

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Application Number:	DA2023/1364
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Responsible Officer:	Reeve Cocks
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 171 DP 709495, 14 Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106
Proposed Development:	Construction of a passenger lift and associated works.
Zoning:	C4 Environmental Living
Development Permissible:	Yes
Existing Use Rights:	No
Consent Authority:	Northern Beaches Council
Land and Environment Court Action:	No
Owner:	Corri Jane Marshall
Applicant:	Grant Vallack

Application Lodged:	11/10/2023
Integrated Development:	No
Designated Development:	No
State Reporting Category:	Residential - Alterations and additions
Notified:	16/10/2023 to 30/10/2023
Advertised:	Not Advertised
Submissions Received:	3
Clause 4.6 Variation:	Nil
Recommendation:	Approval

Estimated Cost of Works:	\$ 140,000.00
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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN DETAIL

This development seeks consent for covered walkway access from the rear of the approved carport and a passenger lift, to provide pedestrian access for the residents from Prince Alfred Parade and their car parking area, to the dwelling house, located on a lower part of the site.

Specifically, the works comprise of the following:

- Construction of a covered walkway.
- Construction of a passenger lift.
- Associated landscaping and earthworks.

This application also seeks to amend the previously granted Development Consent No. DA2021/1682 for alterations and additions to a dwelling house and specifically the carport design.

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

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Zone C4 Environmental Living

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan - D10.13 Landscaped Area - Environmentally Sensitive Land

SITE DESCRIPTION

Property Description:	Lot 171 DP 709495 , 14 Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106
Detailed Site Description:	<p>The subject site consists of one (1) allotment located on the western side of Prince Alfred Parade.</p> <p>The site is irregular in shape with a frontage of 20.2 metres and a maximum depth of 58.0 metres. The site has a surveyed area of 1121m².</p> <p>The site slopes from the front eastern boundary downwards to the rear western boundary. The site appears on the Pittwater Biodiversity Map and is located within a Geotechnical Hazard Area.</p> <p>The site is currently occupied by a dwelling house, swimming pool and an under construction carport.</p> <p>The surrounding development is characterised by residential dwellings of varying architectural design and</p>

style. The subject site provides a right of accessway to No. 14a Prince Alfred Parade that is located to the west.

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:

Reviews REV2022/0011

Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including a carport.

Dated 15 June 2022

Development Application DA2021/1682

Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including a carport.

Dated 20 September 2021

EPA2020/0021

Investigation of building works comprising of concrete slab, retaining walls, and tree removal.

BC2020/0167

Building Information Certificate for Reconstruction of a concrete slab hard stand and retaining wall to the southern elevation of the property.

Dated 14 December 2020.

Development Application N0597/01

Additions to an existing dwelling.

Dated 6 July 2001

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	There are no current draft environmental planning instruments.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iii) – Provisions of any development control plan	Pittwater 21 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 2021 (EP&A Regulation 2021)	<p><u>Part 4, Division 2</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 requires the consent authority to consider "Prescribed conditions" of development consent. These matters have been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clause 29</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 requires the submission of a design verification certificate from the building designer at lodgement of the development application. This clause is not relevant to this application.</p> <p><u>Clauses 36 and 94</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 allow Council to request additional information. Additional information was requested in relation to the height of buildings non-compliance and inconsistency with the zone objectives.</p> <p><u>Clause 61</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 requires the consent authority to consider AS 2601 - 1991: The Demolition of Structures. This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clauses 62 and/or 64</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 requires the consent authority to consider the upgrading of a building (including fire safety upgrade of development). This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clause 69</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 requires the consent authority to consider insurance requirements under the Home Building Act 1989. This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clause 69</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 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.</p>
Section 4.15 (1) (b) – the likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social	<p>(i) Environmental Impact</p> <p>The environmental impacts of the proposed development on the natural and built environment are addressed under the Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan section in this report.</p>

Section 4.15 Matters for Consideration	Comments
and economic impacts in the locality	<p>(ii) Social Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental social impact in the locality considering the character of the proposal.</p> <p>(iii) Economic Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental economic impact on the locality considering the nature of the existing and proposed land use.</p>
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 application has been publicly exhibited from 16/10/2023 to 30/10/2023 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 and the Community Participation Plan.

