
Sent: 13/01/2021 9:10:12 AM
Subject: RE: Change of Use DA - Starkey St

Hi David,

Sandie from Sunnyfield has been keeping me abreast of your discussions regarding a condition restricting accommodation at the Starkey Street group home to people with a disability only.

For the proposed condition, we'd like to propose a simple rewording of part (b) of the 'permanent group home' definition. For your information this definition as per the Standard Instrument is:

permanent group home means a dwelling—
(a) that is occupied by persons as a single household with or without paid supervision or care and whether or not those persons are related or payment for board and lodging is required, and
(b) that is used to provide permanent household accommodation for people with a disability or people who are socially disadvantaged,
but does not include development to which State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 applies.

Our proposed condition is:

The group home which is the subject of this consent is to provide permanent household accommodation for people with a disability only.

We look forward to the completion your full assessment.

Kind regards,

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From: David Auster <David.Auster@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12 January 2021 at 4:41:16 pm AEDT
To: Sandie Hogarth-Scott <s.hogarthscott@sunnyfield.org.au>
Subject: RE: Change of Use DA - Starkey St

Thanks Sandie, received.

As we discussed before Christmas, I spoke to my manager about the issue of limiting the consent with a condition to only enable people with a disability to live there, and we came to the conclusion that was a legitimate condition to impose if suggested by the applicants. That being the case, I will include that condition in the recommendation should the application be recommended for approval.

I will try to carry out the full assessment as soon as possible and will be in touch if any issues arise. I will be away for one week from 18/1/21 (next week), but will be back in the office after that.

Kind regards,

David Auster
Planner

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From: Sandie Hogarth-Scott <s.hogarthscott@sunnyfield.org.au>
Sent: Monday, 11 January 2021 4:29 PM
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From: Sandie Hogarth-Scott
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 7:18 AM
To: 'Rosemary Loughnane' <roseml@bigpond.com>
Cc: DASUB@northernbeachescouncil.nsw.gov.au
Subject: RE: Change of Use DA - Starkey St

Thanks Rosemary for your suggestion.
Agree wholeheartedly. Its something we should think about lobbying on.

Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas.

Sandie

From: Rosemary Loughnane [<mailto:roseml@bigpond.com>]
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 5:05 PM
To: Sandie Hogarth-Scott <s.hogarthscott@sunnyfield.org.au>
Cc: DASUB@northernbeachescouncil.nsw.gov.au
Subject: RE: Change of Use DA - Starkey St

Dear Sandie Hogarth-Scott

Thank you for your response re objections of near neighbours to DA2020/1466 50 Starkey street, Forestville.

As you will have noted, it would be the permanent change to the use of the property that concerns me and most other objectors. It seems to me that the real problem is the NSW Government broad definition of who can be housed in Group Homes.

May I suggest Sunnyfield and like organizations endeavour to have the NSW State Government Department of Planning change the definition to best describe your deserving clients, so that they are not lumped in with the definition of people related to problems with drugs, alcohol, violence and other criminal behaviour, as is currently the case in the broad definition.

Sincerely,
Rose Loughnane
108 Cook Street, Forestville

From: Sandie Hogarth-Scott <s.hogarthscott@sunnyfield.org.au>
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 4:45 PM
To: roseml@bigpond.com
Subject: Change of Use DA - Starkey St

Dear Neighbour,

As you are aware we provide the Disability services to our wonderful residents at 50 Starkey Street and we have recently submitted a Change of Use Development Application to Northern Beaches Council to regularize the use to a Group Home. Whilst I understand it sounds very concerning and there is a negative connotation about "group homes", the reason for the application is that under Council's planning regulations we must have a current Development consent to operate the home for the residents. In effect nothing will change, it's simply an administrative matter to ensure that Sunnyfield are operating within the law.

We have spoken with Dave Auster, the planner at Northern Beaches Council and suggested that if/when they issue a consent that they include a condition that states "The group home can only be used for people with a disability". We will put this suggestion to the Council in writing.

I hope that this will help alleviate your fears of what may or may not happen. It is definitely

Sunnyfield's intention to remain at Starkey Street providing service to the lovely folk who live there. I know that they are a fantastic part of the community there and really contribute to the fabric of society.

If you have any further concerns please feel free to contact me. I am going on leave today but wanted to write so that you don't have to worry about this very important issue over the festive season.

Warm wishes.
Sandie

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