| | /ELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT |
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| Application No. | DA/2020/0984 |
| Address | 160 Darling Street BALMAIN NSW 2041 |
| Proposal | Alterations and additions to existing attached dwelling-house |
| Date of Lodgement | 20 November 2020 |
| Applicant | Mr John M Chatterton |
| Owner | Mr John M Chatterton |
| | Mrs Catherine J Chatterton |
| Number of Submissions | Nil |
| Value of works | \$300,000.00 |
| Reason for determination at | Clause 4.6 variation to Floor Space Ratio exceeds 10% |
| Planning Panel | |
| Main Issues | FSR Variation |
| | Solar Access |
| Recommendation | Approval with Conditions |
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| Subject Site Notified | Objectors |
| Area | Supporters |

1. Executive Summary

This report is an assessment of the application submitted to Council for alterations and additions to existing attached dwelling-house at 160 Darling Street, Balmain.

The application was notified to surrounding properties and no submissions were received in response to the initial notification.

The main issues that have arisen from the application include:

- Streetscape / heritage impacts from the proposed front dormer enclosure;
- Floor Space Ratio Breach greater than 10%; and
- Non-compliance with the solar access controls.

As discussed later in this report, the proposal is acceptable subject to design change conditions to address streetscape and heritage concerns. The application includes a Clause 4.6 request to vary the Floor Space Ratio development standard which is well justified. On this basis, approval of the application is recommended.

2. Proposal

The proposed development seeks consent for alterations and additions to existing attached dwelling-house at 160 Darling Street, Balmain.

Specifically, the proposal consists of the following:

- New rear facing ground floor sliding doors connecting the living area to the rear POS.
- Provide synthetic grass and mirror wall to gym.
- New second floor skillion roofed addition constructed of James Hardie Scycon cladding and metal sheet roofing to enclose the existing second floor roof terrace to provide additional study area, bedroom with walk in robe, ensuite, plant room – the new addition involves enclosing the existing dormer fronting Darling Street and providing new windows on the southern elevation servicing the proposed master bedroom (bay window) and ensuite.

3. Site Description

The property, known as 160 Darling Street, Balmain is located on its southern side, a short distance of its junction with Adolphus and west of the Balmain Bowling Club. The property is identified as Lot 3 in DP 270438. The land is approximately regular in shape with a 7.005-metre frontage to Darling Street, 30.945 & 30.19-metre depths, a 7.045-metre rear boundary, a site 214.1m2 in size. The property rises approximately 1.2 metres from front to rear.

A three-storey rendered masonry dwelling with a metal roof occupies the site. It has an inground swimming pool in its backyard. The dwelling is one in a row of 5 identical relatively recent constructed dwellings over a common basement carpark accessed via Wallace Lane at the rear and forms part of a Community Title subdivision.

The site is located within the Balmain East Heritage Conservation Area. The property is located within a conservation area. The property is not identified as a flood prone lot.

The site is located in the vicinity of various heritage items, the closest of which are listed below.

- Stone house, including interiors at 147 Darling Street, Balmain (I180);
- Terrace house, including interiors at 149 Darling Street, Balmain (I181);
- Terrace house, including interiors at 151 Darling Street, Balmain (I182);
- Former shop and residence, including interiors at 153 Darling Street, Balmain (I183);
- Former shop and residence, including interiors at 155 Darling Street, Balmain (I184); and
- Former shop and residence, including interiors at 157 Darling Street, Balmain (I185).

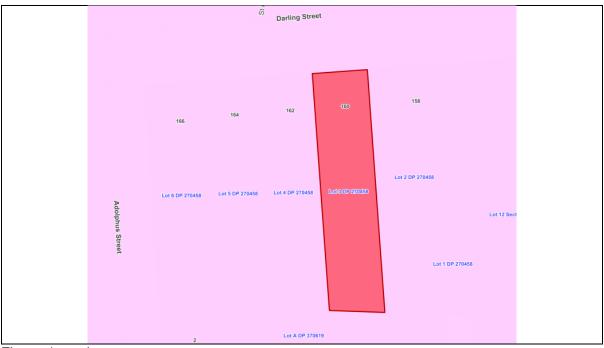


Figure 1: zoning map

4. Background

4(a) Site history

The following application outlines the relevant development history of the subject site and any relevant applications on surrounding properties.

Subject Site

| Application | Proposal | | | | | | Decision 8 | & Date |
|-----------------|-------------|-----|-----------|----|----------|----------|------------|--------|
| PREDA/2020/0287 | Alterations | and | additions | to | existing | terrace- | Advice | Letter |
| | house | | | | | | Issued | _ |
| | | | | | | | 27/8/2020 | |

Surrounding properties

162 Darling Street Balmain

| Application | Proposal | Decision & Date |
|-----------------|---|--|
| DA/2020/0977 | Alterations and additions to existing attached dwelling-house | |
| PREDA/2020/0289 | Alterations and additions to existing terrace- house | Advice Letter Issued – 27/8/2020 |

4(b) Application history

The following table outlines the relevant history of the subject application.

| Date | Discussion / Letter / Additional Information |
|--------------|---|
| 1March 2020 | Council wrote to the applicant seeking information regarding: Photomontages of the proposals as viewed from the public domain (from Adolphus Street and Wallace Lane). Overshadowing non-compliance, including a request for equinox shadow diagrams (hourly increments) identifying the solar access obtained to the rear private open space areas of the subject properties pre and post development (to enable an analysis of the available solar access to the private open space areas of the subject sites at other times of the year other than mid-winter). |
| 8 March 2020 | The applicant submitted a written response including: O Photo Montagues of the proposal when viewed from Adolphus Street & Wallace Lane, O Equinox Shadow diagrams |

5. Assessment

The following is a summary of the assessment of the application in accordance with Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

5(a) Environmental Planning Instruments

The application has been assessed against the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments listed below:

- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55—Remediation of Land
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004
- Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005
- Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013

The following provides further discussion of the relevant issues:

5(a)(i) State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—Remediation of Land

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 - Remediation of Land (SEPP 55) provides planning guidelines for remediation of contaminated land. LDCP 2013 provides controls and guidelines for remediation works. *SEPP 55* requires the consent authority to be satisfied that "the site is, or can be made, suitable for the proposed use" prior to the granting of consent.

The site has not been used in the past for activities which could have potentially contaminated the site. It is considered that the site will not require remediation in accordance with SEPP 55.

5(a)(ii) State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004

A BASIX Certificate was submitted with the application and will be referenced in any consent granted.

5(a)(iii) Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005

The subject site is not located within the foreshores and waterways area.

5(a)(iv) Leichhardt Local Environment Plan 2013 (LLEP 2013)

The application was assessed against the following relevant clauses of *the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013*:

- Clause 1.2 Aims of the Plan
- Clause 2.3 Zone objectives and Land Use Table
- Clause 2.7 Demolition
- Clause 4.4 Floor Space Ratio
- Clause 4.5 Calculation of floor space ratio and site area
- Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards
- Clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation
- Clause 6.1 Acid Sulfate Soils
- Clause 6.4 Stormwater management

(i) Clause 2.3 - Land Use Table and Zone Objectives

The site is zoned R1 – General Residential under the *LLEP 2013* and the development is permitted with consent within the zone. The development is consistent with the objectives of the R1 zone.

(ii) Clause 4.4 – Floor Space Ratio for residential accommodation in Zone R1

The following table provides an assessment of the application against the development standards:

| Standard | Proposal | non compliance | Complies |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Floor Space Ratio Maximum permissible: 0.9:1 or 192.69 sqm | 1.36:1 or 292 sqm | 99.31sqm or 51.54% | No |
| Landscape Area Minimum permissible: 15% or 32.11sqm | 19.24% or 41.2sqm | N/A | Yes |
| Site Coverage Maximum permissible: 60% or 128.46sqm | 58.06% or 124.3sqm | N/A | Yes |

(iii) Clause 4.6 Exceptions to Development Standards

As outlined in table above, the proposal results in a breach of the following development standard:

• Clause 4.4 – Floor Space Ratio

The applicant seeks a variation to the floor space ratio development standard under Clause 4.6 of the Leichhardt LEP by 51.54% or 99.31sqm.

Clause 4.6 allows the consent authority to vary development standards in certain circumstances and provides an appropriate degree of flexibility to achieve better design outcomes.

In order to demonstrate whether strict numeric compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary in this instance, the proposed exception to the development standard has been assessed against the objectives and provisions of Clause 4.6 of the applicable local environmental plan below.

A written request has been submitted to Council in accordance with Clause 4.6(3) of the Leichhardt LEP justifying the proposed contravention of the development standard which is summarised as follows:

- In order to avoid duplication, reference is made to the environmental planning grounds ventilated in relation to whether the proposal achieves the objectives to the standard, particularly in relation to the bulk, form and scale compatible with desired future character of the locality. In this regard, the proposal is:
 - o compliant with both the site coverage and landscaped area development standards;
 - generally consistent with the Council's building siting controls in relation to building location zone;
 - o has minimal impact on the building envelope and it is also generally consistent with the building envelope of adjoining buildings. It also establishes an appropriate building envelope to be emulated by adjoining neighbours in the terrace.
- The proposal complies with Council's DCP controls with respect to additions above the first-floor level and performs well with respect to minimising externalities.
- The proposal is in keeping with the bulk, scale and mass of surrounding development.
- The proposal provides excellent amenity for the occupants of the development consistent with the Aims of the Leichhardt LEP.
- The proposal does not result in any unreasonable amenity impacts on adjoining and nearby residential properties.
- The proposal results in the removal of a roof top terrace, which are generally discouraged by Council's DCP because of their trafficable nature and the unacceptable impacts arising from their use such as overlooking and noise generation.

Subject to recommended conditions to address streetscape and heritage concerns raised by Council's Heritage Specialist, the applicant's written rationale adequately demonstrates compliance with the development standard is unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

Subject to the conditions as detailed above, it is considered the development is in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the R1 - General Residential zone, in accordance with Clause 4.6(4)(a)(ii) of the Leichhardt LEP for the following reasons:

- The proposal will provide additional housing for the community and contribute to the variety of housing types and densities of the area.
- The proposal is permissible development and compatible with surrounding land uses;
- The proposal will improve opportunities to work from home.

- The proposed development as condition will be compatible with the desired future character of the area in relation to building bulk, form and scale, and will have acceptable streetscape impacts.
- The proposal maintains a suitable balance between the existing landscaped areas and the built form and provides more than sufficient landscaped area and private open space on the site.
- The proposed additions and works are located adjacent to adjoining developments where it can be reasonably assumed that development can occur; and
- The proposal does not result in any undue adverse amenity impacts on the subject site or to the surrounding properties.