As a result of the public exhibition process council is in receipt of 3 submission/s from:

Name:	Address:
Mr Andrew Ranucci	12 A Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106
Mr Rohan Walter Mrs Beverley Sandra Walter	12 Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106
Bruce Hamer Ms Kaye Diane Hamer	16 Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106

The following issues were raised in the submissions:

- Bulk and Scale.
- Visual and Acoustic Privacy.

- Height of Buildings non-compliance.
- View Loss.
- Failure to meet objectives of the E4 zone.
- Failure to meet the desired outcomes for Scenic Protection Category One Areas.

The above issues are addressed as follows:

- **Bulk and Scale.**

The submissions raised concerns that the lift and walkway will result in unreasonable bulk and scale.

Comment:

The amended lift and walkway is compliant with the *Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014* Clause 4.3 height of building's control and is also compliant with the Pittwater Development Control Plan 2014 side, rear and front building line control as well as the building envelope control. The lift is compliant with the built form controls and does not result in a reduction of landscaped area on site.

- **Visual and Acoustic Privacy.**

The submissions raised concerns that the visual and acoustic privacy of adjoining neighbours will be unreasonably impacted by the development.

Comment:

The walkway and lift proposed are not habitable spaces and are not considered spaces where large amounts of time are likely to be spent. The walkway and lift will be used to move between the existing carport and dwelling house. It is unlikely that the lift will be in frequent operation or cause unreasonable noise impacts. A condition of consent has been included to ensure there is no unreasonable acoustic impact.

- **Height of Buildings non-compliance.**

The submissions raised concerns that the proposed lift and walkway is non-compliant with the Clause 4.3 height of buildings control.

Comment:

Council requested that the applicant provide amended plans on the 14 of December 2023. The applicant provided an amended design that is now compliant with the control.

- **View loss Concerns.**

The submissions raised concerns that the proposed development will result in view loss.

Comment:

The submissions raised concerns regarding view loss. A site inspection was conducted of 14

Prince Alfred Street and 12a Prince Alfred Street to assess the extent of the view impact. The views impacted are land views of dwelling houses and some hillside. No water views will be impacted by the proposed development and the land views impacted are obtained across a side boundary. It is therefore considered by Council that a full view loss impact assessment is not required as the view loss is minor and not of any significant views, water views, or views of landmarks.

- **Failure to meet objectives of the C4 zone.**

The submissions raised concerns that the proposed development does not meet the objectives of the C4 zone.

Comment:

The development will retain the riparian and foreshore vegetation and wildlife corridors existing on site. As previously stated the development is of a low density and is compliant with the built form controls demonstrating that the scale is integrated with the landform and landscape. The proposal will have little to no impact on the special ecological, scientific or aesthetic values of the area. It is therefore considered that the proposal is consistent with the objectives of the C4 zone.

- **Desired outcomes for Scenic Protection Category One Areas.**

The submissions raised concerns that the proposal is not consistent with the desired future of the Newport locality.

Comment:

The amended design will present in similar bulk and form to a two-storey dwelling house which are common throughout the Newport locality. The design is stepped with the landform and is compliant with the built form controls. It is considered that the amended proposal is consistent with the Newport locality desired outcomes.

REFERRALS

Internal Referral Body	Comments
NECC (Bushland and Biodiversity)	<p>The proposal seeks approval for the construction of a passenger lift and associated works.</p> <p>The comments in this referral relate to the following applicable controls and provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 - Littoral Rainforest and Proximity Area • Pittwater LEP - Clause 7.6 Biodiversity Protection • Pittwater DCP 21 - Clause B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest Endangered Ecological Community <p>The proposal would take place in previously disturbed areas of the site and would require the removal of a single exotic tree. No objections are raised in relation to this removal.</p>

Internal Referral Body	Comments
	<p>The site is on land identified as proximity area for littoral rainforest and as such the development must not impact on the ecological integrity of the rainforest.</p> <p>No native vegetation or fauna habitat would be impacted, the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact.</p>
NECC (Coast and Catchments)	<p>The application has been assessed in consideration of the <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i>, State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 and has also been assessed against requirements of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.</p> <p>Coastal Management Act 2016 The subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i> is applicable to the proposed development. The proposed development is in line with the objects, as set out under Clause 3 of the <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i>.</p> <p>State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021 The subject land has been included on the 'Proximity to Littoral Rainforest Area', 'Coastal Environment Area' and 'Coastal Use Area' maps under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021. Hence, Clauses 2.8, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 of the CM (R & H) apply for this DA.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>On internal assessment and as assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by Coastal Planning & Consultancy Pty. Ltd. dated October 2023, the DA satisfies requirements under clauses 2.8, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 of the SEPP R&H.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the application does comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021.</p> <p>Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP</p> <p>No other coastal related issues identified.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the application does comply with the</p>

Internal Referral Body	Comments
	requirements of the coastal relevant clauses of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.

