

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0887
Date:	25/08/2020
Responsible Officer	Megan Surtees
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 5 DP 21934 , 8 Goodwin Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

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 development proposal has been assessed against the Pittwater LEP cl.7.6 Biodiversity and P21DCP B4.6 Wildlife Corridors. The plans indicate that one tree requires removal, however no details are provided. The proposed development is considered to be relatively low impact, and will not result in a significant impact to biodiversity. The DCP control requires that development shall not result in a significant loss of canopy cover or a net loss in native canopy trees. The replacement planting of one canopy tree has been conditioned.

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

Tree Planting

At least one locally native canopy trees are to be planted onsite to replace trees approved for removal. Canopy tree species are to be selected from the list pertaining to the vegetation community growing in the locality as per the vegetation mapping and native gardening booklet available on the Northern Beaches Council website. All native trees are to be retained for the life of the development, or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree. Tree replacement plantings are to be certified by the development certifier.

Reason: Tree replacement.

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

Reason: Weed management.

No Planting Environmental Weeds

No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>).

Reason: Weed management.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.

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 mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.