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NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL REPORTS

NSLPP MEETING HELD ON 2/06/21

Attachments:
1. Site Plan
2. Architectural Plans

ADDRESS/WARD: 6 John Street, McMahons Point

APPLICATION No: DA 11/21

PROPOSAL: Use of relocatable shed for repair and maintenance purposes at

existing boat repair facility

PLANS REF:

Plan No.	Rev No.	Description	Prepared by	Dated
A010	01	Site Plan – relocatable shed	Crawford Architects	20.11.26 [sic]

OWNER: Stannard Marine Pty Ltd

APPLICANT: Hamptons Property Services Pty Ltd

AUTHOR: Brett Brown, Consultant Town Planner

DATE OF REPORT: 24 May 2021

DATE LODGED: 7 January 2021

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This development application seeks approval for use of a relocatable shed for repair and maintenance purposes at an existing boat repair facility and is reported to the North Sydney Local Planning Panel for determination as there are more than 10 individual submissions.

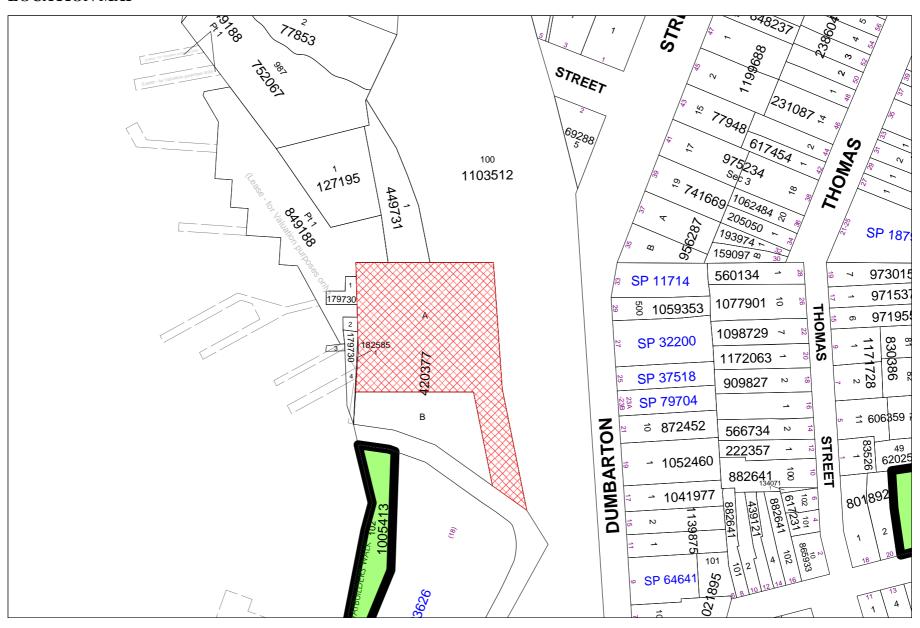
Notification of the proposal has attracted 26 submissions raising concerns about various matters as detailed in this report. The assessment has considered these concerns as well as the performance of the application against Council's planning requirements.

Following this assessment, the development application is recommended for refusal due to the failure of the application to address the potential adverse impacts of the proposed use of the relocatable structure. The existing development consent and recent Deed of Agreement between Council and the applicant, do not permit the type of works proposed by the applicant (including sand blasting and spray painting) in this location on the site and so the introduction of such works to areas where there is no existing approval requires consideration of the environmental impacts.

Despite a request for the applicant to provide additional information, including an acoustic report, the applicant has indicated that the submitted information is adequate.

Consequently, the application is recommended for refusal.

LOCATION MAP



DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

This development application seeks approval for use of an existing unauthorised relocatable shed within the existing boat repair facility at the premises. The relocatable shed is proposed to be used for repair and maintenance purposes.

The DA follows Council commencing Class 1 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court regarding the failure of the applicant to comply with the conditions of the applicable development consent for use of the site. One of the issues in the proceedings was the unauthorised erection and use of a relocatable shed on the site. As part of an agreement to resolve the matter under Section 34 of the Land and Environment Court Act, dated 23 December 2020, one of the requirements was to submit a Development Application (DA) for the use of the relocatable shed (mobile structure) by 24 December 2020.

