
REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018

1. OLSH DEVELOPMENT

17/1822

Clr G McLaughlin noted that Council passed a resolution last year for an Interim Heritage Order to be placed on the OLSH property which, he understood, had been done. He advised that a further part of the Council resolution was that Council proceed forthwith with a Planning Proposal to remove the additional purpose of “seniors living” from WLEP2010 in relation to the OLSH property. Clr McLaughlin asked about the progress of the Planning Proposal?

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

The Planning Proposal has been prepared by Council staff and has been forwarded to the New South Wales Department of Planning and Environment for assessment and Gateway Determination.

If supported, the Gateway Determination will include minimum public notification periods, along with consultation requirements with other government departments.

2. OLSH DEVELOPMENT

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Clr G McLaughlin asked about the notification process in relation to the Waterbrook development of the OLSH site, noting that the notification advice was far too limited. He asked that, given the faults in the notification process, if the DA could be notified to a large area of West Bowral?

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Council’s adopted Community Engagement and Notification Policy provides guidance on the manner in which developments within the Local Government Area are required to be notified.

In relation to development application 17/1822 the following processes have been undertaken in accordance with that policy:

1. An advertisement placed in the local newspaper Southern Highlands News on 24, 26 and 31 January 2018, 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21 and 24 February 2018.
2. Sign erected on the site entrance on Centennial Road Bowral prior to the commencement of the formal advertisement period.
3. A total of 22 Neighbour notification letters were issued to adjoining and adjacent properties to the proposed development site.

The application was advertised for a period of 30 days between 24 January 2018 and 24 February 2018 and further an additional 18 days were provided in order to correct a plan anomaly that was provided within the initial notification correspondence.

If additional submissions are received by Council prior to a report being prepared for the Joint Regional Planning Panel (Southern Region) Council staff will include those submissions in the assessment of the application.

3. LAMOND LANE, BOWRAL

RD1570

Clr L A C Whipper asked if it is possible to install a pedestrian crossing at the location of Lamond Lane and Wingecarribee Street in Bowral to ensure protection of people in and around Corbett Plaza. He advised that it is difficult for elderly people to cross at this location.

REPLY FROM TRAFFIC ENGINEER

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Committee Meeting on Thursday, 3 May 2018.

4. STATION STREET

7457

Clr I M Scandrett asked:

- (a) What is the revised draft or proposed budget for Station Street and Kirkham Road (with grants to be detailed) as presented to the community?

The General Manager advised that information on Station Street and Kirkham Road will be included in the draft documents that go out on public exhibition in April following Council's endorsement of the draft Operational Plan and Budget.

- (b) Does the new budget need to go to the Finance Committee before going out on exhibition and if not, why not?

The General Manager advised that the Finance Committee reviews the last quarter of the financial year that we are in, and it does not look forward to an un-adopted Budget.

- (c) Under our consultation policy when would we consult the project and its changes and its budget with the projects in (a) above.

The General Manager advised that she has already answered that question – when we go out to public exhibition.

- (d) Does Council intend to review this project and its cost benefits analysis and if not, why not?

The General Manager and Mayor Clr K J Halstead advised that Clr Scandrett is only entitled to three questions.

The Mayor asked Clr Scandrett to hand up his other questions.

RESPONSES PROVIDED AT MEETING

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

5704

Clr I M Scandrett asked what community engagement for villages and towns visits does Council intend this year and if none, why?

REPLY FROM COORDINATOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Town and village consultations are tailored to projects relevant to that community and the resources available. In recent times they have included attendance at association meetings, workshops in village halls, kiosks at markets, drop-in displays, telephone contact and on-site meetings with relevant stakeholders.

There are a number of major projects which will have detailed Community Engagement Plans developed and implemented in 2018. Depending on the nature of the project and geographic location of identified stakeholders these plans may include specific consultation within towns and villages.

6. CAR PARKS

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Clr I M Scandrett referred to informal discussions relating to Council's parking lot in Wattle Lane, and asked:

- (a) for a formal report on the suggestion that PPP proposals be sought so that any such suggestion could be dealt with in public;
- (b) that a policy be developed to consider such suggestion; and
- (c) that the source of funding for those existing car parks be confirmed, namely that they be funded for shopper and commercial parkers, for 3 hours and not for all day and commuter parking;
- (d) when can council be provided with an urgent briefing and report on solutions proposed to planning approval delays?

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE AND RISK

a,b&c – A briefing session will be scheduled in May 2018 with Councillors to discuss a range of options for the development of Council's property at the corner of Wattle Lane and Banyette Street, Bowral.

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE, STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

d - A report was presented to Council at this Meeting.

7. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SEPP (HOUSING AND SENIORS OR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY) 2004

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The Mayor Clr K J Halstead asked the General Manager to bring a report to Council outlining development consents issued contrary to the provisions of SEPP (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability) 2004, whereby this land use is prohibited under Clause 4(6) which lists Schedule 1 (Environmentally Sensitive Land), namely in a Water Catchment.

He noted that Water Catchment land-use is a large area of the Shire, namely most of the urban area.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

A report will be prepared for consideration by full Council.

8. **DISCLOSING OF INFORMATION**

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The Mayor Clr K J Halstead asked if the General Manager could investigate the implications of Clr I M Scandrett disclosing information from the Information Session presented to the Council on Wednesday, 21 March 2018. The Mayor advised that this investigation should include consultation with the Office of Local Government.

REPLY FROM GENERAL MANAGER

Advice is being obtained on this question.
