

Local Planning Panel

Meeting No 136

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Present

Graham Brown (Chair), Vanessa Holtham, Louise Sureda and Nicholas Sanderson.

At the commencement of business at 5:02pm, those present were:

Mr Brown, Ms Holtham, Ms Sureda and Mr Sanderson.

The Executive Manager Planning and Development was also present.

The Chair opened the meeting with introductory comments about the purpose and format of the meeting and an acknowledgement of country.

Item 1 Disclosures of Interest

In accordance with clause 4.17 of the Code of Conduct, all Local Planning Panel members have lodged an annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests written return.

The Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests written returns are received and noted.

In accordance with section 4.9 of the Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members, all panel members have signed a declaration of interest in relation to each matter on the agenda.

No members disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Local Planning Panel.

Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes

The Panel noted the minutes of the Local Planning Panel of 1 July 2026, which have been endorsed by the Panel Members and Chair of that meeting.

Item 3 Development Application: 17 Randle Street, Surry Hills - D/2026/409

The Panel:

- (A) upheld the variation requested to Clause 4.3 'Height of buildings' in accordance with Clause 4.6 'Exceptions to development standards' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012
- (B) upheld the variation requested to Clause 4.4 'Floor space ratio' in accordance with Clause 4.6 'Exceptions to development standards' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012
- (C) determined the requirement under Clause 6.21D 'Competitive design process' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 for a competitive design process is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances
- (D) determined the requirement under Clause 7.20 'Development requiring or authorising preparation of a development control plan' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 for the preparation of a site specific development control plan or concept development consent is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances
- (E) granted consent to Development Application Number D/2026/409 subject to the conditions set out in Attachment A to the subject report.

Reasons for decision

The application was approved for the following reasons:

- (A) The proposal satisfies the objectives of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, in that, subject to the imposition of conditions as recommended, it achieves the objectives of the planning controls for the site for the reasons outlined in the report to the Local Planning Panel.
- (B) Based upon the material available to the Panel at the time of determining this application, the Panel is satisfied that:
 - (i) the applicant has demonstrated that compliance with the 'Height of buildings' development standard in Clause 4.3 of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances and that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention of the development standard in accordance with the requirements of Clause 4.6(3) of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and
 - (ii) the proposal is in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the MU1 Mixed Use zone and the 'Height of buildings' development standard.
- (C) Based upon the material available to the Panel at the time of determining this application, the Panel is satisfied that:
 - (i) the applicant has demonstrated that compliance with the 'Floor space ratio' development standard in Clause 4.4 of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances and that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention of the development standard in accordance with the requirements of Clause 4.6(3) of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and
 - (ii) the proposal is in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the MU1 Mixed Use zone and the 'Floor space ratio' development standard.

- (D) The proposal otherwise generally satisfies the relevant objectives and provisions of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and the Sydney Development Control Plan 2012.
- (E) The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the MU1 Mixed Use zone.
- (F) The proposal will conserve the heritage significance of nearby heritage items within the vicinity of the site, in accordance with Clause 5.10 of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012.
- (G) The articulation, materiality and architectural contribution of the proposal combine to exhibit design excellence in accordance with the relevant provisions and matters for consideration in Clause 6.21C of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012.
- (H) The proposed development will have a height, scale and form suitable for the site and its context, and subject to conditions, satisfactorily addresses the heights and setbacks of neighbouring developments, is appropriate in the streetscape context and setting of the broader locality.
- (I) The proposed development will result in a mixture of compatible land uses which will support the vitality of the area and will not result in any significantly adverse environmental or amenity impacts on either the subject or surrounding properties, the public domain or the broader Surry Hills locality, subject to the recommended conditions.
- (J) Subject to the recommended conditions of consent, the proposed development achieves an acceptable level of amenity for the existing and future occupants of the subject and adjoining sites.
- (K) The public interest is served by the approval of the proposal, as amendments to the proposed development have generally addressed the matters raised by Council staff, subject to recommended conditions imposed relating to the appropriate management of the potential environmental impacts associated with the development.

Carried unanimously.

D/2026/409

Speaker

Giovanni Cirillo (Planning Lab) – on behalf of the applicant.

Item 4 Development Application: 14 and 16 Trinity Avenue, Dawes Point - D/2026/298

The Panel:

- (A) upheld the variation requested to Clause 6.47(5) 'Millers Point heritage conservation area' in accordance with Clause 4.6 'Exceptions to development standards' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012
- (B) granted consent to Development Application Number D/2026/298 subject to the conditions set out in Attachment A to the subject report.

Reasons for decision

The application was approved for the following reasons:

- (A) The development is consistent with the objectives of the R1 General Residential zone.
- (B) The proposed development satisfies the relevant objectives and provisions of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012.
- (C) The design of the additions, subject to conditions, responds appropriately to the scale of surrounding buildings.
- (D) Appropriate conditions are to be imposed to ensure the development does not detrimentally impact on the heritage significance of the site.
- (E) The development will not adversely affect the character of the State Heritage listed Millers Point heritage conservation area and the Millers Point and Dawes Point village precinct.
- (F) Having considered the matters in Clause 6.21C of the Sydney LEP 2012, the proposal exhibits design excellence.
- (G) Based upon the material available to the Panel at the time of determining this application, the Panel is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated that compliance with the maximum height of a building on land to which 6.47 'Millers Point heritage conservation area' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 applies, is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances and that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention of the development standard in accordance with the requirements of Clause 4.6(3) of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Carried unanimously.

D/2026/298

Speaker

Bianca Pupovac (GSA Planning) – on behalf of the applicant.

Item 5 Report to the Local Planning Panel - Status of Applications

The Panel received and noted the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

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The meeting of the Local Planning Panel concluded at 5:09pm.

CHAIR