

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2020/0596
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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Thomas Prosser
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 107 DP 12764, 52 Smith Avenue ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
<b>Zoning:</b>	Warringah LEP2011 - Land zoned R2 Low Density Residential
<b>Development Permissible:</b>	Yes
<b>Existing Use Rights:</b>	No
<b>Consent Authority:</b>	Northern Beaches Council
<b>Land and Environment Court Action:</b>	No
<b>Owner:</b>	Beth Uherek
<b>Applicant:</b>	Addstyle Home Additions

<b>Application Lodged:</b>	09/06/2020
<b>Integrated Development:</b>	No
<b>Designated Development:</b>	No
<b>State Reporting Category:</b>	Residential - Alterations and additions
<b>Notified:</b>	17/06/2020 to 01/07/2020
<b>Advertised:</b>	Not Advertised
<b>Submissions Received:</b>	1
<b>Clause 4.6 Variation:</b>	4.3 Height of buildings: 5.88%
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval

<b>Estimated Cost of Works:</b>	\$ 313,713.00
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### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN DETAIL

The proposal is for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling. In detail, this involves the following:

#### Lower Ground floor

- Removal of staircase and construction of new staircase with storage under
- Construction of a new covered entry portico

#### Ground Floor

- Construction of new entry (a panel door)
- Removal of internal circular staircase

- Installation of new staircase to upper level

#### **Addition of first floor with:**

- A master bedroom with walk in robe and front balcony
- Two bedrooms
- A bathroom
- An internal staircase to access lower level

#### **External**

- Reconstruction of shed

Amended plans were provided to Council on 28 August 2020 to provide an increased southern setback of the first floor level.

### **ASSESSMENT INTRODUCTION**

The application has been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the associated Regulations. In this regard:

- An assessment report and recommendation has been prepared (the subject of this report) taking into account all relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and the associated regulations;
- A site inspection was conducted and consideration has been given to the impacts of the development upon the subject site and adjoining, surrounding and nearby properties;
- Notification to adjoining and surrounding properties, advertisement (where required) and referral to relevant internal and external bodies in accordance with the Act, Regulations and relevant Development Control Plan;
- A review and consideration of all submissions made by the public and community interest groups in relation to the application;
- A review and consideration of all documentation provided with the application (up to the time of determination);
- A review and consideration of all referral comments provided by the relevant Council Officers, State Government Authorities/Agencies and Federal Government Authorities/Agencies on the proposal.

### **SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ISSUES**

Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 - 4.3 Height of buildings  
Warringah Development Control Plan - B1 Wall Heights  
Warringah Development Control Plan - B3 Side Boundary Envelope

### **SITE DESCRIPTION**

<b>Property Description:</b>	Lot 107 DP 12764 , 52 Smith Avenue ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100
<b>Detailed Site Description:</b>	The subject site consists of an allotment located on the western side of Smith Avenue.

The site is regular in shape with a frontage of 12.8m along Smith Avenue and a depth of 36.575m. The site has a surveyed area of 468.2m<sup>2</sup>.

The site is located within the R2 Low Density Residential zone and accommodates a dwelling house on site.

The site has a slope of approximately 10m from the front toward the rear of the site. The site also contains various vegetation.

#### **Detailed Description of Adjoining/Surrounding Development**

Adjoining and surrounding development is characterised by residential development.

Map:



#### **SITE HISTORY**

The land has been used for residential purposes for an extended period of time. A search of Council's records has revealed the following relevant history:

- DA2004/0059- Alterations and additions to existing dwelling approved on 30.08.04

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979 (EPAA)**

The relevant matters for consideration under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, are:

Section 4.15 Matters for Consideration'	Comments
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(i) – Provisions of any environmental planning instrument	See discussion on “Environmental Planning Instruments” in this report.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(ii) – Provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument	Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Remediation of Land) seeks to replace the existing SEPP No. 55 (Remediation of Land). Public consultation on the draft policy was completed on 13 April 2018. The subject site has been used for residential purposes for an extended period of time. The proposed development retains the residential use of the site, and is not considered a contamination risk.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iii) – Provisions of any development control plan	Warringah Development Control Plan applies to this proposal.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iiia) – Provisions of any planning agreement	None applicable.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iv) – Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation 2000)	<u>Division 8A</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider "Prescribed conditions" of development consent. These matters have been addressed via a condition of consent.  <u>Clause 98</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA). This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.
Section 4.15 (1) (b) – the likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality	(i) <b>Environmental Impact</b> The environmental impacts of the proposed development on the natural and built environment are addressed under the Warringah Development Control Plan section in this report.  (ii) <b>Social Impact</b> The proposed development will not have a detrimental social impact in the locality considering the character of the proposal.  (iii) <b>Economic Impact</b> The proposed development will not have a detrimental economic impact on the locality considering the nature of the existing and proposed land use.
Section 4.15 (1) (c) – the suitability of the site for the development	The site is considered suitable for the proposed development.
Section 4.15 (1) (d) – any submissions made in accordance with the EPA Act or EPA Regs	See discussion on “Notification & Submissions Received” in this report.
Section 4.15 (1) (e) – the public interest	No matters have arisen in this assessment that would justify the refusal of the application in the public interest.

