

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0219
Date:	23/06/2020
Responsible Officer	Kent Bull
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 30 DP 204399 , 185 Prince Alfred Parade 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

Updated Biodiversity Comment (23 June 2020)

This updated assessment is based upon the following additional information:

- Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Bradshaw Consulting Arborists, 17 June 2020)
- Amended Plans (AusDeCon, received by Council June 2020)

The arboricultural report identifies measures to safely retain existing canopy trees, including those characteristic of the Pittwater Spotted Gum Endangered Ecological Community. It is therefore considered that the proposal is compliant with relevant controls, subject to implementation of arborist's recommendations.

Biodiversity Comment (12 May 2020)

The following biodiversity-related provisions apply to the subject site:

- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 (Biodiversity Protection)
- Pittwater DCP Clause B4.7 (Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest EEC)

The site is identified as containing 'Pittwater and Wagstaffe Spotted Gum Forest Endangered Ecological Community' (EEC) in the NSW Government's 'Native Vegetation of the Sydney Metropolitan Area' mapping. As such, an assessment of the potential impact to native trees is required for developments. It is noted that the proposal involves work within 5m of existing native trees and that no arboricultural impact assessment has been submitted. Given that the proposed driveway amendments may require excavation within the tree protection zone of existing trees, further assessment in the form of an arboricultural assessment (arborist's report) is required. There is therefore insufficient information to assess the proposal's compliance with relevant controls at this stage.

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:

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

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.

Dead or Injured Wildlife – Manly LEP Clause 6.5

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.