External Referral Body	Comments
Ausgrid - SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, s2.48	The proposal was referred to Ausgrid who provided a response stating that the proposal is acceptable subject to compliance with the relevant Ausgrid Network Standards and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice. These recommendations will be included as a condition of consent.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS (EPIs)*

All, Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs 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 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 (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

Ausgrid

Section 2.48 of Chapter 2 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 who raised no objections, subject to conditions which have been included in the recommendation of this report.

SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

Chapter 2 – Coastal Management

The site is subject to Chapter 2 of the SEPP. Accordingly, an assessment under Chapter 2 has been carried out as follows:

2.8 Development on land in proximity to coastal wetlands or littoral rainforest

- 1) Development consent must not be granted to development on land identified as “proximity area for coastal wetlands” or “proximity area for littoral rainforest” on the Coastal Wetlands and Littoral Rainforests Area Map unless the consent authority is satisfied that the proposed development will not significantly impact on:
 - a) the biophysical, hydrological or ecological integrity of the adjacent coastal wetland or littoral rainforest, or
 - b) the quantity and quality of surface and ground water flows to and from the adjacent coastal wetland or littoral rainforest.

Comment:

The proposed development will not impact on the biophysical, hydrological or ecological integrity, or surface and ground water flows to and from the adjacent littoral rainforest.

Division 2 Coastal Vulnerability Area

2.9 Development on land within the coastal vulnerability area

Development consent must not be granted to development on land that is within the area identified as “coastal vulnerability area” on the Coastal Vulnerability Area Map unless the consent authority is satisfied that:

- a) if the proposed development comprises the erection of a building or works—the building or works are engineered to withstand current and projected coastal hazards for the design life of the building or works, and
- b) the proposed development:
 - i) is not likely to alter coastal processes to the detriment of the natural environment or
 - ii) other land, and
 - iii) is not likely to reduce the public amenity, access to and use of any beach, foreshore, rock platform or headland adjacent to the proposed development, and incorporates appropriate measures to manage risk to life and public safety from coastal hazards, and
- c) measures are in place to ensure that there are appropriate responses to, and management of, anticipated coastal processes and current and future coastal hazards.

Comment:

This clause has been assessed against the subject site and the proposed development. The proposed development is not located on land identified as a “coastal vulnerability area”.

Division 3 Coastal environment area

2.10 Development on land within the coastal environment area

- 1) Development consent must not be granted to development on land that is within the coastal environment area unless the consent authority has considered whether the proposed development is likely to cause an adverse impact on the following:
 - a) the integrity and resilience of the biophysical, hydrological (surface and groundwater) and ecological environment,
 - b) coastal environmental values and natural coastal processes,
 - c) the water quality of the marine estate (within the meaning of the Marine Estate Management Act 2014), in particular, the cumulative impacts of the proposed development on any of the sensitive coastal lakes identified in Schedule 1,
 - d) marine vegetation, native vegetation and fauna and their habitats, undeveloped headlands and rock platforms,
 - e) existing public open space and safe access to and along the foreshore, beach, headland or rock platform for members of the public, including persons with a disability,
 - f) Aboriginal cultural heritage, practices and places,
 - g) the use of the surf zone.

Comment:

It is considered that the proposed development is unlikely to cause adverse impacts on the above matters.

- 2) Development consent must not be granted to development on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that:
 - a) the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid an adverse impact referred to in subsection (1), or
 - b) if that impact cannot be reasonably avoided—the development is designed, sited and will be managed to minimise that impact, or
 - c) if that impact cannot be minimised—the development will be managed to mitigate that impact.