## EXISTING USE RIGHTS

Existing Use Rights are not applicable to this application.

## BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND

The site is not classified as bush fire prone land.

## NOTIFICATION & SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The subject development application has been publicly exhibited from 17/06/2020 to 01/07/2020 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and the relevant Development Control Plan.

As a result of the public exhibition process council is in receipt of 1 submission/s from:

Name:	Address:
Mr Guy Waddilove	50 Smith Avenue ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100

The matters raised within the submissions are addressed as follows:

- Exceeding building height and building envelope; expectation that red lines/controls should not just be guidelines  
Comment:  
The proposal exceeds the development standard for building height (under the Warringah LEP) and the control for building envelope (under the Warringah DCP). However, an assessment in this report has found that despite the non-compliances, the proposal is consistent with the objectives of the standard and control. In particular, the proposal will remain visually appropriate in the street (complementing the established character), and will not have any unreasonable amenity impact.
- Location of first storey toward the front of the site/dwelling  
Comment:  
The proposal complies with the control for front setback, and the open style deck at the front of the top floor sufficiently minimised the presentation and impact of building bulk.
- Three storey vertical wall with no setback  
Comment:  
Amended plans were provided which involved the setting back of the top level from the south. This removed the three storey vertical wall and provided sufficient separation between the subject site and the neighbouring property.
- Overshadowing  
Comment:  
The proposal complies with the requirements for overshadowing.
- Concerns regarding shed  
Comment:  
A condition has been imposed to remove the shed from this consent (due to lack of details



provided).

## REFERRALS

Internal Referral Body	Comments
Building Assessment - Fire and Disability upgrades	<p>The application has been investigated with respect to aspects relevant to the Building Certification and Fire Safety Department. There are no objections to approval of the development.</p> <p><i>Note: The proposed development may not comply with some requirements of the BCA. Issues such as these however may be determined at Construction Certificate stage.</i></p>
NECC (Bushland and Biodiversity)	<p>Clauses E4 Wildlife Corridors and E5 Native Vegetation apply to the site. No trees or native vegetation require removal to facilitate the proposed second storey addition, and therefore the objectives of the controls have been satisfied.</p>

External Referral Body	Comments
Ausgrid: (SEPP Infra.)	<p>The proposal was referred to Ausgrid who provided a response stating that the proposal is acceptable.</p>

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS (EPIS)\*

All, Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs, REPs and LEPs), Development Controls Plans and Council Policies have been considered in the merit assessment of this application.

In this regard, whilst all provisions of each Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs, REPs and LEPs), Development Controls Plans and Council Policies have been considered in the assessment, many provisions contained within the document are not relevant or are enacting, definitions and operational provisions which the proposal is considered to be acceptable against.

As such, an assessment is provided against the controls relevant to the merit consideration of the application hereunder.

## State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and State Regional Environmental Plans (SREPs)

### SEPP 55 - Remediation of Land

Clause 7 (1) (a) of SEPP 55 requires the Consent Authority to consider whether land is contaminated. Council records indicate that the subject site has been used for residential purposes for a significant period of time with no prior land uses. In this regard it is considered that the site poses no risk of contamination and therefore, no further consideration is required under Clause 7 (1) (b) and (c) of SEPP 55 and the land is considered to be suitable for the residential land use.

## SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004

A BASIX certificate has been submitted with the application (see Certificate No. A376155\_02).

A condition has been included in the recommendation of this report requiring compliance with the commitments indicated in the BASIX Certificate.

## SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

### Ausgrid

Clause 45 of the SEPP requires the Consent Authority to consider any development application (or an application for modification of consent) for any development carried out:

- within or immediately adjacent to an easement for electricity purposes (whether or not the electricity infrastructure exists).
- immediately adjacent to an electricity substation.
- within 5.0m of an overhead power line.
- includes installation of a swimming pool any part of which is: within 30m of a structure supporting an overhead electricity transmission line and/or within 5.0m of an overhead electricity power line.