It is also considered that the development as conditioned (above) is in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the FSR development standard, in accordance with Clause 4.6(4)(a)(ii) of the Leichhardt LEP which are as follows:

to ensure that residential accommodation—

- (i) is compatible with the desired future character of the area in relation to building bulk, form and scale, and
- (ii) provides a suitable balance between landscaped areas and the built form, and
- (iii) minimises the impact of the bulk and scale of buildings

The concurrence Planning Secretary may be assumed for matters dealt with by the Local Planning Panel.

The proposal thereby accords with the objective in Clause 4.6(1)(b) and requirements of Clause 4.6(3)(b) of the Leichhardt LEP. For the reasons outlined above, there are sufficient planning grounds to justify the departure from Clause 4.4 – Floor Space Ratio and it is recommended the Clause 4.6 exception be granted.

(iv) Clause 5.10 - Heritage Conservation

The subject property at 160 Darling Street, Balmain, is located within the Balmain East Heritage Conservation Area (C3 in Schedule 5 of the Leichhardt LEP 2013). It is in the vicinity of various heritage items, the closest of which are listed below.

- Stone house, including interiors at 147 Darling Street, Balmain (1180);
- Terrace house, including interiors at 149 Darling Street, Balmain (I181);
- Terrace house, including interiors at 151 Darling Street, Balmain (I182);
- Former shop and residence, including interiors at 153 Darling Street, Balmain (I183);
- Former shop and residence, including interiors at 155 Darling Street, Balmain (I184); and
- Former shop and residence, including interiors at 157 Darling Street, Balmain (I185).

The Statement of Significance for the Balmain East Heritage Conservation Area is attached at Appendix D

Clause 5.10: Heritage Conservation from the Leichhardt LEP 2013 and Parts C1.3: Alterations and additions, C1.4: Heritage conservation areas and heritage items, C.2.2.2.1: Darling Street Distinctive Neighbourhood and C2.2.2.6(b) Balmain Village Sub Area from the Leichhardt DCP 2013 applies to the proposal.

The drawings prepared by Justin Long Design, dated 5 November 2020, were reviewed by Council's Heritage Specialist as part of this assessment.

The proposal includes alterations and additions to the existing terrace.

Pre-DA advice was sought for the proposed alterations and additions to existing terrace at 162 Darling Street, Balmain (PREDA/2020/0287). The application was referred to Council's heritage specialist who supported the proposal subject to the following amendment:

a. Replace the copper cladding with a painted render finish or FC cladding to match the colours and materials of the existing building.

Comment: The Schedule of External Finishes includes 3 options. Option 1 includes Scyon Matrix 590mm wide vertical panels, rendered and paint finishes to match the existing walls. Option 2 is the same, but painted in Charcoal and Option 3 includes Cemintel 590mm wide vertical panels coloured "External Ash to achieve a concrete look FC cladding. Option 1 is acceptable as it will match the existing colours and materials of the existing building and will complement the approved James Hardie Scyon Matrix vertical cladding for the cladding to the addition to the adjoining dwelling at No. 162 Darling Street. It is recommended a condition of consent be included clarifying that Option 1 in the Schedule of External Finishes is supported.

In addition to the above, the proposed addition has been redesigned so that its roofline sits below the ridgeline of the existing roof form. This is an appropriate heritage outcome.

The proposal includes the enclosure of the open terrace on the second floor to create a dormer window to the northern / Darling Street (front) elevation. This is not supported as the openness and transparency of the open terraces to the front façade at roof level is a prominent design element to the row of dwellings. The enclosure of the roof terrace will be inconsistent with the row and is to be deleted from the proposal. It is recommended a design change condition be included in the consent requiring the deletion of the proposed enclosure of the roof terrace on the second floor.

Given the above, the proposal is acceptable from a heritage perspective as it will not detract from the heritage significance of the Balmain East Heritage Conservation Area and is in accordance with Clause 5.10 Objectives 1(a) and (b) in the Leichhardt LEP 2013 and the relevant objectives and controls in the Leichhardt DCP 2013 subject to the following recommended conditions of consent:

- 1. The colours and materials proposed in Option 1 of the Schedule of External Finishes are to be used for the cladding to the proposed addition.
- 2. The enclosure of the dormer fronting Darling Street with glass is not approved and is to be deleted.

Any consent granted will be conditioned accordingly – see Attachment A of this report for details.

(v) Clause 6.4 – Stormwater Management

The proposal generally complies with this clause. As such, standard engineering drainage and stormwater conditions are recommended, which are included in Attachment A.

5(b) Draft Environmental Planning Instruments

The application has been assessed against the relevant Draft Environmental Planning Instruments listed below:

Draft Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2020

The Draft IWLEP 2020 was placed on public exhibition commencing on 16 March 2020 and accordingly is a matter for consideration in the assessment of the application under Section 4.15(1)(a)(ii) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The amended provisions contained in the Draft IWLEP 2020 are not particularly relevant to the assessment of the application. Accordingly, the development is considered acceptable having regard to the provisions of the Draft IWLEP 2020.

5(d) Development Control Plans

The application has been assessed and the following provides a summary of the relevant provisions of Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013.

| LDCP2013 | Compliance |
|---|-------------------------|
| Part B: Connections | |
| B1.1 Connections – Objectives | Yes |
| B2.1 Planning for Active Living | N/A |
| B3.1 Social Impact Assessment | N/A |
| B3.2 Events and Activities in the Public Domain (Special | N/A |
| Events) | |
| | |
| Part C | |
| C1.0 General Provisions | Yes |
| C1.1 Site and Context Analysis | Yes |
| C1.2 Demolition | Yes |
| C1.3 Alterations and additions | Subject to conditions - |
| | Refer to Section |
| | 5(a)(iv)(iv) above. |
| C1.4 Heritage Conservation Areas and Heritage Items | Subject to conditions – |
| | Refer to Section |
| | 5(a)(iv)(iv) above. |
| C1.5 Corner Sites | N/A |
| C1.6 Subdivision | N/A |
| C1.7 Site Facilities | Yes |
| C1.8 Contamination | Yes |
| C1.9 Safety by Design | N/A |
| C1.10 Equity of Access and Mobility | N/A |
| C1.11 Parking | N/A |
| C1.12 Landscaping | Yes |
| C1.13 Open Space Design Within the Public Domain | N/A |
| C1.14 Tree Management | N/A |
| C1.15 Signs and Outdoor Advertising | N/A |
| C1.16 Structures in or over the Public Domain: Balconies, | N/A |
| Verandahs and Awnings | |
| C1.17 Minor Architectural Details | N/A |
| C1.18 Laneways | N/A |

| C4 40 Deak Faces Deaks Outerana Cliff Faces Steam Slanes | NI/A |
|--|-----------------------------|
| C1.19 Rock Faces, Rocky Outcrops, Cliff Faces, Steep Slopes | N/A |
| and Rock Walls | NI/A |
| C1.20 Foreshore Land | N/A |
| C1.21 Green Roofs and Green Living Walls | N/A |
| Part C. Place Castion 2 History Character | |
| Part C: Place – Section 2 Urban Character | Vac |
| C.2.2.2.1: Darling Street Distinctive Neighbourhood and | Yes |
| C2.2.2.6(b) Balmain Village Sub Area | |
| D. (O. Diversion Configuration | |
| Part C: Place – Section 3 – Residential Provisions | \ <u></u> |
| C3.1 Residential General Provisions | Yes |
| C3.2 Site Layout and Building Design | Establishment of new |
| | second floor Building |
| | Location Zone and |
| | breaches to Side Setback |
| | controls – See discussion |
| CO 2 Flouration and Materials | below. |
| C3.3 Elevation and Materials | Subject to conditions |
| | - Refer to Section |
| CO A Dame and Mindage | 5(a)(iv)(iv) above. |
| C3.4 Dormer Windows | No – Deletion of dormer |
| | enclosure |
| | recommended – Refer to |
| | Section 5(a)(iv)(iv) above. |
| C3.5 Front Gardens and Dwelling Entries | N/A |
| C3.6 Fences | N/A |
| C3.7 Environmental Performance | Yes |
| C3.8 Private Open Space | Yes |
| C3.9 Solar Access | No - Non-compliance with |
| | POS solar access |
| | controls, however a |
| | reasonableness test has |
| | been carried out below |
| | and the proposal is |
| | considered acceptable - |
| | see discussion below. |
| C3.10 Views | N/A |
| C3.11 Visual Privacy | Yes |
| C3.12 Acoustic Privacy | N/A |
| C3.13 Conversion of Existing Non-Residential Buildings | N/A |
| C3.14 Adaptable Housing | N/A |
| | |
| Part C: Place – Section 4 – Non-Residential Provisions | N/A |
| | |
| Part D: Energy | |
| Section 1 – Energy Management | Yes |
| Section 2 – Resource Recovery and Waste Management | |
| D2.1 General Requirements | Yes |
| D2.2 Demolition and Construction of All Development | Yes |
| D2.3 Residential Development | Yes |
| D2.4 Non-Residential Development | N/A |
| D2.5 Mixed Use Development | N/A |
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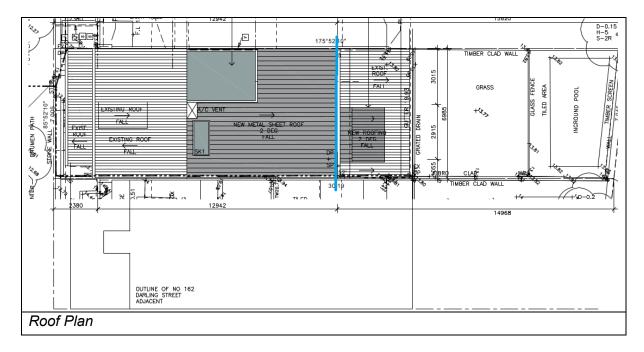
| Part E: Water | |
|---|-----|
| Section 1 – Sustainable Water and Risk Management | |
| E1.1 Approvals Process and Reports Required With | Yes |
| Development Applications | |
| E1.1.1 Water Management Statement | Yes |
| E1.1.2 Integrated Water Cycle Plan | N/A |
| E1.1.3 Stormwater Drainage Concept Plan | Yes |
| E1.1.4 Flood Risk Management Report | N/A |
| E1.1.5 Foreshore Risk Management Report | N/A |
| E1.2 Water Management | Yes |
| E1.2.1 Water Conservation | Yes |
| E1.2.2 Managing Stormwater within the Site | Yes |
| E1.2.3 On-Site Detention of Stormwater | N/A |
| E1.2.4 Stormwater Treatment | Yes |
| E1.2.5 Water Disposal | Yes |
| E1.2.6 Building in the vicinity of a Public Drainage System | N/A |
| E1.2.7 Wastewater Management | N/A |
| E1.3 Hazard Management | N/A |
| E1.3.1 Flood Risk Management | N/A |
| E1.3.2 Foreshore Risk Management | N/A |

The following provides discussion of the relevant issues:

C3.2 Site Layout and Building Design

Building Location Zone

The proposed enclosure of the existing second floor roof terrace will establish a new rear second floor Building Location Zone (shown in blue). Pursuant to Part C3.2 of the LDCP 2013, where a proposal seeks to vary, or establish a new BLZ, in order to determine acceptability, various tests need to be met - an assessment of the proposal against the relevant tests is discussed below.





