

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0651
Date:	10/08/2020
Responsible Officer	Nick England
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 64 DP 8075 , 57 Bower Street MANLY NSW 2095

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 subject site is within the declared habitat area for the endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots at North Head. As such, an ecological assessment and threatened species test of significance (Cumberland Ecology, March 2020) has been submitted with the DA. The test of significance concludes that the proposal is unlikely to result in a significant impact to the endangered bandicoot population.

Subject to recommended conditions, there is no objection to the proposal.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

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

Amend Landscape Drawings – Bandicoot Habitat

The submitted landscape drawings are to be amended to include at least 50% native plant species with a low dense clumping habit to provide Long-nosed Bandicoot habitat in accordance with Manly DCP Clause 3.3.1. Plans are to be amended and submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To improve potential Long-nosed Bandicoot habitat at the site

Access Spaces – Bandicoot Habitat

Any new gates or fences are to be designed to include gaps appropriate to maintain bandicoot access through and within the site. Gaps are to be at least 150mm high and 300mm wide. This condition does not apply to pool fencing.

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

Reason: To maintain bandicoot access to existing and proposed habitat within and surrounding the site.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Site Induction Required – Penguin and Bandicoot Habitat

All workers, including site inspectors and sub-contractors, are to be made aware of the potential presence of relevant threatened species and endangered ecological communities through a site induction prior to commencement of works. The site induction is to include information about their conservation significance, potential activities on-site, means of identification and the measures to be implemented for their protection. A confirmation of induction is to be signed by every worker and the site manager.

Evidence of the site induction is to be documented and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To prevent impacts to threatened species, endangered ecological communities and their habitats in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Pre-clearance Survey Required – Bandicoot Habitat

A pre-clearance survey for Long-nosed Bandicoot activity and presence is required prior to the removal of any stockpiles. Clearing may only proceed if the survey concludes that no Long-nosed Bandicoots are present within the area to be cleared. A record of each inspection is to be made in the daily inspection register log-book. The log-book is to be made available to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To avoid injury or death of Long-nosed Bandicoots which may be utilising stockpiles of vegetation, materials or debris.

Report Dead or Injured Bandicoots – Bandicoot Habitat

Any injured or dead Long-nosed Bandicoots found within the worksite must be reported to the National Parks & Wildlife Service (9457 9577) or Northern Beaches Council (1300 434 434).

Reason: To prevent impacts to Long-nosed Bandicoots in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Protect Grassed Foraging Areas – Bandicoot Habitat

There is to be no off-loading or storage of construction materials or debris on the grassed lawn or grassed road verge adjacent to the property. The integrity of the grass must be preserved at all times.

Reason: To prevent direct physical injury to Long-nosed Bandicoots and allow for foraging activity. This area is likely to be used by bandicoots for foraging.

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.

Maintain Fauna Access and Landscaping Provisions – Manly LEP Clause 6.5

All fauna access/movement and landscaping provisions specified in these conditions of consent are to be implemented and maintained for the life of the development.

Reason: To maintain fauna access to existing and proposed habitat within and surrounding the site.