve the natural environment, streetscape and residential amenity.*

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*

Comment:

A swimming pool is proposed as part of the application. The pool is proposed to be located within the northern side setback of the dwelling.

The pool will enhance the private recreation opportunities on site and will retain recreation space within the rear setback. It is proposed to provide additional screening using vegetation along the northern boundary.

The pool is to be elevated to sit over an existing sewer line. Appropriate privacy mitigating measures will be employed to negate amenity loss to the northern neighbour. The pool pump is proposed to be located under the pool coping and insulated.

D17 Tennis Courts

Comment: Not applicable.

D18 Accessibility

Objectives

- *To ensure vehicular access points for parking, servicing or deliveries, and pedestrian access are designed to provide vehicular and pedestrian safety.*
- *To ensure convenient, comfortable and safe access for all people including older people, people with prams and strollers and people with a disability.*

Comment: Not applicable.

D19 Site Consolidation in R3 and IN1 Zones

Comment: It is not proposed to consolidate the site.

D20 Safety and Security

Objectives

- *To ensure that development maintains and enhances the security and safety of the community.*

Comment:

The entrance to the building is easily identified and well lit. Surveillance opportunities of the street and of people entering the site will be improved with the upper level deck extension and ground level works.

D21 Provision and Location of Utility Services

Objectives

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To ensure that adequate utility services are provided to land being developed.*

Comment: Not applicable.

D22 Conservation of Energy and Water

Objectives

- *To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*
- *To ensure energy and water use is minimised.*

Comment:

The proposed development is to incorporate the following ESD design features in the completed development:

- Appropriate insulation which achieves an “R” value is to be included in wall cavities, roof and ceiling.
- The addition has been designed to facilitate cross ventilation by virtue of external openings on opposing walls.
- Water efficient fixtures are to be installed in the addition to lessen the demand for mains water and wastewater discharge.
- Energy efficient globes are to be installed in the dwelling.

Part E – The Natural Environment

E1 Private Property Tree Management

Objectives

- *To improve air quality, prevent soil erosion and assist in improving; water quality, carbon sequestration, storm water retention, energy conservation and noise reduction.*
- *To protect human life and property through professional management of trees in an urban environment.*
- *To provide habitat for local wildlife.*
- *Promote the retention and planting of trees which will help enable plant and animal communities to survive in the long-term with regard to the original 1750 community. See Warringah Natural Area Survey, August 2005.*
- *To preserve and enhance the area's amenity.*

Comment: Not applicable.

E2 Prescribed Vegetation

Objectives

- *To preserve and enhance the area's amenity, whilst protecting human life and property.*
- *To improve air quality, prevent soil erosion, assist in improving water quality, carbon sequestration, storm water retention, energy conservation and noise reduction.*
- *To provide habitat for local wildlife, generate shade for residents and provide psychological & social benefits.*
- *To protect and promote the recovery of threatened species, populations and endangered ecological communities*
 - *To protect and enhance the habitat of plants, animals and vegetation communities with high conservation significance.*
- *To retain and enhance native vegetation communities and the ecological functions of wildlife corridors.*
- *To reconstruct habitat in non vegetated areas of wildlife corridors that will sustain the ecological functions of a wildlife corridor and that, as far as possible, represents the combination of plant species and vegetation structure of the original 1750 community.*

- *Promote the retention of native vegetation in parcels of a size, condition and configuration which will as far as possible enable plant and animal communities to survive in the long-term.*

Comment: Not applicable.

E4 Wildlife Corridors

Comment: Not applicable.

E5 Native Vegetation

This control applies to land identified on DCP Map Native Vegetation.

Comment:

The subject site is not identified on the DCP map as having native vegetation.

E6 Retaining unique environmental features

Objectives

- *To conserve those parts of land which distinguish it from its surroundings.*

Requirements

- 1. Development is to be designed to address any distinctive environmental features of the site and on adjoining nearby land.*
- 2. Development should respond to these features through location of structures, outlook, design and materials.*

Comment: Not applicable.

E7 Development on land adjoining public open space

Comment: Not applicable.

E8 Waterways and Riparian Lands

Comment: Not applicable.

E9 Coastline Hazard

Comment: Not applicable.

E10 Landslip Risk

Objectives

- *To ensure development is geotechnically stable.*
- *To ensure good engineering practice.*
- *To ensure there is no adverse impact on existing subsurface flow conditions.*
- *To ensure there is no adverse impact resulting from stormwater discharge.*

Comment:

The subject site is identified as being situated just within Landslip Risk Area A with slopes of less than 5 degrees. The existing dwelling has resisted movement over the years and it is considered that landslip does not constrain the proposed development of the site.