### Comment:

The proposal was referred to Ausgrid. No response has been received within the 21 day statutory period and therefore, it is assumed that no objections are raised and no conditions are recommended.

## Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011

Is the development permissible?	Yes
After consideration of the merits of the proposal, is the development consistent with:	
aims of the LEP?	Yes
zone objectives of the LEP?	Yes

### Principal Development Standards

Standard	Requirement	Proposed	% Variation	Complies
Height of Buildings:	8.5m	9m	5.88%	Yes

### Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
4.3 Height of buildings	No (see detail under Clause 4.6 below)
4.6 Exceptions to development standards	No

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
5.3 Development near zone boundaries	Yes
6.2 Earthworks	Yes
6.4 Development on sloping land	Yes

#### Detailed Assessment

#### **4.6 Exceptions to development standards**

##### Description of non-compliance:

Development standard:	Height of buildings
Requirement:	8.5m
Proposed:	9m
Percentage variation to requirement:	5.88%

##### Assessment of request to vary a development standard:

The following assessment of the variation to Clause 4.3 – Height of Buildings development standard, has taken into consideration the judgements contained within *Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council [2018] NSWLEC 118*, *Baron Corporation Pty Limited v Council of the City of Sydney [2019] NSWLEC 61*, and *RebelMH Neutral Bay Pty Limited v North Sydney Council [2019] NSWCA 130*.

##### Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards:

(1) *The objectives of this clause are as follows:*

- (a) *to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development,*
- (b) *to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances.*

(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.*

##### Comment:

Clause 4.3 – Height of Buildings development standard is not expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.

(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:*

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

(4) *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.*

Clause 4.6 (4)(a)(i) (Justification) assessment:

Clause 4.6 (4)(a)(i) requires the consent authority to be satisfied that the applicant's written request, seeking to justify the contravention of the development standard, has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3). There are two separate matters for consideration contained within cl 4.6(3) and these are addressed as follows:

*(a) that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and*

Comment:

The Applicant's written request (attached to this report as an Appendix) has demonstrated that the objectives of the development standard are achieved, notwithstanding the non-compliance with the development standard.

In doing so, the Applicant's written request has adequately demonstrated that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of this case as required by cl 4.6(3)(a).

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

Comment:

In the matter of Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council [2018] NSWLEC 118, Preston CJ provides the following guidance (para 23) to inform the consent authority's finding that the applicant's written request has adequately demonstrated that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard:

*'As to the second matter required by cl 4.6(3)(b), the grounds relied on by the applicant in the written request under cl 4.6 must be "environmental planning grounds" by their nature: see Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council [2015] NSWLEC 90 at [26]. The adjectival phrase "environmental planning" is not defined, but would refer to grounds that relate to the subject matter, scope and purpose of the EPA Act, including the objects in s 1.3 of the EPA Act.'*

s 1.3 of the EPA Act reads as follows:

*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,*
- (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.*

The applicants written request argues, in part:

The site involves sloping land, pitched style roofs are common in this area, and a compliant building height would provide a negative outcome for urban design.

It is agreed that the slope and pitched roof contribute to the building height non-compliance. It is also agreed that the pitched roof and design of the dwelling provides a suitable urban design outcome, and an outcome in which the proposed dwelling complements the established character.

In this regard, the applicant's written request has demonstrated that the proposed development is an orderly and economic use and development of the land, and that the structure is of a good design that will reasonably protect and improve the amenity of the surrounding built environment, therefore satisfying cls 1.3 (c) and (g) of the EPA Act.

Therefore, the applicant's written request has adequately demonstrated that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard as required by cl 4.6 (3)(b).

Therefore, Council is satisfied that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3).

#### **Clause 4.6 (4)(a)(ii) (Public Interest) assessment:**

cl 4.6 (4)(a)(ii) requires the consent authority to be satisfied that:

*(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*

#### **Comment:**

In considering whether or not the proposed development will be in the public interest, consideration must be given to the underlying objectives of the Height of Buildings development standard and the objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential zone. An assessment against these objectives is provided below.