Existing Aerial image

a. amenity to adjacent properties (i.e. sunlight, privacy, views) is protected and compliance with the solar access controls of this Development Control Plan is achieved;

<u>Comment</u>: The proposed development will comply with the privacy and view controls of the LDCP 2013. The proposal will not comply with the private open space solar access controls in mid-winter, however a reasonableness test has been carried out later in this report and the proposal is supportable in this instance on merit.

b. the proposed development will be compatible with the existing streetscape, desired future character and scale of surrounding development;

<u>Comment</u>: As discussed above, the proposed second floor addition is sited towards the rear of the dwelling and will be substantially setback from Darling Street and has been designed to fit within the existing built form and footprint of the dwelling to minimise visibility from Adolphus Street, and will not unduly impact on the existing streetscape character, and is a satisfactory response to the desired future character controls and the forms and scales of other two storey development in the *Darling Street Distinctive Neighbourhood*.

c. the proposal is compatible in terms of size, dimensions privacy and solar access of private open space, outdoor recreation and landscaping;

<u>Comment</u>: The proposal will comply with landscaping and private open space controls and is satisfactory on solar access grounds – for solar access assessment, see assessment later in this report.

d. retention of existing significant vegetation and opportunities for new significant vegetation is maximised; and

<u>Comment</u>: The proposal does not involve the removal of any vegetation, nor reduce on-site Landscaped Area provision.

e. the height of the development has been kept to a minimum to minimise visual bulk and scale, as viewed from adjoining properties, in particular when viewed from the private open space of adjoining properties.

<u>Comment</u>: The height of the proposed rear second / terrace floor addition will not exceed the existing height of the roof structure of the roof terrace level, and combined with the siting of the additions adjacent to adjoining buildings and structures, the proposal will result in minimal visual bulk and scale impacts when viewed from adjoining properties, including their private open space.

In summary, the proposed new establishment of the second floor BLZ is considered to be acceptable as it will meet the BLZ tests outlined above.

Side Setbacks

The following is a compliance table assessed against the side setback control graph prescribed in Part C3.2 of the LDCP2013 relating to the proposed dwelling-house addition at second floor:

| Elevation | Wall height (m) | Required setback (m) | Proposed setback (m) | Complies |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| East – SF | 8.6-8.9 | 3.3-3.5 | 0 | No |
| West - SF | 8.6-8.9 | 3.3-3.5 | 0 | No |

As noted in the table above, the rear first floor addition will breach the side setback control graph prescribed in this clause to both side boundaries.

Pursuant to Clause C3.2 of the LDCP2013, where a proposal seeks a variation of the side setback control graph, various tests need to be met. These tests are assessed below:

 The development is consistent with relevant Building Typology Statements as outlined within Appendix B – Building Typologies of the LDCP2013 and complies with streetscape and desired future character controls.

<u>Comment</u>: As previously noted, the proposed works are sited towards the rear of the existing dwelling form and will have minimal and acceptable visibility from Darling and Adolphus Street. The proposal is therefore considered to be an acceptable response to the Building Typology Statements contained with the LDCP2013.

• The pattern of development is not adversely compromised.

<u>Comment</u>: The proposed wall heights and setbacks will not be out of character with the pattern of development in the area.

• The bulk and scale of the development has been minimised and is acceptable.

<u>Comment</u>: As noted above, the proposal is of an acceptable scale and massing and will not result in unreasonable visual impacts when viewed from the street and from adjoining private open areas.

• The proposal is acceptable with respect to applicable amenity controls e.g. solar access, privacy and access to views.

<u>Comment</u>: For reasons discussed above and below, the proposal is considered to be satisfactory in this regard.

• The proposal does not unduly obstruct adjoining properties for maintenance purposes.

<u>Comment</u>: The proposed raises no issues in this regard.

Based on the above, the proposed variation to the Side Boundary Setbacks Graph is considered acceptable in this instance.

C3.9 Solar Access

Objective O1 also requires that development shall provide adequate sunlight to private open space and Control C4 requires that private open space is to receive a minimum of 3 hours of direct sunlight to 50% of the required private open space between 9:00am and 3:00pm in midwinter.

The subject site and its adjoining properties have a north to south site orientation with a south facing rear yard. As such the following controls apply to the site and to its adjoining neighbouring properties.

Retaining solar access to neighbouring dwellings private open space

- C16 Where surrounding dwellings have south facing private open space ensure solar access is retained for two hours between 9am and 3pm to 50% of the total area during the winter solstice.
- C19 Where surrounding dwellings currently receive less than the required amount of solar access to their private open space between 9am and 3pm during the winter solstice, no further reduction of solar access is permitted.

The submitted shadow diagrams for mid-winter suggests that the proposal will result in the following additional overshadowing impacts into the rear private open space areas of the subject site and to its adjoining neighbouring property at Nos 158 and 162 Darling Street in mid-winter (ignoring shadows cast by existing vegetation):

- 9:00am mid-winter: No additional overshowing of the rear private open space of subject site or adjoining properties with only rear private open space of No. 158 Darling Street receiving any notable sunlight access at this time (south-western corner of site);
- 10:00am mid-winter: Additional overshadowing of the rear private open space of No.
 162 Darling Street adjacent to the rear fence line resulting in this private open space not receiving any sunlight access at this time, and only the rear private open space of No.
 158 Darling Street receiving any notable sunlight access at this time;
- 11:00am mid-winter: Additional overshadowing of the pool at the rear of the subject site and minor additional overshadowing of the rear private open space of No. 162 Darling Street which will still receive some solar access at this time adjacent to the rear fence line;
- 12:00noon mid-winter: Additional overshadowing of the pool at the rear of the subject site and no additional overshadowing of adjoining private open space areas at Nos.
 158 and 162 Darling Street which will still receive some solar access at this time adjacent to their rear fence lines;
- 1:00pm mid-winter: Additional overshadowing of the pool at the rear of the subject site and no additional overshadowing of adjoining private open space at Nos. 162 Darling Street; and minor additional overshadowing of the private open space of No. 158

Darling Street which will still receive some solar access at this time adjacent to the rear fence line;

- 2:00pm mid-winter: No additional overshadowing of the private open space of the subject site or No. 162 Darling Street (wholly in shadow at this time) and minor additional overshadowing of the private open space of No. 158 Darling Street which will (post development) not receive any solar access at this time; and
- 3:00pm mid-winter: No additional overshadowing of the private open space areas of the subject site or adjoining properties which will not receive any solar access at this time.

Given the above, the proposal will result in technical non-compliances with the solar access controls prescribed above.

Assessing the impact of development on the solar access of neighbours:

In assessing the reasonableness of solar access impact to the subject and adjoining private open space at Nos. 158 and 162 Darling Street, and in particular, in any situation where controls are sought to be varied, Council will also have regard to the ease or difficulty in achieving the nominated controls having regard to:

a. The reasonableness of the development overall, in terms of compliance with other standards and controls concerned with the control of building bulk and having regard to the general form of surrounding development.

<u>Comment</u>: As previously noted and mentioned in this report, the proposal will be located to the rear of the subject site in a location where additions and extensions are generally allowed / permitted to be carried out. In terms of compliance with Council's Floor Space Ratio, Site Coverage and Landscape area standards, the proposal will comply with the Site Coverage and Landscape Area development standards but will breach the maximum allowed FSR for the site (as further discussed previously in this report) but is considered reasonable and will have acceptable bulk and scale impacts.

b. Site orientation.

<u>Comment:</u> The subject site and its adjoining properties have a north / south site orientation with the rear private open space facing south. As such, any rear developments on the subject site will potentially result in overshadowing impacts to the rear private open space of the subject and adjoining properties at Nos. 158 and 162 Darling Street in mid-winter due to their location. However, as discussed elsewhere in this report, the second-floor addition are sited in a location where development can be reasonably be expected to be carried out.

c. The relative levels at which the dwellings are constructed.

<u>Comment</u>: The proposed additions are constructed generally at existing ground / grade levels, the side wall heights at second floor are considered acceptable as it will not be higher than the existing roof structure on the terrace floor.

d. The degree of skill employed in the design to minimise impact and whether reasonably available alternative design solutions would produce a superior result.

<u>Comment</u>: As noted previously, the rears of the subject and adjoining properties do not receive the requisite solar access in mid-winter, and the proposal will increase this non-compliance. However, the solar access impacts are considered reasonable in this instance for the following reasons:

- Additional overshadowing impacts on the subject site are over the pool at the rear of this site;
- Despite the additional overshadowing of No. 158 Darling Street in mid-winter, the overshadowing impacts are minor and this private open space will still receive some solar access in mid-winter around the middle of the day;
- The additional impacts to No. 162 Darling Street occur adjacent to the rear fence line where there are existing trees / canopy cover (and ignoring tree / canopy cover, will still receive some solar access in mid-winter);
- No additional overshadowing impacts occur to any parts of the private open space areas of the subject or adjoining properties immediately adjacent to the dwellings (the areas primarily used for recreation by existing / future occupants); and
- The applicant has submitted equinox shadows which confirm that the rear private open space areas of the subject site and adjoining properties will be minimally affected and will receive extensive solar access between 9:00am and 3:00pm at these times of the year.

In light of the above, the proposal is considered appropriate in bulk, scale and location given the existing context of the surrounding area, and will not create any undue adverse overshadowing impacts in mid-winter into the rear private open space of the subject site or Nos. 158 and 162 Darling Street in mid-winter.

C3.11 Visual Privacy

As the proposal includes two new rear second floor windows on the southern elevation servicing a bedroom and a walk-in robe, the following Controls are applicable:

- C1 Sight lines available within 9m and 45 degrees between the living room or private open space of a dwelling and the living room window or private open space of an adjoining dwelling are screened or obscured unless direct views are restricted or separated by a street or laneway. Measures for screening or obscuring will include one or more of the following:
 - a. offsetting of opposing windows so that they do not directly face one another;
 - b. offset windows from directly facing adjoining balconies and private open space of adjoining dwellings:
 - c. screening of opposing windows, balconies and private open space with fixed louvered screens, window hoods, shutters;
 - d. reduced window areas, subject to compliance with the Building Code of Australia;
 - e. window sills at or above 1.6m above the finished floor level;
 - f. use of fixed, obscure glass, subject to adequate ventilation complying with the Building Code of Australia:
 - g. consistent orientation of buildings;
 - h. using floor level in design to minimise direct views; and
 - i. erection of screens and fencing to limit sightlines including dividing fences, privacy screens, projecting blade screens.