Comment:

The proposed development is sited at the front of the site and avoids adverse impacts to the coastal environment area.

Division 4 Coastal use area

2.11 Development on land within the coastal use area

- 1) Development consent must not be granted to development on land that is within the coastal use area unless the consent authority:
 - a) has considered whether the proposed development is likely to cause an adverse impact on the following:
 - i) existing, safe access to and along the foreshore, beach, headland or rock platform for members of the public, including persons with a disability,
 - ii) overshadowing, wind funnelling and the loss of views from public places to foreshores,
 - iv) foreshores,
 - v) the visual amenity and scenic qualities of the coast, including coastal headlands,

Aboriginal cultural heritage, practices and places,
cultural and built environment heritage, and

- b) is satisfied that:
 - i) the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid an
 - ii) adverse impact referred to in paragraph (a), or
 - iii) if that impact cannot be reasonably avoided—the development is designed, sited and will be managed to minimise that impact, or if that impact cannot be minimised—the development will be managed to mitigate that impact, and
- c) has taken into account the surrounding coastal and built environment, and the bulk, scale and size of the proposed development.

Comment:

The proposed development will not result in an adverse impact on the visual amenity and scenic qualities of the coast. The proposed walkway and lift is located centrally on site and is stepped to reflect the sloping topography of the site. The development has been designed to avoid an adverse impact on the coastal use area and the impact has been reasonably avoided through intelligent alternative design.

Division 5 General

2.12 Development in coastal zone generally—development not to increase risk of coastal hazards

Development consent must not be granted to development on land within the coastal zone unless the consent authority is satisfied that the proposed development is not likely to cause increased risk of coastal hazards on that land or other land.

Comment:

It is considered that the proposed development is not likely to cause increased risk of coastal hazards.

2.13 Development in coastal zone generally—coastal management programs to be considered

Development consent must not be granted to development on land within the coastal zone unless the consent authority has taken into consideration the relevant provisions of any certified coastal management program that applies to the land.

Comment:

No coastal management programs apply to the subject site.

As such, it is considered that the application complies with the requirements of Chapter 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021.

Chapter 4 – Remediation of Land

Sub-section 4.6 (1)(a) of Chapter 4 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 sub-section 4.6 (1)(b) and (c) of this Chapter and the land is considered to be suitable for the residential land use.

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014

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	8.35m	-	Yes

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
1.9A Suspension of covenants, agreements and instruments	Yes
4.3 Height of buildings	Yes
4.6 Exceptions to development standards	Yes
5.10 Heritage conservation	Yes
5.21 Flood planning	Yes
7.1 Acid sulfate soils	Yes
7.2 Earthworks	Yes
7.6 Biodiversity protection	Yes
7.7 Geotechnical hazards	Yes
7.10 Essential services	Yes

Detailed Assessment

Zone C4 Environmental Living

Pursuant to Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 the proposed development is consistent with the provisions of Clause Zone E4 Environmental Living of the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014.

The objectives of the zone are as follows:

Objectives of zone

- To provide for low-impact residential development in areas with special ecological, scientific or aesthetic values.

- To ensure that residential development does not have an adverse effect on those values.
- To provide for residential development of a low density and scale integrated with the landform and landscape.
- To encourage development that retains and enhances riparian and foreshore vegetation and wildlife corridors.

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan

Built Form Controls

Built Form Control	Requirement	Proposed	% Variation*	Complies
Front building line	6.5m	as existing (lift 29m) (walkway 18m)	-	Yes
Rear building line	6.5m	as existing (lift 23m) (walkway 23m)	-	Yes
Side building line	2.5m	as existing (lift 4.7m to closest side boundary) (walkway 5.5m to closest side boundary)	-	Yes
	1m	as existing	-	Yes
Building envelope	3.5m	Within envelope	-	Yes
	3.5m	Within envelope	-	Yes
Landscaped area	60%	as existing 32.7% (367.1m ²)	45.5%	No (existing non-compliance)

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
A1.7 Considerations before consent is granted	Yes	Yes
A4.10 Newport Locality	Yes	Yes
B1.3 Heritage Conservation - General	Yes	Yes
B1.4 Aboriginal Heritage Significance	Yes	Yes
B3.1 Landslip Hazard	Yes	Yes