#### **Objectives of development standard**

The underlying objectives of the standard, pursuant to Clause 4.3 – ‘Height of buildings’ of the WLEP 2011 are:

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

a) to ensure that buildings are compatible with the height and scale of surrounding and nearby development,

Comment:

The surrounding dwellings on this side of the street are generally two to three stories in height, and also have walls that are greater in height toward the front of the property (down slope). The proposed dwelling with a pitched roof will complement this character, and style of height and scale.

b) to minimise visual impact, disruption of views, loss of privacy and loss of solar access,

Comment:

The proposal provides a sufficient stopping in of the top level to ensure appropriate separation and open corridors that minimise amenity impact. The proposal also complies with the requirements for sunlight access under the Warringah DCP, and allows for sunlight access to the neighbouring southern properties windows during the afternoon of winter solstice (worst case scenario).

c) to minimise adverse impact of development on the scenic quality of Warringah’s coastal and bush environments,

Comment:

The proposal maintains a compliant amount of landscaped area including vegetation to the front and rear of the site. As such, the proposal appropriately integrated built form with natural form to ensure there is no adverse impact to the scenic quality of Warringah's coastal and bush environments.

d) to manage the visual impact of development when viewed from public places such as parks and reserves, roads and community facilities,

Comment:

The proposal provides a pitched roof and tow level with a reasonable setback from the lower floors. This style complements the established character on this side of the street, and provides a reasonable visual outcome foe the street and area.

## Zone objectives

The underlying objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential zone are:

- *To provide for the housing needs of the community within a low density residential environment.*

Comment:

The proposal maintains the residential use of the site and continues to contribute to providing for

housing needs.

It is considered that the development satisfies this objective.

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

Comment:

The proposal does not involve another lands use.

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

Comment:

The proposal maintains a compliant amount of landscaped area including landscaping to the front and rear of the site. This maintains an appropriate harmony between the natural environment and the built form.

It is considered that the development satisfies this objective.

Conclusion:

For the reasons detailed above, the proposal is considered to be consistent with the objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential zone.

**Clause 4.6 (4)(b) (Concurrence of the Secretary) assessment:**

cl. 4.6(4)(b) requires the concurrence of the Secretary to be obtained in order for development consent to be granted.

Planning Circular PS 18-003 dated 21 February 2018 issued by the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure, advises that the concurrence of the Secretary may be assumed for exceptions to development standards under environmental planning instruments that adopt Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument. In this regard, given the consistency of the variation to the objectives of the zone, the concurrence of the Secretary for the variation to the Height of buildings Development Standard is assumed by the delegate of Council as the development contravenes a numerical standard by less than or equal to 10%.

**Warringah Development Control Plan**

Built Form Controls

Built Form Control	Requirement	Proposed	Variation	Complies
B1 Wall height	7.2m	up to 8.5m	18%	No (see comments)
B3 Side Boundary Envelope	4m	South: Outside	7.7m along elevation (corresponding with slope)	No (see comments)
	4m	North: Outside	2.2m along elevation (corresponding with slope)	No (see comments)
B5 Side Boundary Setbacks	0.9m	South: 1.85m	N/A	Yes

	0.9m	North: 3m	N/A	Yes
B7 Front Boundary Setbacks	6.5m	4.7m (entry portico) 9.9m (dwelling)	N/A	Yes
B9 Rear Boundary Setbacks	6m	14.2m	N/A	Yes
D1 Landscaped Open Space (LOS) and Bushland Setting	40% (187.28m <sup>2</sup> )	40.5% (190m <sup>2</sup> )	N/A	Yes

### Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
A.5 Objectives	Yes	Yes
B1 Wall Heights	No	Yes
B3 Side Boundary Envelope	No	Yes
B5 Side Boundary Setbacks	Yes	Yes
B7 Front Boundary Setbacks	Yes	Yes
B9 Rear Boundary Setbacks	Yes	Yes
C2 Traffic, Access and Safety	Yes	Yes
C3 Parking Facilities	Yes	Yes
C4 Stormwater	Yes	Yes
C5 Erosion and Sedimentation	Yes	Yes
C6 Building over or adjacent to Constructed Council Drainage Easements	Yes	Yes
C7 Excavation and Landfill	Yes	Yes
C8 Demolition and Construction	Yes	Yes
C9 Waste Management	Yes	Yes
D1 Landscaped Open Space and Bushland Setting	Yes	Yes
D2 Private Open Space	Yes	Yes
D3 Noise	Yes	Yes
D6 Access to Sunlight	Yes	Yes
D7 Views	Yes	Yes
D8 Privacy	Yes	Yes
D9 Building Bulk	Yes	Yes
D10 Building Colours and Materials	Yes	Yes
D11 Roofs	Yes	Yes
D12 Glare and Reflection	Yes	Yes
D14 Site Facilities	Yes	Yes
D20 Safety and Security	Yes	Yes
D22 Conservation of Energy and Water	Yes	Yes
E1 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation	Yes	Yes

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
E2 Prescribed Vegetation	Yes	Yes
E4 Wildlife Corridors	Yes	Yes
E5 Native Vegetation	Yes	Yes
E6 Retaining unique environmental features	Yes	Yes
E10 Landslip Risk	Yes	Yes

#### Detailed Assessment

### **B1 Wall Heights**

#### **Description of non-compliance**

The proposal involves a wall height of up to 8.5m. This is at the bottom of the slope at the southern elevation

The numerical control for wall height is 7.2m.