It is also noted that the site is in a context where there is a degree of mutual overlooking between Nos. 158, 160, 162,164 and 166 Darling Street from the rear roof terraces. As the proposal seeks to enclose the existing roof terrace, the proposal will remove the trafficable area and any existing overlooking impacts obtained from the roof terrace.

As a result, the proposal will improved privacy impacts for neighbouring properties and the proposed windows on the southern elevation on the second floor servicing the new bedroom

and walk-in robe will comply with Control 1 of this Provision as it will result in no undue adverse view lines into adjoining properties and / or view lines that are similar to those of its neighbours.

Given the above, the proposal results in acceptable privacy impacts on neighbouring sites.

5(e) The Likely Impacts

The assessment of the Development Application demonstrates that, subject to the recommended conditions, the proposal will have minimal impact in the locality.

5(f) The suitability of the site for the development

Provided that any adverse effects on adjoining properties are minimised, this site is considered suitable to accommodate the proposed development, and this has been demonstrated in the assessment of the application.

5(g) Any submissions

The application was notified for a period of 14 days to surrounding properties. No submissions were received.

5(h) The Public Interest

The public interest is best served by the consistent application of the requirements of the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments, and by Council ensuring that any adverse effects on the surrounding area and the environment are appropriately managed.

The proposal is not contrary to the public interest.

6 Referrals

6(a) Internal

The application was referred to the following internal sections/officers and issues raised in those referrals have been discussed in Section 5 above.

Heritage Officer

7. Section 7.11 Contributions/7.12 Levy

The carrying out of the development would result in an increased demand for public amenities and public services within the area. A contribution of \$3,000.00 would be required for the development under the 'Former Leichhardt Local Government Area Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2020'. A condition requiring that contribution to be paid is included in the recommendation.

8. Conclusion

The proposal generally complies with the aims, objectives and design parameters contained in *Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013 and* Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013.

The development will not result in any significant impacts on the amenity of the adjoining properties and the streetscape and is considered to be in the public interest.

The application is considered suitable for approval, subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions.

9. Recommendation

- A. The applicant has made a written request pursuant to Clause 4.6 to vary 4.4 of the *Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013*. After considering the request, and assuming the concurrence of the Secretary, the Panel is satisfied that compliance with the standard is unnecessary in the circumstance of the case and that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to support the variation. The proposed development will be in the public interest because the exceedance is not inconsistent with the objectives of the standard and of the zone in which the development is to be carried out.
- B. That the Inner West Local Planning Panel exercising the functions of the Council as the consent authority, pursuant to s4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, grant consent to Development Application No. DA/2020/0984 for Alterations and additions to existing attached dwelling-house at 160 Darling Street BALMAIN NSW 2041 subject to the conditions listed in Attachment A below.

Attachment A - Recommended conditions of consent

CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CONSENT

1. Documents related to the consent

The development must be carried out in accordance with plans and documents listed below:

| Plan, Revision and Issue No. | Plan Name | Date Issued | Prepared by |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| A03 | Ground Floor Plan Proposed | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A04 | First Floor Plan Proposed | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A05 | Second Floor Plan Proposed | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A06 | Longitudinal Section Proposed | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A07 | Proposed Rear/Southern Elevation | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A08 | Proposed Northern/Darling Street Elevation | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A09 | Proposed Western Elevation | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A10 | Proposed Eastern Elevation | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A11 | Roof & Concept Stormwater Drainage Plan | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A00 | Schedule of External Finishes | 5.11.20 | Justin Long Design |
| A395990 | BASIX Certificate | 9 November 2020 | Justin Long Design |

As amended by the conditions of consent.

DESIGN CHANGE

2. Design Change

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority must be provided with amended plans demonstrating the following:

a. The enclosure of the dormer fronting Darling Street with glass is not approved and is to be deleted. As a result of this design change, a window and / or door may be provided to the second floor study behind the existing dormer.

<u>FEES</u>

3. Section 7.12 (formerly section 94A) Development Contribution Payments

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, written evidence must be provided to the Certifying Authority that a monetary contribution to the Inner West Council has been paid, towards the provision of infrastructure, required to address increased demand for local services generated by additional development within the Local Government Area (LGA). This condition is imposed in accordance with Section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and*

Assessment Act 1979 and in accordance with Former Leichhardt Local Government Area Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2020.

Note

Copies of these contribution plans can be inspected at any of the Inner West Council Service Centres or viewed online at https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/develop/planning-controls/section-94-contributions

Payment amount*:

\$3000.00

*Indexing of the Section 7.12 contribution payment:

The contribution amount to be paid to the Council is to be adjusted at the time of the actual payment in accordance with the provisions of the relevant contributions plan. In this regard, you are recommended to make contact with Inner West Council *prior to arranging your payment method* to confirm the correct current payment amount (at the expected time of payment).

Payment methods:

The required contribution must be paid either by BPAY (to a maximum of \$500,000); unendorsed bank cheque (from an Australian Bank only); EFTPOS (Debit only); credit card (Note: A 1% credit card transaction fee applies to all credit card transactions; cash (to a maximum of \$10,000). It should be noted that personal cheques or bank guarantees cannot be accepted for the payment of these contributions. Prior to payment contact Council's Planning Team to review charges to current indexed quarter, please allow a minimum of 2 business days for the invoice to be issued before payment can be accepted.

4. Long Service Levy

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, written evidence must be provided to the Certifying Authority that the long service levy in accordance with Section 34 of the *Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Act 1986* has been paid at the prescribed rate of 0.35% of the total cost of the work to either the Long Service Payments Corporation or Council for any work costing \$25,000 or more.

5. Security Deposit - Standard

Prior to the commencement of demolition works or issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority must be provided with written evidence that a security deposit and inspection fee has been paid to Council to cover the cost of making good any damage caused to any Council property or the physical environment as a consequence of carrying out the works and as surety for the proper completion of any road, footpath and drainage works required by this consent.

| Security Deposit: | \$2,209.00 |
|-------------------|------------|
| Inspection Fee: | \$236.70 |

Payment will be accepted in the form of cash, bank cheque, EFTPOS/credit card (to a maximum of \$10,000) or bank guarantee. Bank Guarantees must not have an expiry date.

The inspection fee is required for the Council to determine the condition of the adjacent road reserve and footpath prior to and on completion of the works being carried out.

Should any of Council's property and/or the physical environment sustain damage during the course of the demolition or construction works, or if the works put Council's assets or the

environment at risk, or if any road, footpath or drainage works required by this consent are not completed satisfactorily, Council may carry out any works necessary to repair the damage, remove the risk or complete the works. Council may utilise part or all of the security deposit to restore any damages, and Council may recover, in any court of competent jurisdiction, any costs to Council for such restorations.

A request for release of the security may be made to the Council after all construction work has been completed and a final Occupation Certificate issued.

The amount nominated is only current for the financial year in which the initial consent was issued and is revised each financial year. The amount payable must be consistent with Council's Fees and Charges in force at the date of payment.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

6. Noise Levels and Enclosure of Pool/spa Pumping Units

Noise levels associated with the operation of the pool/spa pumping units must not exceed the background noise level (L90) by more than 5dBA above the ambient background within habitable rooms of adjoining properties. Pool plant and equipment must be enclosed in a sound absorbing enclosure or installed within a building so as not to create an offensive noise as defined under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and *Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008*.

Domestic pool pumps and filters must not be audible in nearby dwellings between 8:00pm to 7:00am Monday to Saturday and 8:00pm to 8:00am Sundays and Public Holidays.

7. Waste Management Plan

Prior to the commencement of any works (including any demolition works), the Certifying Authority is required to be provided with a Recycling and Waste Management Plan (RWMP) in accordance with the relevant Development Control Plan.

8. Erosion and Sediment Control

Prior to the issue of a commencement of any works (including any demolition works), the Certifying Authority must be provided with an erosion and sediment control plan and specification. Sediment control devices must be installed and maintained in proper working order to prevent sediment discharge from the construction site.

9. Standard Street Tree Protection

Prior to the commencement of any work, the Certifying Authority must be provided with details of the methods of protection of all street trees adjacent to the site during demolition and construction.

10. Works Outside the Property Boundary

This development consent does not authorise works outside the property boundaries on adjoining lands.

PRIOR TO ANY DEMOLITION

11. Dilapidation Report

Prior to any works commencing (including demolition), the Certifying Authority and owners of identified properties, must be provided with a colour copy of a dilapidation report prepared by a suitably qualified person. The report is required to include colour photographs of all the adjoining properties to the Certifying Authority's satisfaction. In the event that the consent of the adjoining property owner cannot be obtained to undertake the report, copies of the letter/s

that have been sent via registered mail and any responses received must be forwarded to the Certifying Authority before work commences.

12. Construction Fencing

Prior to the commencement of any works (including demolition), the site must be enclosed with suitable fencing to prohibit unauthorised access. The fencing must be erected as a barrier between the public place and any neighbouring property.

PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

13. Structural Certificate for retained elements of the building

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority is required to be provided with a Structural Certificate prepared by a practising structural engineer, certifying the structural adequacy of the property and its ability to withstand the proposed additional, or altered structural loads during all stages of construction. The certificate must also include all details of the methodology to be employed in construction phases to achieve the above requirements without result in demolition of elements marked on the approved plans for retention.

14. Sydney Water - Tap In

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority is required to ensure approval has been granted through Sydney Water's online 'Tap In' program to determine whether the development will affect Sydney Water's sewer and water mains, stormwater drains and/or easements, and if further requirements need to be met.

Note: Please refer to the web site http://www.sydneywater.com.au/tapin/index.htm for details on the process or telephone 13 20 92

15. Party Walls

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority must be provided with a Structural Certificate from a practising structural engineer which verifies that the structural integrity of the existing "Party Walls" are adequate to accept the additional loads imposed thereon by the proposal. A copy of the Structural Certificate must be provided to all owners of the party wall/s.

DURING DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION

16. Construction Hours - Class 1 and 10

Unless otherwise approved by Council, excavation, demolition, construction or subdivision work are only permitted between the hours of 7:00am to 5.00pm, Mondays to Saturdays (inclusive) with no works permitted on, Sundays or Public Holidays.

17. Stormwater Drainage System

Stormwater runoff from all roof and paved areas within the property must be collected in a system of gutters, pits and pipelines discharged by gravity to the kerb and gutter of a public road.

Any existing component of the stormwater system that is to be retained, including any absorption trench or rubble pit drainage system, must be checked and certified by a Licensed Plumber or qualified practising Civil Engineer to be in good condition and operating satisfactorily.

