

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2021/2351
Date:	13/12/2021
Responsible Officer:	Stephanie Gelder
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 3 DP 9777 , 208 Woodland Street BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

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

This application is for the construction of a new swimming pool and shed at the rear of an existing residential dwelling, as well as a new driveway and parking bay at the front of the site.

Councils Landscape Referral section has considered the application against the Manly Local Environmental Plan, and the following Manly DCP 2013 controls:

- 3.3.1 Landscaping Design
- 3.3.2 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation
- 4.1.5 Open Space and Landscaping

The Statement of Environmental Effects provided with the application notes that that no trees are required to be removed as a result of proposed works. This statement is not necessarily supported by the Architectural Plans as it is evident one tree is proposed to be removed as it falls within the footprint of proposed works. Upon further review of the site, this tree to be removed is below 5m in height and is therefore considered exempt and may be removed without Councils approval. For this reason, no major concern is raised with the removal of this tree.

It is further noted that a number of existing trees and vegetation areas are located within close proximity to proposed works in the rear yard. Although these works are not anticipated to negatively effect the health and vitality of these trees, care must still be taken during construction as any negative impacts as a result of proposed works shall not be supported. The retention of these trees and vegetation areas is vital to satisfying control 3.3.2, as key objectives of this control include "to protect and enhance the urban forest of the Northern Beaches", as well as "to protect and enhance the scenic value and character that trees and/or bushland vegetation provide".

Slight concern is raised regarding the limited tree planting within the site, particularly as the proposal seeks to remove an existing tree within the front setback. For this reason, it is recommended that an additional locally native tree be incorporated into the site in order to satisfy the minimum number of trees required as per control 4.1.5. The need for this tree planting can be addressed through conditions

of consent rather than the need to submit a Landscape Plan. The completion of this tree planting is necessary to satisfy control 3.3.1 and 4.1.5, as key objectives of these controls include "to encourage appropriate tree planting and maintenance of existing vegetation", "to maximise soft landscaped areas and open space at ground level, encourage appropriate tree planting and the maintenance of existing vegetation and bushland", as well as "to maintain and enhance the amenity (including sunlight, privacy and views) of the site, the streetscape and the surrounding area".

The landscape component of the proposal is therefore supported subject to the protection of existing trees and vegetation, as well as the completion of required tree planting.

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, including:

- i) all trees and vegetation within the site not approved for removal, excluding exempt trees and 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 undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iv) 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,
- v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
- vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
- vii) should either or all of v), vi) and vii) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,
- viii) 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 Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites,
- ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites shall not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree on the lot or any tree on an adjoining site,
- x) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy,

and shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees,
xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause must: i) be in place before work commences on the site, and ii) be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and iii) remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

The Certifying Authority must ensure that:

c) The activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, do not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree, and any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree, or any other tree to be retained on the site during the construction, is undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of that standard.

Note: All street trees within the road verge and trees within private property are protected under Northern Beaches Council development control plans, except where Council's written consent for removal has been obtained. The felling, lopping, topping, ringbarking, or removal of any tree(s) is prohibited.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Required Tree Planting

Trees shall be planted in accordance with the following:

i) at minimum, 1x native canopy tree is to be planted within the front setback, minimum 75L pot size. Suggested species include: *Banksia integrifolia*, *Banksia serrata*, or *Tristaniopsis laurina*.

Tree planting shall be located within a 9m² deep soil area wholly within the site and be located a minimum of 3 metres from existing and proposed buildings, and other trees, and a minimum 2 metres from site boundaries and the proposed driveway.

Tree planting shall be located to minimise significant impacts on neighbours in terms of blocking winter sunlight, or where the proposed tree location may impact upon significant views.

Native tree planting species shall be selected from Council's list:

www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/native-plants/native-plant-species-guide.

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

Reason: To maintain environmental amenity.

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

Landscape Maintenance

If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting.

If any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan and any conditions of consent.

All weeds are to be removed and controlled in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.

Undesirable Trees

Leighton Green Cypress *Cupressocyparis leylandii* or any of its cultivars, or any other Undesirable Trees identified by Council, must not be planted on the site for the life of the development.

In the event of any inconsistency between this condition and the development application documents, this condition will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Reason: To reduce the potential for adverse amenity effects such as overshadowing, loss of views and loss of plant diversity.