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
B3.6 Contaminated Land and Potentially Contaminated Land	Yes	Yes
B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest - Endangered Ecological Community	Yes	Yes
B5.13 Development on Waterfront Land	Yes	Yes
B5.15 Stormwater	Yes	Yes
B6.1 Access driveways and Works on the Public Road Reserve	Yes	Yes
B6.2 Internal Driveways	Yes	Yes
B6.3 Off-Street Vehicle Parking Requirements	Yes	Yes
B6.6 On-Street Parking Facilities	Yes	Yes
B6.7 Transport and Traffic Management	Yes	Yes
B8.1 Construction and Demolition - Excavation and Landfill	Yes	Yes
B8.3 Construction and Demolition - Waste Minimisation	Yes	Yes
B8.4 Construction and Demolition - Site Fencing and Security	Yes	Yes
B8.5 Construction and Demolition - Works in the Public Domain	Yes	Yes
B8.6 Construction and Demolition - Traffic Management Plan	Yes	Yes
C1.2 Safety and Security	Yes	Yes
C1.3 View Sharing	Yes	Yes
C1.4 Solar Access	Yes	Yes
C1.5 Visual Privacy	Yes	Yes
C1.6 Acoustic Privacy	Yes	Yes
C1.7 Private Open Space	Yes	Yes
C1.9 Adaptable Housing and Accessibility	Yes	Yes
C1.12 Waste and Recycling Facilities	Yes	Yes
C1.13 Pollution Control	Yes	Yes
C1.14 Separately Accessible Structures	Yes	Yes
C1.19 Incline Passenger Lifts and Stairways	Yes	Yes
C1.23 Eaves	Yes	Yes
C1.24 Public Road Reserve - Landscaping and Infrastructure	Yes	Yes
C1.25 Plant, Equipment Boxes and Lift Over-Run	Yes	Yes
D10.1 Character as viewed from a public place	Yes	Yes
D10.4 Building colours and materials	Yes	Yes
D10.7 Front building line (excluding Newport Commercial Centre)	Yes	Yes
D10.8 Side and rear building line (excluding Newport Commercial Centre)	Yes	Yes
D10.11 Building envelope (excluding Newport Commercial Centre)	Yes	Yes
D10.13 Landscaped Area - Environmentally Sensitive Land	No	Yes
D10.14 Fences - General	Yes	Yes
D10.16 Construction, Retaining walls, terracing and undercroft areas	Yes	Yes

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
D10.18 Scenic Protection Category One Areas	Yes	Yes

Detailed Assessment

D10.13 Landscaped Area - Environmentally Sensitive Land

Description of Non-compliance

Under Clause D10.13 of the Pittwater Development Control Plan 2014, the following requirements apply for Landscaped Area:

"The total landscaped area on land zoned R2 Low Density Residential, R3 Medium Density Residential or E4 Environmental Living shall be 60% of the site area. The use of porous materials and finishes is encouraged where appropriate. Any alterations or additions to an existing dwelling shall provide a minimum 60% of the site area as landscaped area."

The applicant is not seeking to change the existing landscaped area on site. The site includes a concreted right of way accessway/driveway through the site which limits the availability of landscaped area on site. The site currently has 32.7% landscaped area which represents a 45.5% variation from the 60% requirement. It is considered that due to the landscaped area not being proposed to be reduced and the existing limiting site factors, that the proposed development can be considered acceptable subject to merit consideration.

Merit Consideration

With regard to the consideration of a variation, the proposed development is considered against the underlying outcomes of the control as follows:

- *Achieve the desired future character of the Locality. (S)*

Comment: The proposal is not inconsistent with the desired future of the locality as it increases the safe accessibility of the site.

- *The bulk and scale of the built form is minimised. (En, S)*

Comment: The amended design is now compliant with the height of buildings control. The lift and walkway are located centrally within the site and do not present unreasonably in bulk and scale.

- *A reasonable level of amenity and solar access is provided and maintained. (En, S)*

Comment: The proposal does not result in a non-compliant overshadowing or solar access development. Solar access to the site and adjoining dwellings is maintained to a reasonable level.

- *Vegetation is retained and enhanced to visually reduce the built form. (En)*

Comment: The application does not seek to reduce the existing vegetation on site.