If any component of the existing system is not in good condition and /or not operating satisfactorily and/or impacted by the works and/or legal rights for drainage do not exist, the

drainage system must be upgraded to discharge legally by gravity to the kerb and gutter of a public road. Minor roof or paved areas that cannot reasonably be drained by gravity to a public road may be disposed on site subject to ensure no concentration of flows or nuisance to other properties.

18. Colours and Materials

During construction work, the colours and materials proposed in Option 1 of the Schedule of External Finishes are to be used for the cladding to the proposed addition.

ADVISORY NOTES

Prescribed Conditions

This consent is subject to the prescribed conditions of consent within clause 98-98E of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000.*

Notification of commencement of works

At least 7 days before any demolition work commences:

- a. the Council must be notified of the following particulars:
 - the name, address, telephone contact details and licence number of the person responsible for carrying out the work; and
 - ii. the date the work is due to commence and the expected completion date; and
- b. a written notice must be placed in the letter box of each directly adjoining property identified advising of the date the work is due to commence.

Storage of Materials on public property

The placing of any materials on Council's footpath or roadway is prohibited, without the prior consent of Council.

Toilet Facilities

The following facilities must be provided on the site:

- Toilet facilities in accordance with WorkCover NSW requirements, at a ratio of one toilet per every 20 employees; and
- b. A garbage receptacle for food scraps and papers, with a tight fitting lid.

Facilities must be located so that they will not cause a nuisance.

Infrastructure

The developer must liaise with the Sydney Water Corporation, Ausgrid, AGL and Telstra concerning the provision of water and sewerage, electricity, natural gas and telephones respectively to the property. Any adjustment or augmentation of any public utility services including Gas, Water, Sewer, Electricity, Street lighting and Telecommunications required as a result of the development must be undertaken before occupation of the site.

Other Approvals may be needed

Approvals under other acts and regulations may be required to carry out the development. It is the responsibility of property owners to ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation. Council takes no responsibility for informing applicants of any separate approvals required.

Failure to comply with conditions

Failure to comply with the relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and/or the conditions of this consent may result in the serving of penalty notices or legal action.

Other works

Works or activities other than those approved by this Development Consent will require the submission of a new Development Application or an application to modify the consent under Section 4.55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Obtaining Relevant Certification

This development consent does not remove the need to obtain any other statutory consent or approval necessary under any other Act, such as (if necessary):

- a. Application for any activity under that Act, including any erection of a hoarding;
- b. Application for a Construction Certificate under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*;
- Application for an Occupation Certificate under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- d. Application for a Subdivision Certificate under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 if land (including stratum) subdivision of the development site is proposed:
- e. Application for Strata Title Subdivision if strata title subdivision of the development is proposed;
- f. Development Application for demolition if demolition is not approved by this consent; or
- g. Development Application for subdivision if consent for subdivision is not granted by this consent.

National Construction Code (Building Code of Australia)

A complete assessment of the application under the provisions of the National Construction Code (Building Code of Australia) has not been carried out. All building works approved by this consent must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the National Construction Code.

Notification of commencement of works

Residential building work within the meaning of the *Home Building Act 1989* must not be carried out unless the PCA (not being the council) has given the Council written notice of the following information:

- a. In the case of work for which a principal contractor is required to be appointed:
 - i. The name and licence number of the principal contractor; and
 - ii. The name of the insurer by which the work is insured under Part 6 of that Act.
- b. In the case of work to be done by an owner-builder:
 - i. The name of the owner-builder; and
 - If the owner-builder is required to hold an owner-builder permit under that Act, the number of the owner-builder permit.

Dividing Fences Act

The person acting on this consent must comply with the requirements of the *Dividing Fences Act 1991* in respect to the alterations and additions to the boundary fences.

Permits from Council under Other Acts

Where it is proposed to occupy or carry out works on public roads or Council controlled lands, the person acting on this consent must obtain all applicable Permits from Council in accordance with Section 68 (Approvals) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and/or Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*. Permits are required for the following activities:

- a. Work zone (designated parking for construction vehicles). Note that a minimum of 2 months should be allowed for the processing of a Work Zone application;
- b. A concrete pump across the roadway/footpath;
- c. Mobile crane or any standing plant;
- d. Skip bins;
- e. Scaffolding/Hoardings (fencing on public land);
- f. Public domain works including vehicle crossing, kerb & guttering, footpath, stormwater, etc.:
- g. Awning or street verandah over footpath;
- h. Partial or full road closure: and
- i. Installation or replacement of private stormwater drain, utility service or water supply.

Contact Council's Road Access team to ensure the correct Permit applications are made for the various activities. A lease fee is payable for all occupations.

Noise

Noise arising from the works must be controlled in accordance with the requirements of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and guidelines contained in the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority Environmental Noise Control Manual.

Amenity Impacts General

The use of the premises must not give rise to an environmental health nuisance to the adjoining or nearby premises and environment. There are to be no emissions or discharges from the premises, which will give rise to a public nuisance or result in an offence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and Regulations. The use of the premises and the operation of plant and equipment must not give rise to the transmission of a vibration nuisance or damage other premises.

Lead-based Paint

Buildings built or painted prior to the 1970's may have surfaces coated with lead-based paints. Recent evidence indicates that lead is harmful to people at levels previously thought safe. Children particularly have been found to be susceptible to lead poisoning and cases of acute child lead poisonings in Sydney have been attributed to home renovation activities involving the removal of lead based paints. Precautions should therefore be taken if painted surfaces are to be removed or sanded as part of the proposed building alterations, particularly where children or pregnant women may be exposed, and work areas should be thoroughly cleaned prior to occupation of the room or building.

Dial before you dig

Contact "Dial Prior to You Dig" prior to commencing any building activity on the site.

Useful Contacts

BASIX Information 1300 650 908 weekdays 2:00pm - 5:00pm

www.basix.nsw.gov.au

Department of Fair Trading 13 32 20

www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries relating to Owner Builder Permits and

Home Warranty Insurance.

Dial Prior to You Dig 1100

www.dialprior toyoudig.com.au

Landcom 9841 8660

To purchase copies of Volume One of "Soils and

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Long Service Payments 131441

Corporation www.lspc.nsw.gov.au NSW Food Authority 1300 552 406

www.foodnotify.nsw.gov.au
NSW Government www.nsw.gov.au/fibro

www.diysafe.nsw.gov.au

Information on asbestos and safe work

practices.

NSW Office of Environment and 131 555

Heritage www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Sydney Water 13 20 92

www.sydneywater.com.au

Waste Service - SITA 1300 651 116

Environmental Solutions www.wasteservice.nsw.gov.au

Water Efficiency Labelling and www.waterrating.gov.au

Standards (WELS)

WorkCover Authority of NSW 13 10 50

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries relating to work safety and asbestos

removal and disposal.

Street Numbering

If any new street numbers or change to street numbers (this includes unit and shop numbers) are required, a separate application must be lodged with and approved by Council's GIS Team before being displayed.