#### **Merit consideration:**

With regard to the consideration for a variation, the development is considered against the underlying Objectives of the Control as follows:

*To minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation purposes.*

Comment:

The portions of the building which exceed the control for wall height are contained within the lower part of the site toward the street. Given the topography of the area, this is a common characteristic of development in the street. Furthermore, the proposed upper level is setback from the lower levels to provide appropriate modulation of the built form.

Therefore, it the development would not have an unreasonable visual impact when viewed from surrounding public and private properties.

*To ensure development is generally beneath the existing tree canopy level.*

Comment:

The development is generally below the existing tree canopy level of street trees and trees to the rear of the site.

*To provide a reasonable sharing of views to and from public and private properties.*

Comment:

The development would not result in any unreasonable view loss from surrounding public or private properties. This is a result of reasonable setbacks which allow for viewing corridors through the site.



*To minimise the impact of development on adjoining or nearby properties.*

Comment:

The proposal complies with the requirements for solar access under the Warringah DCP, and there is sufficient separation provided between building bulk and living areas at the upper floor level. As such, the development would sufficiently minimise amenity impact to neighbours.

*To ensure that development responds to site topography and to discourage excavation of the natural landform.*

Comment:

The application does not involve any significant excavation, and the development responds appropriately to topography by providing articulation at the frontage including a deck and a setback of the upper floor level from the lower ground floor level.

*To provide sufficient scope for innovative roof pitch and variation in roof design.*

Comment:

The proposed pitched roof design is appropriate given the numerous other examples of this style within close vicinity.

Having regard to the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the aims and objectives of WLEP 2011, WDCP and the objectives specified in s1.3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. Accordingly, this assessment finds that the proposal is supported, in this particular circumstance.

### **B3 Side Boundary Envelope**

#### **Description of non-compliance**

The top level of the development does not comply with the control for building envelope. In this regard, this is for a length of 7.7m along the southern elevation and for 2.2m at the northern elevation. At each elevation, the extent of the compliance corresponds with the slope of the site.

#### **Merit consideration**

With regard to the consideration for a variation, the development is considered against the underlying Objectives of the Control as follows:

*To ensure that development does not become visually dominant by virtue of its height and bulk.*

Comment:

The side boundary envelope non-compliance will not result in a building that would be visually dominant in the area by virtue of bulk and height. This area is characterised by houses which have larger walls toward the front of the street as a result of the topography of the land. The proposed extensions will match this established character and not become visually dominant.

Furthermore, the modulation of the built form and the open presentation provided by the upper level

deck will ensure that the proposed dwelling appropriately minimised the presentation of building bulk.

The proposal complies with this objective.

*To ensure adequate light, solar access and privacy by providing spatial separation between buildings.*

Comment:

The proposal provides adequate physical separation as to minimise amenity impact. In particular, the then the southern setback of the top level has been increased from the original proposal to a point in which there is adequate separation to allow for access to light, solar access and privacy. Furthermore, the proposal complies with the requirements for access to sunlight under the Warringah DCP.

The proposal complies with this objective.

*To ensure that development responds to the topography of the site.*

Comment:

The proposal involves minor excavation and responds positively to the topography of the site by providing a setback of the top level from the ground floor level (in the location of the site that is downslope).

The proposal complies with the objective.

Having regard to the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the relevant objectives of WLEP 2011 / WDCP and the objectives specified in s1.3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. Accordingly, this assessment finds that the proposal is supported, in this particular circumstance.

## **THREATENED SPECIES, POPULATIONS OR ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES**

The proposal will not significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

## **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**

The proposal is consistent with the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

## **POLICY CONTROLS**

### **Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019**

The proposal is subject to the application of Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019.

A monetary contribution of \$3,137 is required for the provision of new and augmented public infrastructure. The contribution is calculated as 1% of the total development cost of \$313,713.

## **CONCLUSION**

The site has been inspected and the application assessed having regard to all documentation submitted by the applicant and the provisions of:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- All relevant and draft Environmental Planning Instruments;
- Warringah Local Environment Plan;
- Warringah Development Control Plan; and
- Codes and Policies of Council.

