

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2020/0029
Date:	21/04/2020
Responsible Officer:	Alex Keller
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 131 DP 708044 , 11 - 17 Wilmette Place MONA VALE NSW 2103 Lot 17 DP 707610 , 11 - 17 Wilmette Place MONA VALE NSW 2103

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The development application seeks alterations and additions to the existing warehouse building to enhance its aesthetic appearance and facilitate its internally subdivision. The application also proposes some relatively minor changes to the existing car parking and landscaping to facilitate loading dock access to each of the tenancies..

A complying development certificate (CDC) has been obtained for some of the proposed building works including the warehouse partition walls and all BCA and DDA required upgrades to the premises, including fire compliance, BCA-compliant amenities, and access-compliant stairs and lifts to meet current standards.

Council's Landscape Referral is assessed against Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Zone IN2 Light Industrial and the following Pittwater 21 DCP 2014 Controls:
B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation
C3.1 Landscaping

The site currently contains existing trees and vegetation that softens the development built form, satisfying C3.1. The Statement of Environmental Effects nominates that existing garden beds will be upgraded to infill planting gaps.

The landscape component is acceptable subject to the protection of all existing trees and garden vegetation, and the completion of planting upgrades.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree and vegetation protection

a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected as documented in the architectural Ground Floor Plan DA.010 prepared by Nordon Jago Architects, including:

- i) all trees and vegetation within the site, excluding exempt vegetation under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation.

b) Tree protection shall be generally undertaken as follows:

- i) all tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970- 2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) removal of existing tree roots greater than 25mm is not permitted without consultation with a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist,
- iii) existing ground levels shall remain under the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist,
- iv) any tree roots exposed during excavation with a diameter greater than 25mm within the tree protection zone must be assessed by an AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority,
- v) to minimise the impact on trees and vegetation to be retained and protected, no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- vi) no tree roots greater than 25mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by a AQF minimum Level 5 Project Arborist on site,
- vii) all structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 25mm diameter unless directed by a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist on site,
- viii) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist, including advice on root protection measures,
- ix) should either or all of vi), vii) and viii) occur during site establishment and construction works, a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,
- x) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works, is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS 4970-2009,
- xi) tree pruning to enable construction shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2009 Pruning of Amenity Trees.

c) All protected trees are to be retained for the life of the development, or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed by approval must be replaced with a locally native canopy tree.

d) None of the existing trees as part of this application may be removed. Any subsequent request for tree removal is subject to a Section 4.55 modification application, or an assessment by a AQF level 5 Arborist that determines that the tree presents an imminent risk to life or property.

Reason: to retain and protect significant planting on development and adjoining sites.

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

OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

Landscape works completion

Landscape works consisting of planting infill to areas devoid of existing vegetation shall be implemented, including:

- i) a mix of shrub and groundcover planting installed at 1 metre centres for shrubs and 2 per metre for groundcovers.

Reason: to ensure that the landscape treatments are installed to provide landscape amenity and soften the built form.

Condition of retained vegetation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist with AQF minimum Level 5 qualifications in arboriculture/horticulture shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained, including the following information:

- i) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection and excavation works,
- ii) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,
- iii) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: to retain and protect significant planting on development and adjoining sites.

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

Landscape maintenance

Any existing landscaping including trees required to be retained together with any additional landscaping required by this consent is to be maintained for the life of the development.

A 12 month establishment period shall apply for all new landscaping. If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. All planting must be maintained for the life of the development, or for their safe useful life expectancy. Planting that may die or is approved for removal must be replaced.

Reason: to maintain local environmental amenity and ensure landscaping continues to soften the built form.