Attachment B – Plans of proposed development

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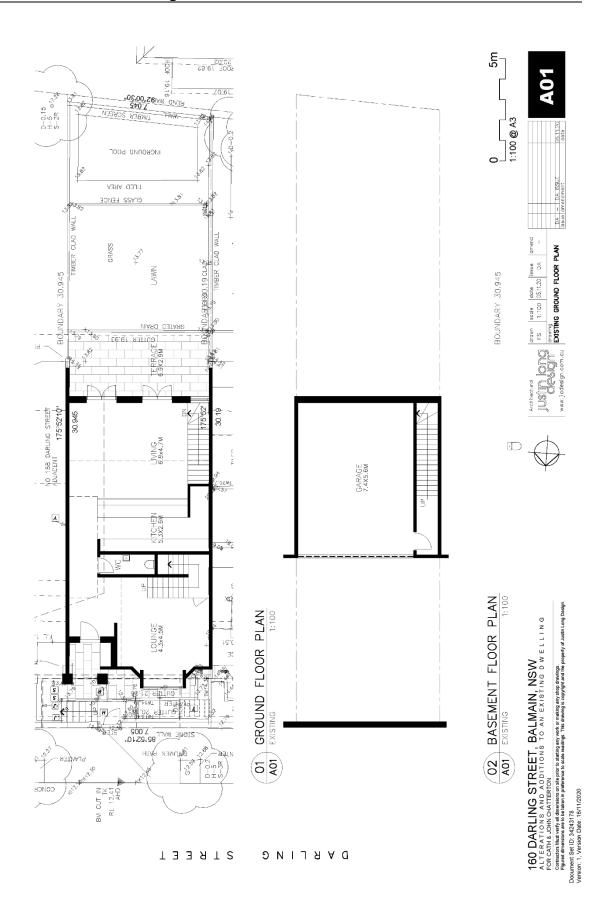
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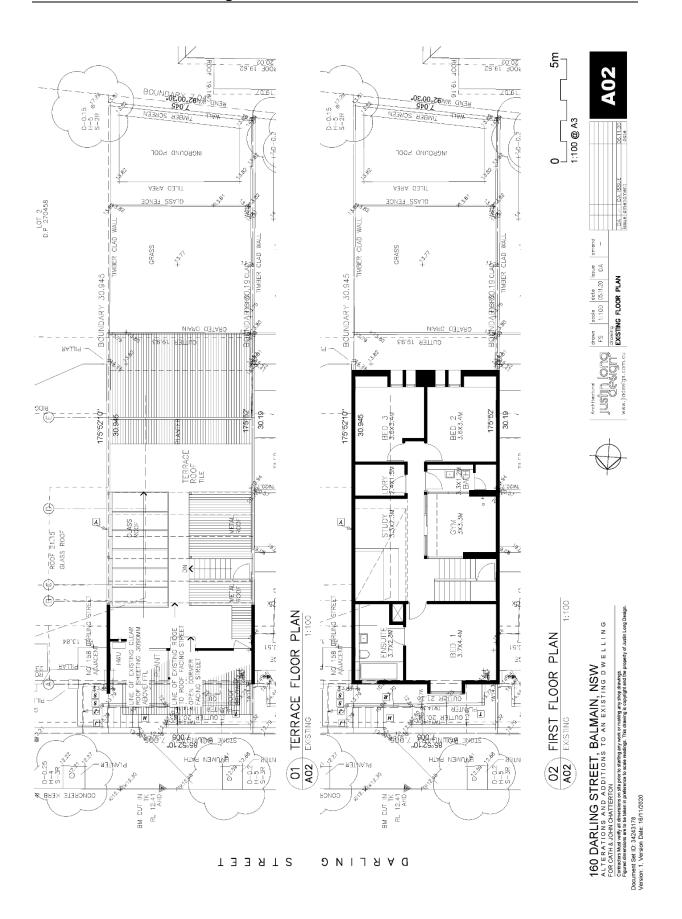
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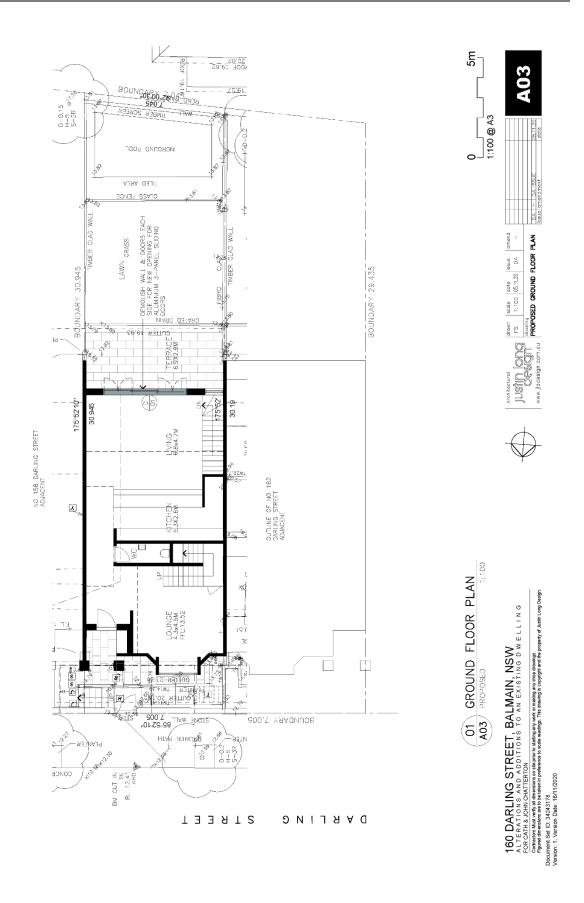
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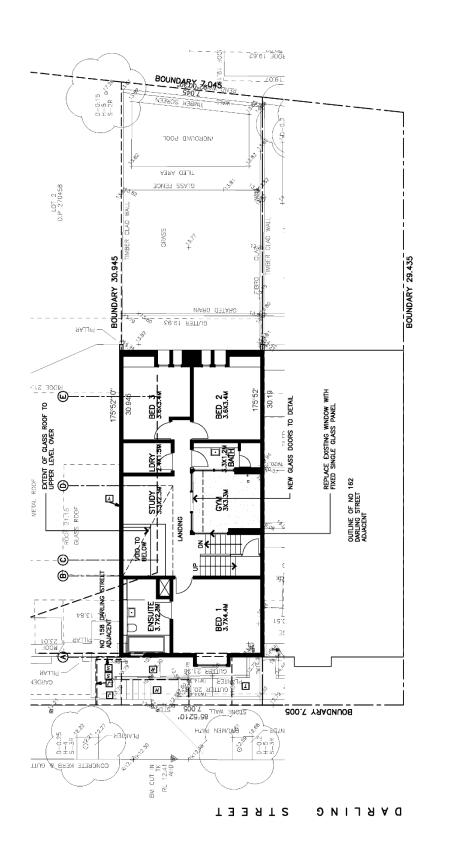
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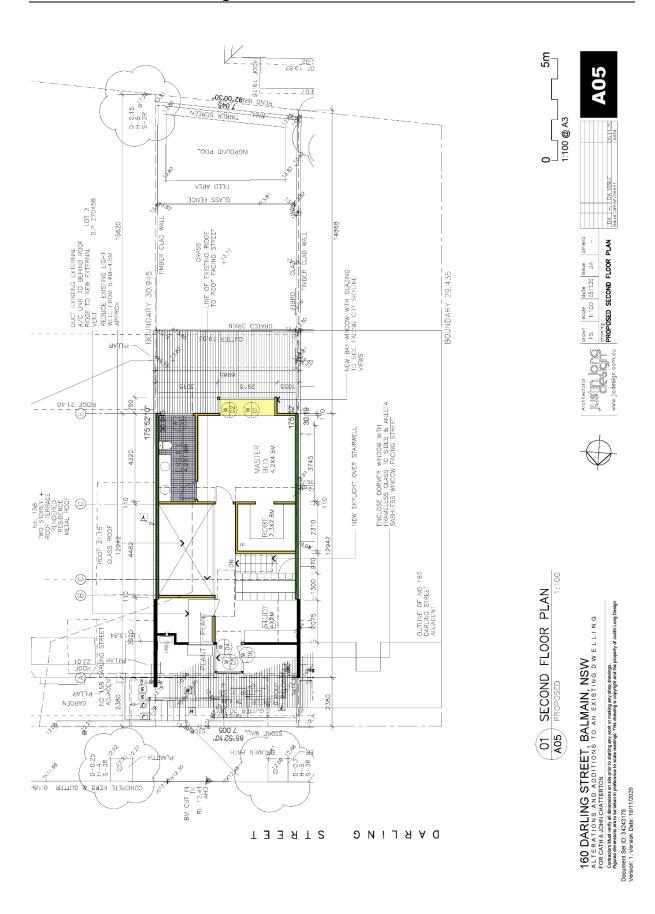


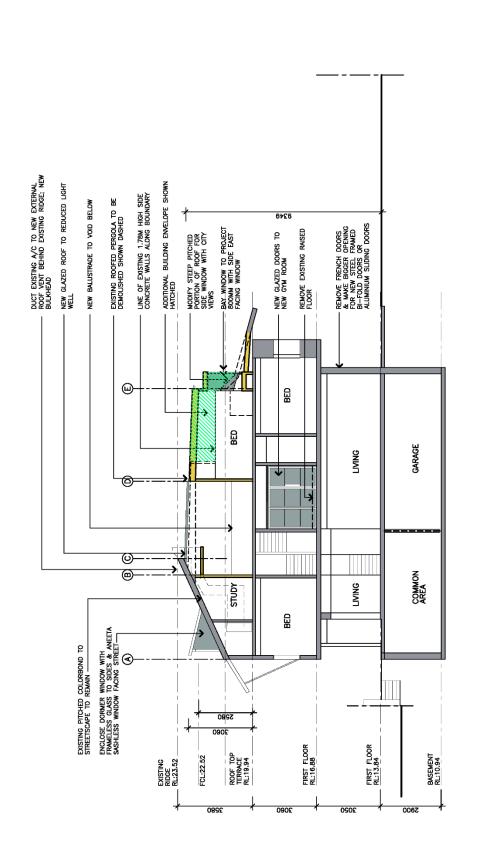


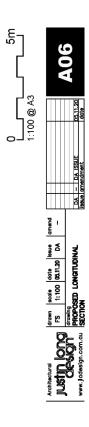


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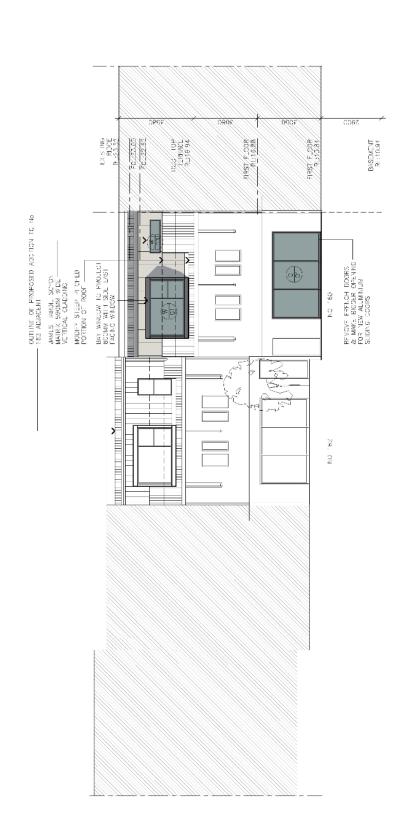






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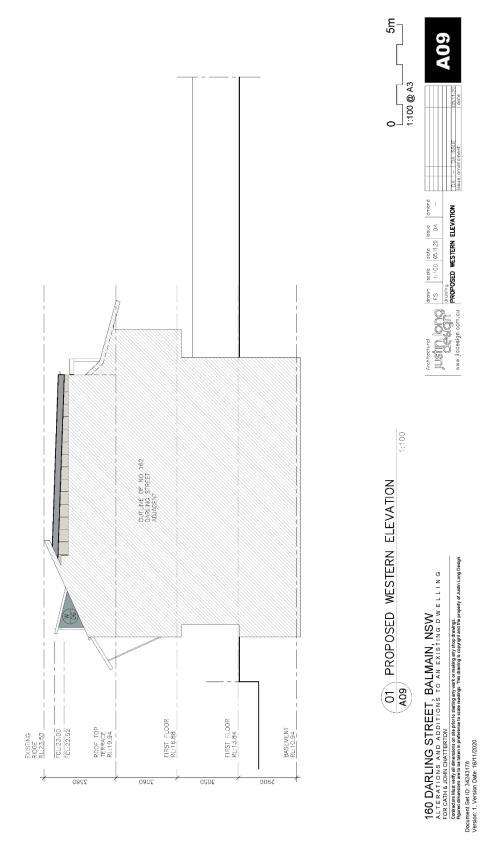