This assessment has taken into consideration the submitted plans, Statement of Environmental Effects, all other documentation supporting the application and public submissions, and does not result in any unreasonable impacts on surrounding, adjoining, adjacent and nearby properties subject to the conditions contained within the recommendation.

In consideration of the proposal and the merit consideration of the development, the proposal is considered to be:

- Consistent with the objectives of the DCP
- Consistent with the zone objectives of the LEP
- Consistent with the aims of the LEP
- Consistent with the objectives of the relevant EPIs
- Consistent with the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

It is considered that the proposed development satisfies the appropriate controls and that all processes and assessments have been satisfactorily addressed.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Northern Beaches Council as the consent authority vary clause 4.3 Height of Building development standard pursuant to clause 4.6 of the WLEP 2011 as the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the merits required to be demonstrated by subclause (3) and the proposed development will be in the public interest and is consistent with the objectives of the standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out.

Accordingly Council as the consent authority grant Development Consent to DA2020/0596 for Alterations and additions to a dwelling house on land at Lot 107 DP 12764, 52 Smith Avenue, ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS, subject to the conditions printed below:

## **DEVELOPMENT CONSENT OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS**

### **1. Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation**

The development must be carried out in compliance (except as amended by any other condition of consent) with the following:

#### **a) Approved Plans**

<b>Architectural Plans - Endorsed with Council's stamp</b>		
<b>Drawing No.</b>	<b>Dated</b>	<b>Prepared By</b>
9274 DA 1- Plans, Elevations and Sections	28/08/20	Add-Style Home Additions

b) Any plans and / or documentation submitted to satisfy the Conditions of this consent.

c) The development is to be undertaken generally in accordance with the following:

<b>Waste Management Plan</b>		
<b>Drawing No/Title.</b>	<b>Dated</b>	<b>Prepared By</b>
Waste Management Plan	9/06/20 (submitted to council)	applicant

In the event of any inconsistency between conditions of this consent and the drawings/documents referred to above, the conditions of this consent will prevail.

Reason: To ensure the work is carried out in accordance with the determination of Council and approved plans.

## 2. **Approved Land Use**

Nothing in this consent shall authorise the use of site as detailed on the approved plans for any land use of the site beyond the definition of a dwelling house (defined under the Warringah LEP 2013).

Any variation to the approved land use and/occupancy of any unit beyond the scope of the above definition will require the submission to Council of a new development application.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the terms of this consent.

## 3. **No Approval for Shed**

No approval is granted under this Development Consent for a shed. The shed is to be deleted from the plans.

Details are to be provided prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Reason: Sufficient details in regard to the shed (plans, sections, elevations) have not been provided.

## 4. **Prescribed Conditions**

- (a) All building works must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA).
- (b) BASIX affected development must comply with the schedule of BASIX commitments specified within the submitted BASIX Certificate (demonstrated compliance upon plans/specifications is required prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate);
- (c) A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out:
  - (i) showing the name, address and telephone number of the Principal Certifying Authority for the work, and
  - (ii) showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and

a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and

- (iii) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

- (d) Residential building work within the meaning of the Home Building Act 1989 must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the Council) has given the Council written notice of the following information:

- (i) in the case of work for which a principal contractor is required to be appointed:
  - A. the name and licence number of the principal contractor, and
  - B. the name of the insurer by which the work is insured under Part 6 of that Act,
- (ii) in the case of work to be done by an owner-builder:
  - A. the name of the owner-builder, and
  - B. if the owner-builder is required to hold an owner-builder permit under that Act, the number of the owner-builder permit.

If arrangements for doing the residential building work are changed while the work is in progress so that the information notified under becomes out of date, further work must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the Council) has given the Council written notice of the updated information.

- (e) Development that involves an excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building on adjoining land, the person having the benefit of the development consent must, at the person's own expense:
  - (i) protect and support the adjoining premises from possible damage from the excavation, and
  - (ii) where necessary, underpin the adjoining premises to prevent any such damage.
  - (iii) must, at least 7 days before excavating below the level of the base of the footings of a building on an adjoining allotment of land, give notice of intention to do so to the owner of the adjoining allotment of land and furnish particulars of the excavation to the owner of the building being erected or demolished.
  - (iv) the owner of the adjoining allotment of land is not liable for any part of the cost of work carried out for the purposes of this clause, whether carried out on the allotment of land being excavated or on the adjoining allotment of land.

In this clause, allotment of land includes a public road and any other public place.

Reason: Legislative requirement.