- *Conservation of natural vegetation and biodiversity. (En)*

Comment: Natural vegetation and biodiversity is maintained in its existing form.

- *Stormwater runoff is reduced, preventing soil erosion and siltation of natural drainage channels. (En)*

Comment: The proposed development will not unreasonably impact the stormwater runoff of the site. The provided geotechnical report

- *To preserve and enhance the rural and bushland character of the area. (En, S)*

Comment: The structure will not diminish the rural and bushland character of the area. The proposed lift and walkway is located centrally on the site and presents in height and scale similarly to that of a dwelling house. It should be noted that two (2) and even three (3) storey residential buildings are not uncommon in the locality.

- *Soft surface is maximised to provide for infiltration of water to the water table, minimise run-off and assist with stormwater management. (En, S)*

Comment: The development does not seek to reduce the permeable landscaped area on site from what is existing. It is considered that the existing soft surface area provided on site is acceptable.

Having regard to the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the relevant objectives of PLEP 2014 / P21DCP 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 2022

The proposal is subject to the application of Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2022.

A monetary contribution of \$ 700 is required for the provision of new and augmented public infrastructure. The contribution is calculated as 0.5% of the total development cost of \$ 140,000.

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 2021;
- All relevant and draft Environmental Planning Instruments;
- Pittwater Local Environment Plan;
- Pittwater 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 Council as the consent authority grant Development Consent to DA2023/1364 for Construction of a passenger lift and associated works. on land at Lot 171 DP 709495, 14 Prince Alfred Parade, NEWPORT, subject to the conditions printed below:

Terms and Reasons for Conditions

Under section 88(1)(c) of the EP&A Regulation, the consent authority must provide the terms of all conditions and reasons for imposing the conditions other than the conditions prescribed under section 4.17(11) of the EP&A Act. The terms of the conditions and reasons are set out below.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

Development must be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans (stamped by Council) and supporting documentation, except where the conditions of this consent expressly require otherwise.

Approved Plans				
Plan Number	Revision Number	Plan Title	Drawn By	Date of Plan
0.1	-	Site / Floor Plans	Grant Vallack	30 January 2024
0.2	-	Elevations	Grant Vallack	30 January 2024
0.3	-	Sections / Elevation	Grant Vallack	30 January 2024

Approved Reports and Documentation			
Document Title	Version Number	Prepared By	Date of Document
Waste Management Plan	-	Grant Vallack	18 September 2023
Geotechnical Report	-	Hodgson Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd	2 October 2023

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans, reports and documentation, the approved plans prevail.

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and a condition of this consent, the condition prevails.

Reason: To ensure all parties are aware of the approved plans and supporting documentation that applies to the development.

2. Compliance with Other Department, Authority or Service Requirements

The development must be carried out in compliance with all recommendations and requirements, excluding general advice, within the following:

Other Department, Authority or Service	EDMS Reference	Dated
Ausgrid	Ausgrid Referral Response	2 November 2023

(NOTE: For a copy of the above referenced document/s, please see Application Tracking on Council's website www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)

Reason: To ensure the work is carried out in accordance with the determination and the statutory requirements of other departments, authorities or bodies.

3. **Amends Development Consent DA2021/1682**

This consent amends the the previously granted Development Consent No. DA2021/1682 for Alterations and additions to a dwelling house, which was approved under REV2022/0011.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the relevant approvals.

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 Certifier 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 Certifier 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 Certifier 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 an 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 following is required:
 - i) Long Service Levy - Payment should be made to Service NSW (online or in person) or alternatively to Northern Beaches Council in person at a Customer Service Centre. Payment is not required where the value of the works is less than \$250,000. The Long Service Levy is calculated on 0.25% 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.

- ii) Section 7.11 or Section 7.12 Contributions Plan – Payment must be made to Northern Beaches Council. Where the subject land to which the development is proposed is subject to either a Section 7.11 or 7.12 Contributions Plan, any contribution to which the development is liable under the respective plan that applies is to be paid to Council. The outstanding contribution will be indexed at time of payment in accordance with the relevant Contributions Plan.
 - iii) Housing and Productivity Contribution - Payment must be made on the NSW Planning Portal for development to which this contribution applies. The amount payable is subject to indexation at the time of payment.
- (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.), on the land to be developed, or within adjoining properties, shall be removed or damaged during excavation or 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 2018
 - (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 sewerred areas or managed on-site in unsewerred 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 Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2022

A monetary contribution of \$700.00 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 (as amended).