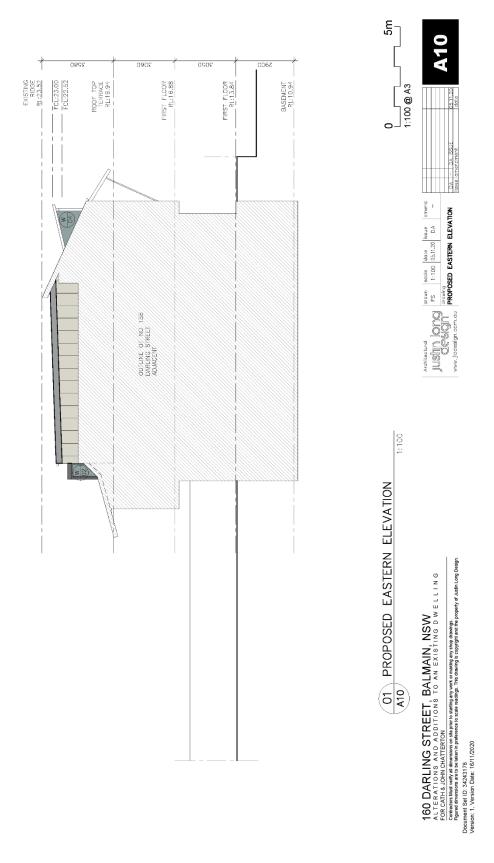


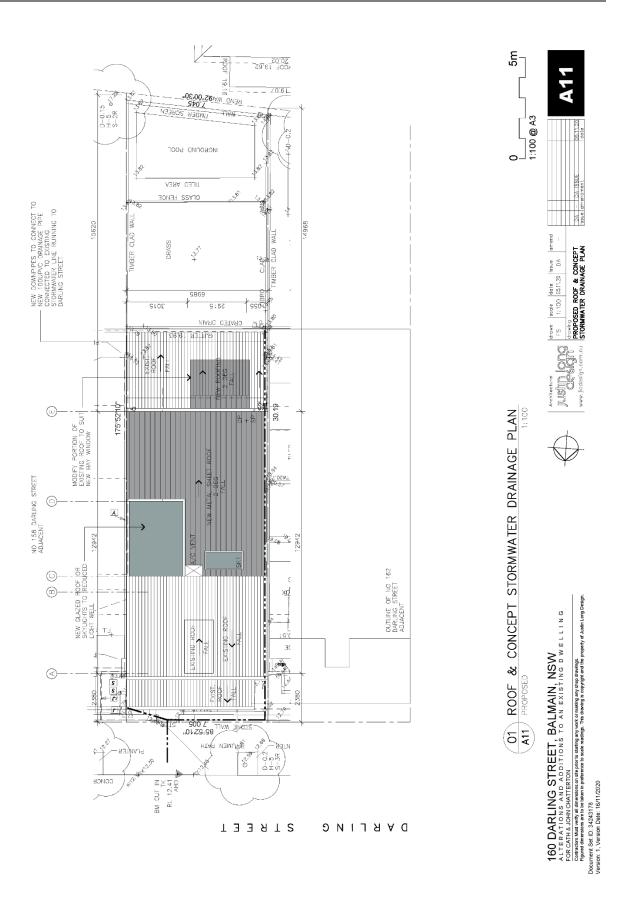
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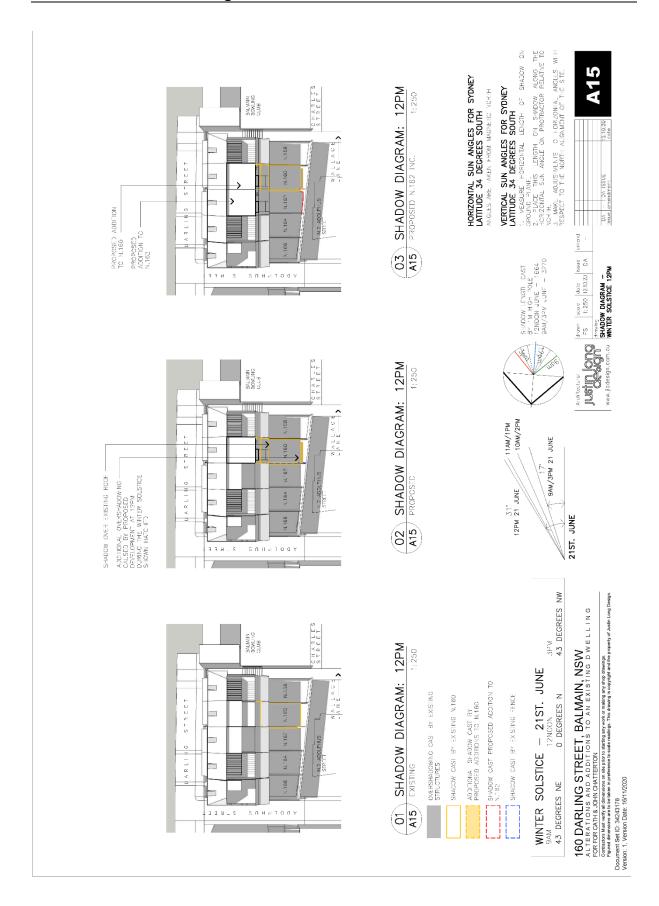


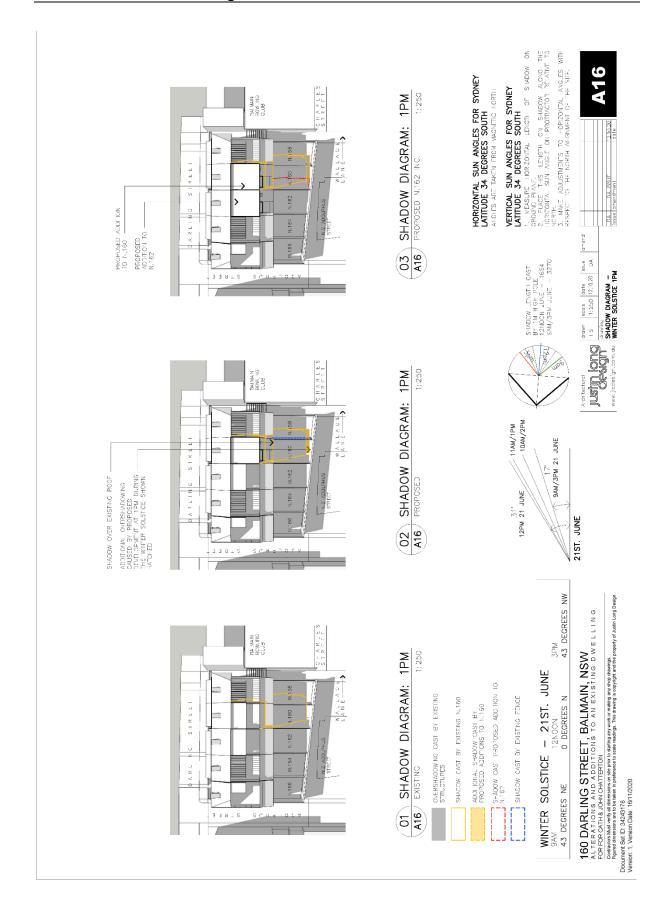






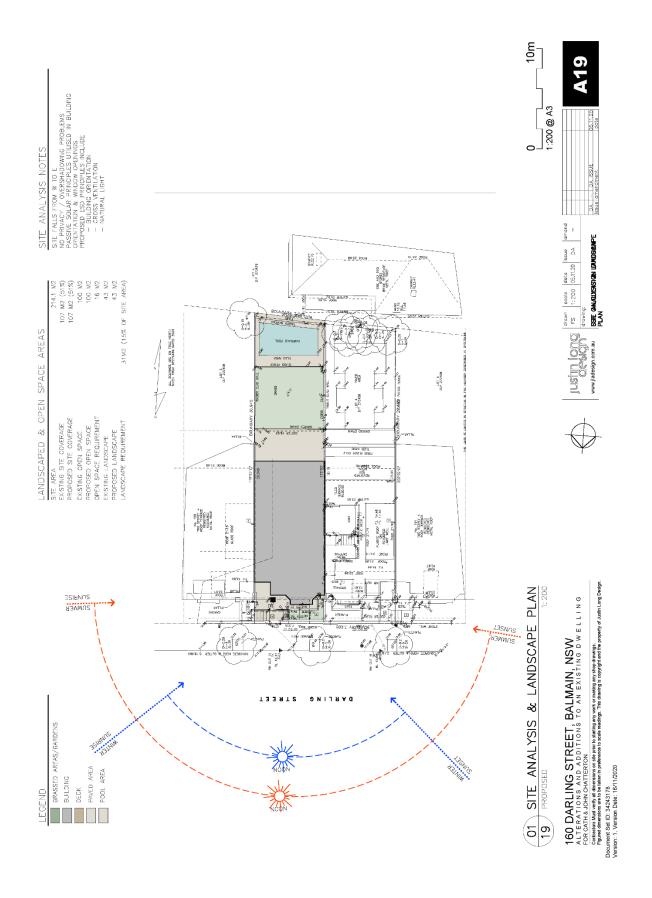


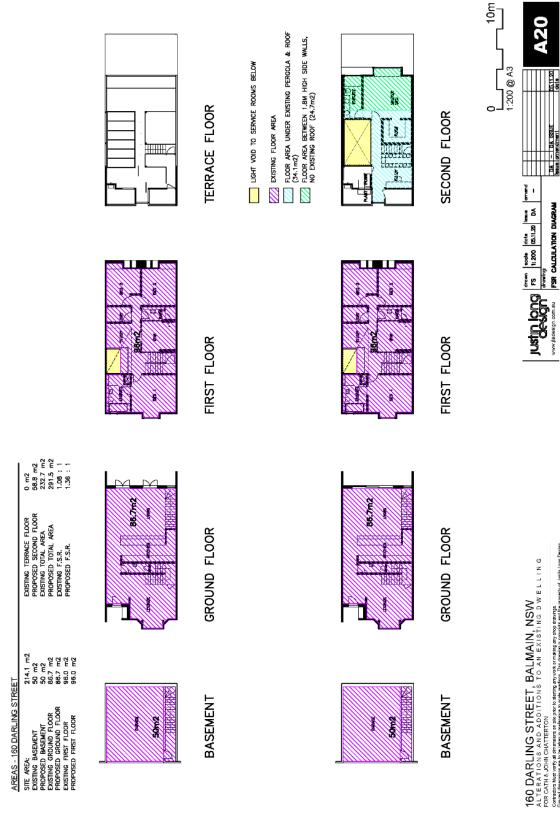




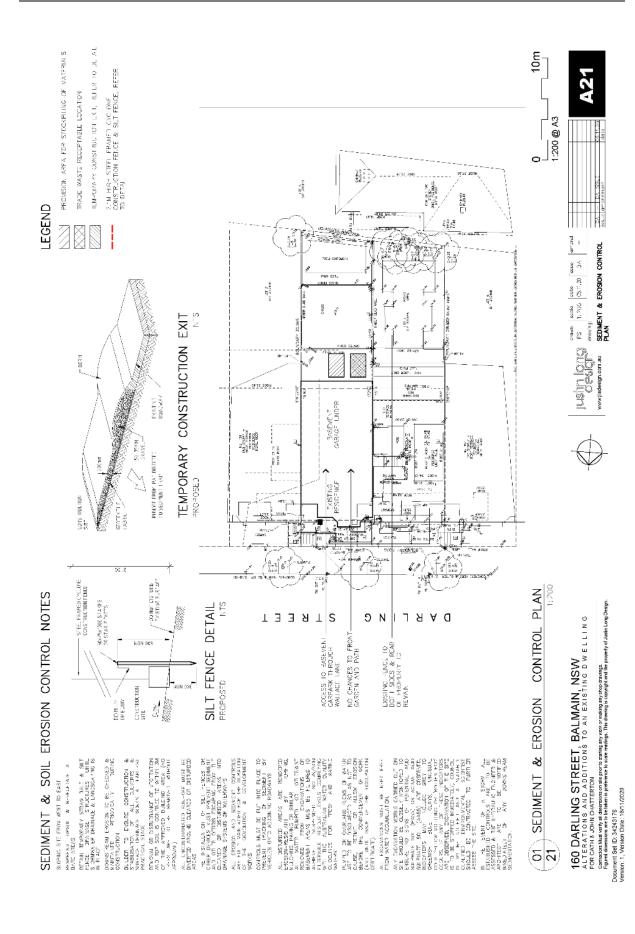








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Attachment C- Clause 4.6 Exception to Development Standards

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Subclause 3 also provides a standard for site coverage of 60%. The architect has calculated that the proposal provides a site coverage of 107m² which is equivalent to 50% of the site and, therefore, the proposal complies with the standard.