## 5. General Requirements

- (a) Unless authorised by Council:  
Building construction and delivery of material hours are restricted to:
  - 7.00 am to 5.00 pm inclusive Monday to Friday,
  - 8.00 am to 1.00 pm inclusive on Saturday,
  - No work on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Demolition and excavation works are restricted to:

- 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday only.

(Excavation work includes the use of any excavation machinery and the use of jackhammers, rock breakers, excavators, loaders and the like, regardless of whether the activities disturb or alter the natural state of the existing ground stratum or are breaking up/removing materials from the site).

- (b) Should any asbestos be uncovered on site, its demolition and removal must be carried out in accordance with WorkCover requirements and the relevant Australian Standards.
- (c) At all times after the submission the Notice of Commencement to Council, a copy of the Development Consent and Construction Certificate is to remain onsite at all times until the issue of a final Occupation Certificate. The consent shall be available for perusal of any Authorised Officer.
- (d) Where demolition works have been completed and new construction works have not commenced within 4 weeks of the completion of the demolition works that area affected by the demolition works shall be fully stabilised and the site must be maintained in a safe and clean state until such time as new construction works commence.
- (e) Onsite toilet facilities (being either connected to the sewer or an accredited sewer management facility) for workers are to be provided for construction sites at a rate of 1 per 20 persons.
- (f) Prior to the release of the Construction Certificate, payment of the Long Service Levy is required. This payment can be made at Council or to the Long Services Payments Corporation. Payment is not required where the value of the works is less than \$25,000. The Long Service Levy is calculated on 0.35% of the building and construction work. The levy rate and level in which it applies is subject to legislative change. The applicable fee at the time of payment of the Long Service Levy will apply.
- (g) The applicant shall bear the cost of all works associated with the development that occurs on Council's property.
- (h) No skip bins, building materials, demolition or excavation waste of any nature, and no hoist, plant or machinery (crane, concrete pump or lift) shall be placed on Council's footpaths, roadways, parks or grass verges without Council Approval.
- (i) Demolition materials and builders' wastes are to be removed to approved waste/recycling centres.
- (j) No trees or native shrubs or understorey vegetation on public property (footpaths, roads, reserves, etc.) or on the land to be developed shall be removed or damaged during construction unless specifically approved in this consent including for the erection of any fences, hoardings or other temporary works.
- (k) Prior to the commencement of any development onsite for:
  - i) Building/s that are to be erected
  - ii) Building/s that are situated in the immediate vicinity of a public place and is dangerous to persons or property on or in the public place
  - iii) Building/s that are to be demolished
  - iv) For any work/s that is to be carried out
  - v) For any work/s that is to be demolished

The person responsible for the development site is to erect or install on or around the



development area such temporary structures or appliances (wholly within the development site) as are necessary to protect persons or property and to prevent unauthorised access to the site in order for the land or premises to be maintained in a safe or healthy condition. Upon completion of the development, such temporary structures or appliances are to be removed within 7 days.

- (l) A "Road Opening Permit" must be obtained from Council, and all appropriate charges paid, prior to commencement of any work on Council property. The owner/applicant shall be responsible for all public utilities and services in the area of the work, shall notify all relevant Authorities, and bear all costs associated with any repairs and/or adjustments as those Authorities may deem necessary.
- (m) The works must comply with the relevant Ausgrid Network Standards and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice.
- (n) Requirements for new swimming pools/spas or existing swimming pools/spas affected by building works.
  - (1) Child resistant fencing is to be provided to any swimming pool or lockable cover to any spa containing water and is to be consistent with the following;
 

Relevant legislative requirements and relevant Australian Standards (including but not limited) to:

    - (i) Swimming Pools Act 1992
    - (ii) Swimming Pools Amendment Act 2009
    - (iii) Swimming Pools Regulation 2008
    - (iv) Australian Standard AS1926 Swimming Pool Safety
    - (v) Australian Standard AS1926.1 Part 1: Safety barriers for swimming pools
    - (vi) Australian Standard AS1926.2 Part 2: Location of safety barriers for swimming pools.
  - (2) A 'KEEP WATCH' pool safety and aquatic based emergency sign, issued by Royal Life Saving is to be displayed in a prominent position within the pool/spa area.
  - (3) Filter backwash waters shall be conveyed to the Sydney Water sewerage system in sewered areas or managed on-site in unsewered areas in a manner that does not cause pollution, erosion or run off, is separate from the irrigation area for any wastewater system and is separate from any onsite stormwater management system.
  - (4) Swimming pools and spas must be registered with the Division of Local Government.

Reason: To ensure that works do not interfere with reasonable amenity expectations of residents and the community.

