

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/2232
Date:	28/04/2022
Responsible Officer	Adam Mitchell
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot B DP 416603 , 1851 Pittwater Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent development on land, or within 40m of land, containing:

- All Development Applications on
- Actual or potential threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats;
- Wildlife corridors;
- Vegetation query stipulating that a Flora and Fauna Assessment is required;
- Vegetation query - X type located in both A & C Wards;

And as such, Council's Natural Environment Unit officers are required to consider the likely potential environmental impacts.

Officer comments

The application seeks approval for the demolition of the existing single dwelling and construction of new one and two storey attached residences with external works and landscaping.

Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)
Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017
Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (PLEP)

- 7.6 Biodiversity Protection

Pittwater Development Control Plan (PDCP)

- B4.6 Wildlife Corridors

Updated Recommendation - 28/04/2022

The submission of the updated BDAR is noted. All requests for update or clarification to the biodiversity aspects of the DA have been made by the consultant, therefore Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity have no objection to the proposal.

Subject to conditions the Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity find the application to be consistent against relevant environmental controls.

Original Recommendation - 8/12/2022

The rear (east) of the site is located within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) Biodiversity Values mapping: <https://www.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/Maps/index.html?viewer=BOSETMap>

Any removal of native vegetation from within mapped areas will trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS).

No objection is raised by Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity with regard to the proposed removal of exotic trees (T. 10, 23 & 24), however Tree 25 (*Corymbia maculata*) is a native species, the removal of which requires assessment under the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology 2020 as it is situated within DPIE's Biodiversity Values mapping.

The applicant is encouraged to redesign in order to retain Tree 25, or must alternatively submit a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by an Accredited Assessor: <https://customer.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/assessment/AccreditedAssessor>

On receipt of updated designs providing for retention of Tree 25 and all other native vegetation, otherwise the submission of the required BDAR, Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity can reassess the application.

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:**CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE****Notification of determination to which the Biodiversity Offset Scheme applies**

The applicant or Project Ecologist, on behalf of the applicant, must download and complete the "Biodiversity Offsets Scheme – Notification of Determination" form.

The completed form and attachments, including a copy of the determination and any conditions of approval, must be emailed to the LMBC Service Centre bam.support@environment.nsw.gov.au. The LMBC Service Centre arranges for determination outcomes to be recorded in the Biodiversity Offset and Agreement Management System (BOAMS).

Council's Manager Bushland and Biodiversity and the Certifying Authority must be copied into the notification email to confirm compliance.

Reason: To ensure the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment are notified of determinations where the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme applies and Council are notified for compliance.

Like for like credit retirement conditions - Ecosystem credit retirement conditions

Prior to issue of the relevant Construction Certificate the class and number of ecosystem credits in Table 1 must be retired to offset the impacts of the development.

The requirement to retire credits outlined in Table 1 may be satisfied by payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund of an amount equivalent to the class and number of ecosystem credits, as

calculated by the Biodiversity Offsets Payment Calculator.

Evidence of the retirement of credits or payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund in satisfaction of Table 1 requirements must be provided to the Manager Bushland and Biodiversity of Northern Beaches Council and to the Certifying Authority prior to release of construction certification.

Table 1 Ecosystem credits required to be retired – like for like

Impacted Plant Community Type	TEC	Number of ecosystem credits	Containing HBT	IBRA sub-region	Plant community type(s) that can be used to offset the impacts from development
1214 - Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest	Pittwater and Wagstaffe Spotted Gum Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion	1	No	Pittwater, Cumberland, Sydney Cataract, Wyong and Yengo. or Any IBRA subregion that is within 100 kilometers of the outer edge of the impacted site.	Pittwater and Wagstaffe Spotted Gum Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion This includes PCT's: 1214, 1589

Reason: To offset the residual biodiversity impacts of the development in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

Variation rule credit retirement conditions - Ecosystem credit retirement conditions

Prior to issue of the relevant Construction Certificate the class and number of species credits in Table 2 must be retired to offset the impacts of development.

Evidence of the retirement of credits in satisfaction of Table 2 requirements is to be provided to the Manager Bushland and Biodiversity of Northern Beaches Council and the Certifying Authority prior to release of construction certification.

Table 2 Ecosystem credits required to be retired – variation rules

Impacted plant community type	Number of ecosystem credits	Containing HB1
1214-Pittwater Spotted Gum forest	1	No

Reason: To offset the residual biodiversity impacts of the development in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Dead or Injured Wildlife

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or death of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.

Priority Weed Removal and Management

All Priority weeds as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) within the development footprint are to be removed.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority weeds.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation, soil and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.