The subject DA was submitted on 7 January 2021. There was also a concurrent requirement that an application for a Building Information Certificate (BIC) for the relocatable structure be lodged by 24 December 2020. The BIC application has been lodged and its assessment has been deferred pending the outcome of this DA.

The application describes the proposed development as follows:

3. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

As outlined previously, this application seeks consent for the use of the relocatable structure, which is used as an ancillary component in undertaking works to vessels on the site, consistent with the approved use being a boat building and repair facility.

The structure is used to move around vessels when they are being worked on to assist in processes such as spray painting, soda or sand blasting, as permitted by the Development Consent, or for any other activities that may potentially cause an adverse impact in terms of noise or air quality. It is used to enclose spaces surrounding the vessel to mitigate potential adverse impacts.

...A plan showing the general location of the structure, along with the structure itself, is provided for information purposes accompanying this application.

STATUTORY CONTROLS

North Sydney LEP 2013

- Zoning IN4 Working Waterfront
- Item of Heritage
- In Vicinity of Item of Heritage
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (As amended)
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 1996
- SREP (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005
- SEPP 55 Remediation of Land & Draft SEPP
- Draft SEPP Environment 2017
- Integrated Development
- Local Development

POLICY CONTROLS

DCP 2013

Sydney Harbour Foreshores & Waterways Area DCP 2005

RELEVANT HISTORY

Previous applications

Date	Action
20.12.1990	Consent granted for redevelopment of the existing boat maintenance
	facility
15.07.1991	Modification of the above consent was granted (changes to various
	conditions)
16.09.1992	Modification of the above consent was granted (deletion of condition
	44 requiring a public walkway)
01.09.2020	A DA for a Floating Dry Dock at the site was refused by the NSLPP

Current Application

Date	Action
14.1.21	Council sent a letter to the applicant requesting additional information
10.3.21	The applicant responded to Council's letter indicating that the requested information would not be provided as the submitted information was adequate.

EXTERNAL REFERRALS

FORESHORES COMMITTEE

The Foreshores and Waterways Planning and Development Advisory Committee have not provided a response to date.

SUBMISSIONS

On 20 January 2021, Council notified adjoining properties and the Union and Waverton Precincts of the proposed development seeking comment between 29 January and 12 February 2021. Council received 26 submissions where the following matters were raised:

Name & Address of Submitters	Basis of Submissions
Benjamin Hiatt	Unlawful structure already erected
18 Allara Avenue	Escape of pollutants
TURRAMURRA NSW 2074	Acoustic impacts
Merilee Symons	Impact of fumes
Shop 13, 7-17 Waters Road	Not in accordance with Australian Standards
NEUTRAL BAY NSW 2089	
Name withheld	Safety concerns in windy conditions

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Christian Adams	Unlawful structure
8 Munro Street	Acoustic impacts
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	Escape of pollutants
	Contrary to consent and deed of agreement
DW & GE Anderson	Not permitted under EPA guidelines
9/38 Woolcott Street	 Applicant has history of breaching EPA guidelines
WAVERTON NSW 2060	
Friends of Berrys Bay Inc.	DA Misleading and an abuse of process
Info.fobb@gmail.com	Inconsistent with current consent
Email: leon@leonmary.com	DA incorrectly states application is not integrated development
	 Increased intensity of use
	Safety concerns in windy conditions
Leon Reardon	DA misleading and an abuse of process
2/13 John Street	DA incorrectly states application is not integrated
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	development
	Increased intensity of use
	Noise and pollution impacts
A&L Bielinko	Unlawful structure
14 Central Street	Acoustic impacts
NAREMBURN NSW 2065	Escape of pollutants
	Contrary to consent and deed of agreement
Name Withheld	Contrary to EPA License
	Contrary to development consent
	Acoustic and pollutant impacts
	Unlawful structure
Name Withheld	Unlawful structure
Traine Witimera	Contrary to EPA License
	No need for 'moveable' shed
	No room for large shed
Ross Walden	Unlawful structure
1/18 Munro Street	Acoustic impacts
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	 Acoustic impacts Escape of pollutants
Memmione rentration 2000	 Contrary to consent and deed of agreement
K & G Foster	Integrated development
3 Commodore Crescent	
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	Lack of information re building materials, operating details and contamination
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	Impact of noise and pollutantsSafety concerns in windy conditions
Dr Ronald Blombery	
86 Blues Point Road	
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	Safety concerns in windy conditions Facens of rellytents
	Escape of pollutants Unly while threating already argeted.
Satyarani Sinah	Unlawful structure already erected
Satyaranj Singh 3 Martha Street	Escape of pollutants We have the service of the EDA Linear Control of the EDA Linear Contr
HUNTERS HILL NSW 2110	Works not permitted by EPA License
HONTERSTILL INSW 2110	Structure not relocatable
	Acoustic impacts
N C	Contrary to consent and deed of agreement
Mary Curran	Unlawful structure already erected
PO Box 207	Contrary to consent and deed of agreement
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NEUTRAL BAY JUNCTION NSW 2089	Acoustic impactsEscape of pollutants

