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Re: DA2024/1303 - 20-24 MELWOOD AVENUE FORESTVILLE 2087 - The redevelopment of the Forestville RSL Club.

I refer to Northern Beaches Council development application DA2024/1303.

This letter is Ausgrid's response under clause 45(2) of the State Environmental planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007.

The assessment and evaluation of environmental impacts for a new development consent (or where a development consent is modified) is undertaken in accordance with requirements of Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. One of the obligations upon consent authorities, such as local councils, is to consider the suitability of the site for the development which can include a consideration of whether the proposal is compatible with the surrounding land uses and the existing environment.

In this regard, Ausgrid requires that due consideration be given to the compatibility of proposed development with existing Ausgrid infrastructure, particularly in relation to risks of electrocution, fire risks, Electric & Magnetic Fields (EMFs), noise, visual amenity and other matters that may impact on Ausgrid or the development.

With Regard to: The redevelopment of the Forestville RSL Club at 20-24 MELWOOD AVENUE FORESTVILLE 2087

Ausgrid consents to the above mentioned development subject to the following conditions:-

Vegetation

All proposed vegetation underneath overhead power lines and above underground cables must comply with the requirements of ISSC 3 Guideline For Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines. Planting is not recommended within 3 metres of the kiosk substation. Please refer to Ausgrid's Tree Safety Management Plan - <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/Tree-trimming/Vegetation-Management-Guidelines-and-Procedures>

Streetlighting

The developer is to consider the impact that existing streetlighting and any future replacement streetlighting and maintenance may have on the development. Should the developer determine that any existing streetlighting may impact the development, the developer should either review the development design, particular the placement of windows, or discuss with Ausgrid the options for relocating the streetlighting. The relocating of any streetlighting will generally be at the developers cost. In many cases is not possible to relocate streetlighting due to its strategic positioning.

Existing Easement

This easement was acquired for the distribution assets currently owned and operated by Ausgrid. The purpose of the easement is to protect the distribution assets and to provide adequate working space along the route of the cables for construction and maintenance work. The easement also assists Ausgrid in controlling works or other activities under or near the distribution cables which could either by accident or otherwise create an unsafe situation for workers or the public, or reduce the security and reliability of Ausgrid's network. Further discussion with property@ausgrid.com.au.

Proximity to Existing Network Assets

Overhead Powerlines

There are existing overhead electricity network assets in Melwood Ave and Southern & Eastern boundary of the subject site.

Safework NSW Document – Work Near Overhead Powerlines: Code of Practice, outlines the minimum safety separation requirements between these mains/poles to structures within the development throughout the construction process. It is a statutory requirement that these distances be maintained throughout construction. Special consideration should be given to the positioning and operating of cranes and the location of any scaffolding.

The “as constructed” minimum clearances to the mains should also be considered. These distances are outlined in the Ausgrid Network Standard, NS220 Overhead Design Manual. This document can be sourced from Ausgrid’s website, www.ausgrid.com.au

For any excavation work near Ausgrid’s pole, please ensure you have reviewed the Ausgrid Quick Reference Guide (Step 1) - <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/Your-safety/Working-Safe/Clearance-enquiries>

The proposed development may encroach the statutory clearances of nearby powerlines as per the requirements set out in AS7000 and Ausgrid Standard NS220. The developer is required to either:

- Engage an Accredited Service Provider Level 3 (ASP3) to confirm that the development does maintain the statutory clearances to the powerlines (this must include wind impacts). If the ASP3 determines that the proposed structure does encroach the statutory clearances, suitable arrangements must be made to ensure that the structure will not encroach the powerline statutory clearance either by redesign of the encroaching structure or relocation of the powerlines away from the proposed structure.
- Make suitable arrangements to have powerlines relocated prior to the commencement of construction so that statutory clearances are not encroached.

Should the existing overhead mains require relocating due to the minimum safety clearances being compromised in either of the above scenarios, this relocation work is generally at the developers cost.

It is also the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the existing overhead mains have sufficient clearance from all types of vehicles that are expected be entering and leaving the site.

Underground Cables

There are existing underground electricity network assets in Melwood Ave and Southern & Eastern boundary of the subject site.

Special care should also be taken to ensure that driveways and any other construction activities within the footpath area do not interfere with the existing cables in the footpath. Ausgrid cannot guarantee the depth of cables due to possible changes in ground levels from previous activities after the cables were installed. Hence it is recommended that the developer locate and record the depth of all known underground services prior to any excavation in the area. Any coverage reduction over the existing electrical assets must be approved by Ausgrid.

Safework Australia – Excavation Code of Practice, and Ausgrid’s Network Standard NS156 outlines the minimum requirements for working around Ausgrid’s underground cables.

Substation

There are existing electricity substation assets Adjacent to the site.

The substation ventilation openings, including substation duct openings and louvered panels, must be separated from building air intake and exhaust openings, natural ventilation openings and boundaries of adjacent allotments, by separation distances which meet the requirements of all relevant authorities, building regulations, BCA and Australian Standards including AS 1668.2: The use of ventilation and air-conditioning in buildings - Mechanical ventilation in buildings.

In addition to above, Ausgrid requires the substation ventilation openings, including duct openings and louvered panels, to be separated from building ventilation system air intake and exhaust openings, including those on buildings on adjacent allotments, by not less than 6 metres.

Any portion of a building other than a BCA class 10a structure constructed from non combustible materials, which is not sheltered by a non-ignitable blast-resisting barrier and is within 3 metres in any direction from the housing of a kiosk substation, is required to have a Fire Resistance Level (FRL) of not less than 120/120/120. Openable or fixed windows or glass blockwork or similar, irrespective of their fire rating, are not permitted within 3 metres in any direction from the housing of a kiosk substation, unless they are sheltered by a non-ignitable blast resisting barrier.

The development must comply with both the Reference Levels and the precautionary requirements of the ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-varying Electric and Magnetic Fields (1 HZ – 100 kHz) (ICNIRP 2010).

For further details on fire segregation requirements refer to Ausgrid's Network Standard 141.

Existing Ausgrid easements, leases and/or right of ways must be maintained at all times to ensure 24 hour access. No temporary or permanent alterations to this property tenure can occur without written approval from Ausgrid.

For further details refer to Ausgrid's Network Standard 143.

Please do not hesitate to contact David Su at Development@ausgrid.com.au should you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely, David

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