## FEES / CHARGES / CONTRIBUTIONS

### 6. Policy Controls

#### Northern Beaches 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019

A monetary contribution of \$3,137.13 is payable to Northern Beaches Council for the provision of local infrastructure and services pursuant to section 7.12 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and the Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019. The monetary contribution is based on a development cost of \$313,713.00.

The monetary contribution is to be paid prior to the issue of the first Construction Certificate or Subdivision Certificate whichever occurs first, or prior to the issue of the Subdivision Certificate where no Construction Certificate is required. If the monetary contribution (total or in part) remains unpaid after the financial quarter that the development consent is issued, the amount unpaid (whether it be the full cash contribution or part thereof) will be adjusted on a quarterly basis in accordance with the applicable Consumer Price Index. If this situation applies, the cash contribution payable for this development will be the total unpaid monetary contribution as adjusted.

The proponent shall provide to the Certifying Authority written evidence (receipt/s) from Council that the total monetary contribution has been paid.

The Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019 may be inspected at 725 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why and at Council's Customer Service Centres or alternatively, on Council's website at [www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)

This fee must be paid prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate. Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To provide for contributions in accordance with the Contribution Plan to fund the provision of new or augmented local infrastructure and services.

## **7. Security Bond**

A bond (determined from cost of works) of \$1,500 and an inspection fee in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges paid as security are required to ensure the rectification of any damage that may occur to the Council infrastructure contained within the road reserve adjoining the site as a result of construction or the transportation of materials and equipment to and from the development site.

An inspection fee in accordance with Council adopted fees and charges (at the time of payment) is payable for each kerb inspection as determined by Council (minimum (1) one inspection).

All bonds and fees shall be deposited with Council prior to Construction Certificate or demolition work commencing, and details demonstrating payment are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

To process the inspection fee and bond payment a Bond Lodgement Form must be completed with the payments (a copy of the form is attached to this consent and alternatively a copy is located on Council's website at [www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)).

Reason: To ensure adequate protection of Council's infrastructure.

## **CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

### **8. Stormwater Disposal**

Engineering Plans certified by an appropriately qualified and practicing Civil Engineer, indicating all details relevant to the collection and disposal of stormwater from the site, buildings, paved areas and where appropriate adjacent catchments.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the

issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure appropriate provision for disposal and stormwater management arising from the development. (DACENC06)

9. **External Finishes to Roof**

The external finish to the roof shall have a medium to dark range in order to minimise solar reflections to neighbouring properties. Any roof with a metallic steel finish is not permitted.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure that excessive glare or reflectivity nuisance does not occur as a result of the development.

10. **Sydney Water "Tap In"**

The approved plans must be submitted to the Sydney Water Tap in service, prior to works commencing, to determine whether the development will affect any Sydney Water assets and/or easements. The appropriately stamped plans must then be submitted to the Certifying Authority demonstrating the works are in compliance with Sydney Water requirements.

Please refer to the website [www.sydneywater.com.au](http://www.sydneywater.com.au) for:

- "Tap in" details - see <http://www.sydneywater.com.au/tapin>
- Guidelines for Building Over/Adjacent to Sydney Water Assets.

Or telephone 13 000 TAP IN (1300 082 746).

Reason: To ensure compliance with the statutory requirements of Sydney Water.

11. **Waste Management Plan**

A Waste Management Plan must be prepared for this development. The Plan must be in accordance with the Development Control Plan.

Details demonstrating compliance must be provided to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure that any demolition and construction waste, including excavated material, is reused, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

## **CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK**

12. **Waste Management During Development**

The reuse, recycling or disposal of waste during works must be done generally in accordance with the Waste Management Plan for this development.

Details demonstrating compliance must be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To ensure demolition and construction waste is recycled or reused and to limit landfill.

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

13. **Stormwater Disposal**

The stormwater drainage works shall be certified as compliant with all relevant Australian Standards and Codes by a suitably qualified person.

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

**Note:** The following Standards and Codes applied at the time of determination:

(a) Australian/New Zealand Standard **AS/NZS 3500.3** - 2003 - Plumbing and drainage - Stormwater drainage

(b) Australian/New Zealand Standard **AS/NZS 3500.3** - 2003/Amdt 1 - 2006 - Plumbing and drainage - Stormwater drainage

(c) National Plumbing and Drainage Code.

Reason: To ensure appropriate provision for the disposal of stormwater arising from the development. (DACENF05)

In signing this report, I declare that I do not have a Conflict of Interest.

**Signed**



**Thomas Prosser, Planner**

The application is determined on 17/09/2020, under the delegated authority of:



**Steven Findlay, Manager Development Assessments**