Yvette Keddie	Escape of pollutants
1/17 Munro Street	Unauthorised structure
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	• Onaumorised structure
Sandra Berrick	Escape of pollutants
2/16 Munro Street	Unauthorised structure
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	Unauthorised structure
Malcolm Keefe	TI di i i di di
3/18 Munro Street	Unauthorised structure
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David Keddie	Unauthorised structure
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P & C Bettman	Unauthorised structure
3/17 Munro Street	• Escape of pollutants
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Dr Neil Gunningham	Unauthorised structure
1/11 John Street	Escape of pollutants
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	Acoustic impacts
D & S Nichol	Unauthorised structure
5/18 Munro Street	Escape of pollutants
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	Acoustic impacts
Ian Dennis	Unauthorised structure
1705/16-18 Munro Street	DA misleading
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060	• Escape of pollutants
	Acoustic impacts
	Traffic and parking issues
	Designated development
Michael Stevens	DA Misleading
5/26 Woolcott Street	 Applicant has history of consent conditions and
WAVERTON NSW 2060	breaching EPA guidelines
	Escape of pollutants
	Acoustic impacts
	Structure not relocatable
	• Structure not relocatable

CONSIDERATION

The relevant matters for consideration under Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 (as amended), are assessed under the following headings:

SREP – (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005

Having regard to the SREP (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 and the Sydney Harbour Foreshores and Waterways Area DCP 2005, the proposed development will potentially be detrimental to the Harbour in terms of environmental impacts as the DA has not demonstrated how pollutants from the proposed works will be prevented from entering the environment.

The visual impact of the structure is not a consideration that can be made as the structure already exists and its physical impacts are assessed under the BIC process. However, the applicant indicates that structure is 'relocatable' and may be moved to other parts of the site. Given the size and potential visual impacts the structure, granting approval to its relocation to other parts of the site is not appropriate as these impacts cannot be properly assessed without knowing the proposed locations. As such, the development is not acceptable having regard to the provisions contained within SREP 2005 and the Sydney Harbour Foreshores and Waterways DCP 2005.

SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land & Draft

The provisions of SEPP 55 require Council to consider the likelihood that the site has previously been contaminated and to address the methods necessary to remediate the site. The subject site has a long history of industrial use and the application does not seek to change this use. Therefore, the requirements of SEPP 55 and the Draft SEPP have been satisfactorily addressed.

Draft SEPP Environment 2017

This draft SEPP proposes to integrate the provisions of seven (7) SEPPs/SREPs including SREP (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005. The majority of the current provisions of SREP (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 would be transferred to the draft SEPP with necessary updates and some amendments. The proposal would offend the relevant provisions of the draft SEPP due to the potential environmental impacts noted above.

NORTH SYDNEY LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN (NSLEP 2013)

1. Permissibility

The proposed works can be defined as being ancillary to a boat repair facility which is a use which is permitted with consent in the IN4 zone.

2. Objectives of the zone

The objectives for the IN4 zone are stated below:

- To retain and encourage waterfront industrial and maritime activities.
- To identify sites for maritime purposes and for activities that require direct waterfront access.
- To ensure that development does not have an adverse impact on the environmental and visual qualities of the foreshore.
- To encourage employment opportunities.
- To minimise any adverse effect of development on land uses in other zones.