E11 Flood Prone Land

Comment:

The subject site is not identified as being flood prone land.

6.0 SECTION 4.15 CHECKLIST

The following provides an assessment of the proposal against the provisions of Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

(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 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), and*
- (v) any coastal zone management plan (within the meaning of the Coastal Protection Act 1979), that apply to the land to which the development application relates,*

Comment:

The proposal is permissible and satisfies the objectives and numerical standards of Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 and prescriptive and performance controls of the DCP.

The proposed works will enhance the streetscape appearance of the dwelling and will not result in any additional overshadowing or privacy concerns.

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.

Comment:

A detailed site analysis was undertaken to determine the appropriate form of development having regard to Council's planning controls, the circumstances of the site and neighbouring properties and the desired future character of the locality.

The proposal provides for a high degree of amenity for future occupants and is respectful of the amenity of neighbouring properties.

In view of the above the development will have acceptable social and environmental implications given the nature of the zone.

c. the suitability of the site for the development.

Comment:

The subject site has an area and configuration suited to the form of development proposed. The design solution is based on sound site analysis and responds positively to the characteristics of the site and adjoining development.

d. any submissions made in accordance with the Act or the regulations.

Comment: Nil

e. the public interest

Note.

See section 75P (2) (a) for circumstances in which determination of development application to be generally consistent with approved concept plan for a project under Part 3A.

Comment:

The proposed development is purely domestic in nature and provides for the attainment of additional quality floor space on-site contained within the footprint of the existing dwelling therefore satisfying urban consolidation initiatives and furthering the public interest.

(2) Compliance with non-discretionary development standards—development other than complying development If an environmental planning instrument or a regulation contains non-discretionary development standards and development, not being complying development, the subject of a development application complies with those standards, the consent authority:

(a) is not entitled to take those standards into further consideration in determining the development application, and

(b) must not refuse the application on the ground that the development does not comply with those standards, and

(c) must not impose a condition of consent that has the same, or substantially the same, effect as those standards but is more onerous than those standards, and the discretion of the consent authority under this section and section 4.16 is limited accordingly.

(3) If an environmental planning instrument or a regulation contains non-discretionary development standards and development the subject of a development application does not comply with those standards:

(a) subsection (2) does not apply and the discretion of the consent authority under this section and section 4.16 is not limited as referred to in that subsection, and

(b) a provision of an environmental planning instrument that allows flexibility in the application of a development standard may be applied to the non-discretionary development standard.

Note.

The application of non-discretionary development standards to complying development is dealt with in section 4.28 (3) and (4).

Comment:

The application has merit and is consistent with the intent of the controls given the site context.

(3A) Development control plans

If a development control plan contains provisions that relate to the development that is the subject of a development application, the consent authority:

(a) if those provisions set standards with respect to an aspect of the development and the development application complies with those

standards—is not to require more onerous standards with respect to that aspect of the development, and

(b) if those provisions set standards with respect to an aspect of the development and the development application does not comply with those standards—is to be flexible in applying those provisions and allow reasonable alternative solutions that achieve the objects of those standards for dealing with that aspect of the development, and

(c) may consider those provisions only in connection with the assessment of that development application.

In this subsection, standards include performance criteria.

Comment:

The provisions of the development control plan have been considered as part of the application. The proposal is reasonable in this regard.

(4) Consent where an accreditation is in force A consent authority must not refuse to grant consent to development on the ground that any building product or system relating to the development does not comply with a requirement of the Building Code of Australia if the building product or system is accredited in respect of that requirement in accordance with the regulations.

(5) A consent authority and an employee of a consent authority do not incur any liability as a consequence of acting in accordance with subsection (4).

(6) Definitions In this section:

(a) reference to development extends to include a reference to the building, work, use or land proposed to be erected, carried out, undertaken or subdivided, respectively, pursuant to the grant of consent to a development application, and

(b) non-discretionary development standards means development standards that are identified in an environmental planning instrument or a regulation as non-discretionary development standards.

Comment: Not applicable.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The proposal is consistent with the zoning and zone objectives. The proposal is satisfactory in consideration of the design principles prescribed under the DCP and in the main relates to improving the quality of living space on-site.

The proposed development accords with the numerical development standards contained within the Warringah LEP 2011.

The applicant has specifically sought to provide a development with a high-quality design, which reflects contemporary planning and design initiatives. A site-specific design has been developed in this instance.

The proposed development is respectful of the amenity of neighbouring properties and will not give rise to adverse overshadowing or privacy impacts as the proposal does not seek to increase the existing building footprint. The proposal is reasonable pursuant to the provisions of the LEP/DCP.

In view of the above, the proposed development is appropriate and Council approval is recommended.