The monetary contribution is based on a development cost of \$140,000.00.

The total amount payable will be adjusted at the time the payment is made, in accordance with the provisions of the Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan (as amended).

Details demonstrating compliance, by way of written receipts issued by Council, are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to issue of any Construction Certificate or, if relevant, the Subdivision Certificate (whichever occurs first).

A copy of the Contributions Plan is available for inspection at 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why or on Council's website at Northern Beaches Council - Development Contributions.

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 \$2,000 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 Certifier 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).

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

BUILDING WORK – BEFORE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

8. No Clearing of Vegetation

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

9. Boundary Identification Survey

A boundary identification survey, prepared by a Registered Surveyor, is to be prepared in respect of the subject site.

The plans submitted for the Construction Certificate are to accurately reflect the property boundaries as shown on the boundary identification survey, with setbacks between the property boundaries and the approved works consistent with those nominated on the Approved Plans of this consent.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure all approved works are constructed within the subject site and in a manner anticipated by the development consent.

10. Installation and Maintenance of Sediment Control

Prior to any works commencing on site, including demolition, an erosion and sediment control plan must be prepared by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the following documents and provided to the Principal Certifier:

1. Council's relevant development control plan,
2. The guidelines set out in the NSW Department of Housing manual 'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Certificate' (the Blue Book) (as amended from time

- to time), and
3. The 'Do it Right On-Site, Soil and Water Management for the Construction Industry' (Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils and the Natural Heritage Trust) (as amended from time to time).

Techniques used for erosion and sediment control on site are to be adequately maintained and monitored at all times, particularly after periods of rain, and shall remain in proper operation until all development activities have been completed and the site is sufficiently stabilised with vegetation.

Reason: To ensure no substance other than rainwater enters the stormwater system and waterways.

11. **Compliance with standards (Demolition):**

The development is required to be carried out in accordance with all relevant Australian Standards.

Details demonstrating compliance with the relevant Australian Standard are to be submitted to Council prior to the commencement of demolition works.

Reason: To ensure the development is constructed in accordance with appropriate standards.

12. **Compliance with Standards**

The development is required to be carried out in accordance with all relevant Australian Standards.

Details demonstrating compliance with the relevant Australian Standard are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure the development is constructed in accordance with appropriate standards.

DURING BUILDING WORK

13. **Wildlife Protection**

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

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

14. **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.

15. **Removing, Handling and Disposing of Asbestos**

Any asbestos material arising from the demolition process shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with the following requirements:

- Work Health and Safety Act;
- Work Health and Safety Regulation;
- Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos [NOHSC:2002 (1998)];

- Guide to the Control of Asbestos Hazards in Buildings and Structures [NOHSC: 3002 (1998);
- Clause 42 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005; and
- The demolition must be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standard AS2601 – The Demolition of Structures.

Reason: For the protection of the environment and human health.

16. Geotechnical Requirements

All recommendations (if any) included in the Geotechnical Report referenced in Condition 1 of this consent are required to be complied with during works.

Reason: To ensure geotechnical risk is mitigated appropriately.

17. 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 Certifier.

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

BEFORE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

18. No Weeds Imported On To The Site

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

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

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

19. Waste Management Confirmation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, evidence / documentation must be submitted to the Principal Certifier that all waste material from the development site arising from demolition and/or construction works has been appropriately recycled, reused or disposed of generally in accordance with the approved Waste Management Plan.

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

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

20. Geotechnical Recommendations

Any ongoing recommendations of the risk assessment required to manage the hazards identified in the Geotechnical Report referenced in Condition 1 of this consent are to be maintained and adhered to for the life of the development.

Reason: To ensure geotechnical risk is mitigated appropriately.

21. **Mechanical Plant**

Any mechanical plant equipment, including the inclinator motor/drive mechanism, shall not produce noise levels that exceed 5dBA above the background noise when measured from the nearest property boundary.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not impact on the acoustic privacy of surrounding residential properties.

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

Signed



Reeve Cocks, Planner

The application is determined on 02/04/2024, under the delegated authority of:



Steven Findlay, Manager Development Assessments