The proposal is not consistent with the above objective regarding adverse impacts as it has not been adequately demonstrated that the environmental impacts of the proposed use of the shed can be suitably mitigated.

3. Height of Building

As the structure already exists, retrospective consent cannot be granted to the building by the subject DA. However, the applicant indicates that the structure to be relocatable and so the impacts of this can be assessed. Whilst the structure is only around 5m high, well below the 10m height limit, it is not appropriate to grant approval to a structure of this size and permanence without proper assessment of each location it is proposed.

4. Heritage Conservation

The subject site is listed as a Heritage Item under Schedule 5 in NSLEP 2013. The submitted SEE concludes that: the use of the structure will not compromise the heritage attributes of the site. It is agreed that the proposed 'use' is consistent with the historical use of the site, however the physical impacts of the shed in relation to heritage are not part of this assessment and would need to be addressed in consideration of the submitted BIC. In terms of the impacts of the potential 'relocation' of the shed, the intended locations have not been specified and so the heritage impacts cannot be properly assessed.

NORTH SYDNEY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2013

There are no specific provisions of the DCP that are relevant to the type of use proposed. There are relevant site specific provisions for the John Street Waterfront Neighbourhood that are contained in the Area Character Statement for the Waverton / Wollstonecraft Planning Area. However, these mainly deal with visual impact issues and this DA only relates to use or the potential 'relocation' of the shed as noted above.

In relation to traffic and parking, the proposal seeks to increase the intensity of the use of the outdoor space on the site where such work has not previously been approved. However, there is no change proposed to the existing limits on employee numbers, boat numbers or any other matters that would potentially increase traffic and parking beyond that already approved. As such there is no objection raised regarding this issue.

ALL LIKELY IMPACTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT

All likely impacts of the proposed development have been considered within the context of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPRAISAL		CONSIDERED
1.	Statutory Controls	Yes
2.	Policy Controls	Yes
3.	Design in relation to existing building and natural environment	Yes
4.	Landscaping/Open Space Provision	Yes
5.	Traffic generation and Carparking provision	Yes
6.	Loading and Servicing facilities	Yes
7.	Physical relationship to and impact upon adjoining development (Views, privacy, overshadowing, etc.)	Yes
8.	Site Management Issues	Yes
9.	All relevant S79C considerations of Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979	Yes

SUBMITTERS CONCERNS

The application was notified to adjoining properties and the Waverton and Union Precincts. Council received 26 submissions where the following matters were raised:

In response to the submissions, the following comments are provided, as necessary.

Unauthorised structure

The subject DA cannot authorise the existing shed structure and this is being dealt with in a separate application by the applicant for a Building Information Certificate (BIC). The applicant has indicated that the structure is 'relocatable', and that approval is sought for the ability to move the structure. However, given the size and nature of the structure and its use, and that it is bolted into the concrete platform on the site, it is considered inappropriate to approve the movement of the structure without a detailed assessment of the impacts of each specific location.

Escape of pollutants

The type of work on the site that has the potential for significant impacts from noise, fumes and pollutants has only been approved in certain parts of the site (predominantly within work sheds) and does not include the area currently occupied by the shed. Therefore, there has been no previous assessment of the impacts of such work in this location. The submitted DA does not provide any documentation assessing these impacts and the DA has not been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority as integrated development as the submitted details indicated that the DA was not integrated development. Given this lack of assessment the proposal cannot be approved.

Acoustic impacts

As noted above, as this impact has not been assessed, the DA cannot be approved.

Inconsistent with existing consent and Deed of Agreement with Council

The lodgement of the subject DA was a requirement of the Deed. The proposed use is inconsistent with the existing consent however there is no requirement for consistency for a new DA. Notwithstanding, the existing consent does not permit the proposed works in this part of the site and the impact of this change to the approved situation has not been adequately assessed.

Safety concerns

As noted above the subject DA deals with use, not the structure itself and safety concerns can be dealt with through the BIC process.

Designated development

The proposal does not seek to increase the number of boats able to be worked on and so it is not designated development.

Re: 6 John Street, McMahons Point

PUBLIC INTEREST

The proposal is not considered to be in the public interest for the reasons stated throughout this report.

