Conflict of Interest Management Strategy

Council-related Development Applications Policy – applies to all applications lodged from 3 April 2023

This policy aims to manage potential conflicts of interest and increase transparency at all stages of the development process for council-related development by publishing a Management Strategy containing a Risk Assessment and Management Controls to manage any conflicts.

Note: Green cells denotes selections and responses

Application number:	DA2025/1350
Address:	Aquatic Drive
	FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086
Description:	Demolition of existing baseball batting cages and construction of a new
	baseball batting cage structure
Applicant:	Andrew Seller
Land owner:	Northern Beaches Council

council-related development means development for which the council is the applicant developer (whether lodged by or on behalf of council), landowner, or has a commercial interest in the land the subject of the application, where it will also be the regulator or consent authority)

Conflict of Interest risk assessment

Does a potential conflict of interest exist:	Council is the land owner		
of interest exist.	Council does not gain financially from this proposal.		
Phase of development	Preliminary advice -	Yes	
process in which conflict	Assessment -	Yes	
arises:	Determination -	Yes	
	Construction Certificate -	Yes	
Level of risk at each	Preliminary advice -	Medium	
phase:	Assessment -	Medium	
	Determination -	Medium	
	Construction Certificate -	Medium	
Additional Management			
Controls:			

Level of Risk

Policy Definitions

Low	Medium	High
See below	Any application where the Local	Any application where the Sydney
Determined under delegation by	Planning Panel is the consent	North Planning Panel is the consent
Council staff if not required by	authority or where council has	authority or where the CEO
Ministerial Direction to be	resolved to provide a grant	determines it high risk
determined by LPP		
Level of Risk		
	Medium	

Low Risk category

- Advertising signage on council properties.
- Internal fit outs and minor changes to the building façade.
- Internal alterations or additions to buildings that are not a heritage item.
- Council-related development in respect of which council may receive a small fee for the use of their land (such as outdoor dining areas for which fees are or may be payable under legislation).
- Alterations and additions to minor structures in parks and other public spaces (such as shade structures in playgrounds).
- Minor building structures projecting from a building façade over public land (such as awnings, verandas, bay windows, flagpoles, pipes and services).

Management Controls

Policy Controls		
Low	Medium	High
NA	Written records kept of all	Written records kept of all
	correspondence with applicant	correspondence with applicant
	or representative of applicant,	or representative of applicant,
	all substantial discussions are	all substantial discussions are
	held in formal meetings which	held in formal meetings which
	are documented	are documented
Public exhibition 28 days	Public exhibition 28 days	Public exhibition 28 days
Assessed by Council staff	External independent	External independent
	assessment	assessment
Determined by Local Planning	Determined by Local Planning	Determined by Sydney North
Panel unless excluded in	Panel	Planning Panel
Ministerial Directions		
	External Certification of	External Certification of
	Construction Certificate	Construction Certificate
Additional Controls		

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