SUITABILITY OF THE SITE

The proposal is located in the IN4 zone where the proposed use is a permissible form of development. However, the impacts of the use in this part of the site have not been adequately considered and as such the suitability of the subject location for the proposed use cannot be confirmed.

CONCLUSION + REASONS

The proposal was considered under the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments and policies including NSLEP 2013 and NSDCP 2013 and generally found to be unsatisfactory.

The application proposes a use that is a permissible form of development in the IN4 zone, however, the impacts of the use in this part of the site have not been adequately considered.

Council received 26 submissions that raised concerns about the impacts of the proposed use including issues relating to noise, fumes and other pollutants escaping into the environment that have been discussed in this report.

Having regard to the merits of the proposal, the application is recommended for refusal for the reasons provided below.

HOW WERE THE COMMUNITY VIEWS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION?

The subject application was notified to adjoining properties and the Waverton and Union Precincts for 14 days and 26 submissions were received raising a number of issues that have been addressed in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.16 OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 (AS AMENDED)

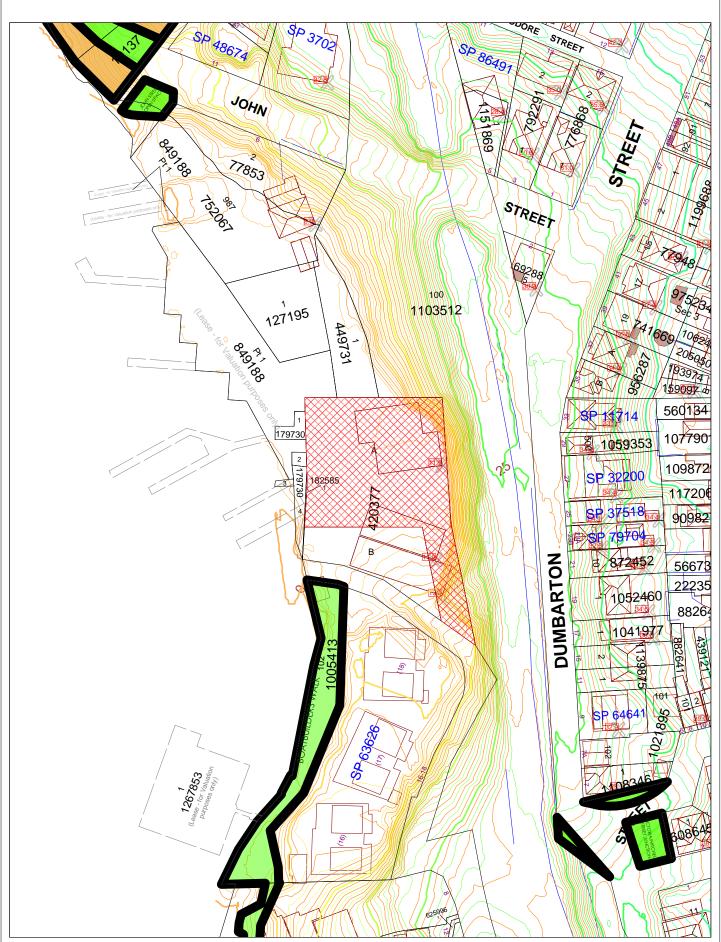
THAT the North Sydney Local Planning Panel exercising the functions of Council as the consent authority resolve to **refuse** development consent to Development Application No. 11/21 for the use of a relocatable shed for purposes relating to a boat repair facility at 6 John Street McMahons Point for the following 3 reasons:-

- 1. The submitted DA fails to provide adequate information to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed use in relation to noise, fumes and potential escape of other pollutants into the environment.
- 2. The submitted DA indicates that the proposal is not integrated development however the environmental impacts of the proposed use in relation to noise, fumes and potential escape of other pollutants into the environment are likely to require approval by the Environmental Protection Authority under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1979 and as such the application is considered to be integrated development pursuant to Section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997.

3. Given the size and nature of the structure and its use, and that it is bolted into the concrete platform on the site, it is considered inappropriate to approve the movement of the structure without a detailed assessment of the impacts of each specific location. The submitted DA does not provide such an assessment.

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