Clause 4.4, Floor space ratio, provides objectives and a standard for floor space ratio. The objectives of this clause are:

- (a) to ensure that residential accommodation:
 - is compatible with the desired future character of the area in relation to building bulk, form and scale, and
 - (ii) provides a suitable balance between landscaped areas and the built form, and
 - (iii) minimises the impact of the bulk and scale of buildings,
- (b) to ensure that non-residential development is compatible with the desired future character of the area in relation to building bulk, form and scale.

The maximum permitted FSR is 0.5:1 in the Balmain density area. However, the land is located within Area 3 of the FSR map and under clause 4.4.2B(b) land more than 150m² but less than 300m² in size is allowed a 0.9:1 FSR.

The architect advises that the proposal will have a gross floor area of 291.5m² which is equivalent to a 1.36:1 FSR and, therefore, **the proposal does not comply with the standard.** A submission pursuant to Clause 4.6 follows because the proposal does not comply with the standard.

Clause 4.6, Exceptions to development standards, states:

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:
 - to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development, and
 - (b) to achieve better planning outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances
- (2) Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.
- (3) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority has considered a written request from the applicant that seeks to justify the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating:
 - (a) compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and
 - there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard [and]
- (4) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless:
 - (a) the consent authority is satisfied that:
 - the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by subclause (3), and
 - (ii) the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out, and
 - (b) the concurrence of the Secretary has been obtained.
- (5) In deciding whether to grant concurrence, the Secretary must consider:

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- (a) whether contravention of the development standard raises any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning, and
- (b) the public benefit of maintaining the development standard, and
- (c) any other matters required to be taken into consideration by the Secretary before granting concurrence.

Clause 4.4, Floor Space Ratio, is a development standard that is not subject to any of the specified exclusions from the operation of clause 4.6.

In accordance with the guidelines provided by decisions of the Land and Environment Court and in particular the judgments in Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council [2015] NSWLEC 1009, Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council [2015] NSWLEC 90, Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council [2015] NSWCA 248, Micaul Holdings Pty Ltd v Randwick City Council [2015] NSWLEC 1386 and Moskovich v Waverley Council [2016] NSWLEC 1015, the submission addresses the requirements of clause 4.6 in turn.

FLOOR SPACE RATIO

Is compliance with the development standard unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case?

The judgment in *Wehbe* v *Pittwater Council* [2007] NSWLEC 827 identified five ways of establishing under *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 – Development Standards* (SEPP 1) that compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary. The subsequent cases referred to above have confirmed that these ways are equally applicable under the clause 4.6 regime.

 The objectives of the development standard are achieved notwithstanding noncompliance with the standard.

As set out below, the proposed development will achieve objective (a) of the standard notwithstanding numerical non-compliance.

The objectives of the floor space ratio standard are set out in clause 4.4 as follows:

- (a) to ensure that residential accommodation:
 - is compatible with the desired future character of the area in relation to building bulk, form and scale, and
 - (ii) provides a suitable balance between landscaped areas and the built form and
 - (iii) minimises the impact of the bulk and scale of buildings
- to ensure that non-residential development is compatible with the desired future character of the area in relation to building bulk, form and scale

<u>Bulk, form and scale compatible with desired future character</u>: Despite the 0.9:1 standard applying to the land, many surrounding buildings have similar FSR, building envelope, volume, form and scale and the proposed development will be compatible in that context.

The existing dwelling and the remaining dwellings in the terrace row currently do not comply with the standard.

It is noted that the dwelling and terrace where approved at the time a 0.7:1 FSR development standard applied. In addition, garaging was excluded from FSR. The

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architect's calculations on Dwg No. A20 suggests that the existing dwelling would have had a gross floor area of 182.7m² (without garage floor space) on a 214.1m² site, resulting in a 0.85:1 FSR which would not have complied with the 0.7:1 FSR.

The architect has calculated FSR based on the existing and proposed gross floor area on each floor of the dwelling including garaging in accordance with current practise. It results in FSRs of 1.08:1 (232.7m²) for the existing dwelling and 1.36:1 (291.5m²) for the proposal.

The purpose of this analysis demonstrates that FSR varies significantly depending on what is included as floor space.

The proposal's FSR is equivalent to an additional 58.8m² and initially it is numerically significant. However, the non-compliance should be taken into context and whether it results in additional visual scale and bulk in the same way as to whether garaging which is situated below ground level contributes to any unreasonable visual scale and bulk.

Significantly, 50m^2 of the gross floor area which is equivalent to 17% of the total GFA is provided within the basement and does not result in any visual scale and bulk.

Of the additional 58m² of floor space, Dwg No. A20 confirms that 34.1m² of it (which is equivalent to 58% of the total) is provided essentially within the volume or envelope of the existing dwelling's roof.

The floor space concealed within the envelope of the existing dwelling has a total gross floor area of 207.4m^2 ((291.5 – 50(garage) – 34.1(roof terrace)), which results in a 0.97:1 FSR which is minor exceedance of the standard.

The remaining 24.7m² is provided on the existing roof terrace between the 1800mm high side walls separating neighbouring dwellings and is largely concealed and contributes to little visual scale and bulk.

The additional building bulk, form and volume is illustrated on Dwg. No. A06 albeit in 2-dimensional form and it is <u>confined to the area of the proposed master bedroom</u>. The bedroom is setback from the southern end walls of the floor below (to the edge of planter) as well as below and behind the dwelling's ridge.

The surface area of the existing roof is not increased.

Consequently, there is no significant additional and materially unreasonable visual scale and bulk flowing from the non-compliance in FSR. The dwelling remains three levels or storeys. The removal of the master bedroom to remove the marginally higher side walls will not substantially alter the appearance of the dwelling.

The proposed additions provide a three-storey form which will be emulated by No. 162 Darling Street and whilst they do not detract from the character of the existing terrace they provide an appropriate exemplar for the remaining dwellings in it.

<u>Is the proposal compatible with the desired future character in terms of bulk, form and scale?</u>

The aforementioned discussion has addressed the performance of the proposal with respect to the development in the immediate vicinity in terms of bulk, from and scale.

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A desired future character statement for the locality aims to reinforce the compatibility of development in its local context – in this case a Neighbourhood. There is no expressed desired future character statement in Council's planning controls for the locality, however, a desired future character in the Leichhardt DCP is expressed through the controls.

The site is located in the Darling Street Distinctive Neighbourhood and the controls are found at p.C-177. In my opinion, the proposal performs well with respect to the relevant controls -particularly in respect to the following:

- As discussed above, the proposal generally preserves and enhances the existing streetscaped
- The proposal provides a compatible rear addition which is complementary to the existing contemporary building.
- The proposal has no impact on the existing building wall height or envelope.
- The change to the façade is minimal and only provides glazing to the second-floor dormer.
- The proposal provides a roof top addition in accordance with the control as it is set back from the front of the building and maintains the scale of the street and as it is viewed from the rear.

In my opinion an assessment of the performance of the proposal against the controls demonstrate that the proposal is compatible with the desired future character of the locality.

<u>Balance between landscaped area and built form</u>: The proposal complies with the standards with respect to landscaped area and site coverage confirming its acceptable balance of landscape with built form.

<u>Impact of bulk and scale</u>: The proposal provides a building form that is consistent with the neighbouring dwellings and acceptably minimises the impact of bulk and scale of buildings particularly by its modulation and articulation as discussed above. There are no unreasonable impacts relating to the scale of the building such as shading and loss of privacy of adjoining properties.

- 2. The objective is not relevant to the development. Objective (b) of the development standard, relating to non-residential accommodation, is not relevant to the proposal.
- The objective would be defeated or thwarted if compliance was required. This
 criteria is not applicable to the proposal.
- 4. The development standard has been virtually abandoned or destroyed by the Council's own actions in granting consents departing from the standard. This criteria is not applicable to the proposal.
- 5. The zoning of the land is unreasonable or inappropriate. This criteria is not applicable to the proposal.

Compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary. For the reasons set out in 1, the proposed development will achieve the underlying intention and purpose of the development standard. Strict compliance with the development standard is therefore unnecessary and unreasonable

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Are there sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard?

The cases referred to above have established that the environmental planning grounds must be particular to the circumstances of the proposed development on its site. The following environmental planning grounds are relevant:

- In order to avoid duplication, reference is made to the environmental planning
 grounds ventilated in relation to whether the proposal achieves the objectives to
 the standard, particularly in relation to the bulk, form and scale compatible with
 desired future character of the locality. In this regard, the proposal is:
 - compliant with both the site coverage and landscaped area development standards;
 - generally consistent with the Council's building siting controls in relation to building location zone;
 - has minimal impact on the building envelope and it is also generally consistent with the building envelope of adjoining buildings. It also establishes an appropriate building envelope to be emulated by adjoining neighbours in the terrace.
- The proposal complies with Council's DCP controls with respect to additions above the first-floor level and performs well with respect to minimising externalities.
- The proposal is in keeping with the bulk, scale and mass of surrounding development.
- The proposal provides excellent amenity for the occupants of the development consistent with the Aims of the Leichhardt LEP.
- The proposal does not result in any unreasonable amenity impacts on adjoining and nearby residential properties.
- The proposal results in the removal of a roof top terrace, which are generally
 discouraged by Council's DCP because of their trafficable nature and the
 unacceptable impacts arising from their use such as overlooking and noise
 generation.

Will the proposed development be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the development standard?

In my opinion, the proposal is consistent with the objectives of the standard for reasons outlined earlier and it is therefore considered to be in the public interest.

Will the proposed development be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the zone?

In relation to the objectives of the R1 zone:

• to provide for the housing needs of the community

The proposal provides an improved standard of accommodation which will assist to provide for the housing needs of the community.

to provide for a variety of housing types and densities

The proposal maintains the attached dwelling character in a manner that is consistent with the prevailing character and density of the locality.

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 to enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents

This objective is not relevant, as the proposal is not for a non-residential use.

• to improve opportunities to work from home

The proposed additions to the dwelling may improve opportunities for the occupants to work from home.

 to provide housing that is compatible with the character, style, orientation and pattern of surrounding buildings, streetscapes, works and landscaped areas

The proposal provides an addition to a dwelling that is compatible with the character, style, orientation and pattern of surrounding buildings, streetscapes and landscaped areas as discussed earlier in this submission.

 to provide landscaped areas for the use and enjoyment of existing and future residents

The proposal provides a landscaped area for the dwelling which complies with the quantitative requirement of the LEP. In qualitative terms, the landscaped area is also considered to be a standard that will provide a high level of use and enjoyment for the occupants resulting in a high standard of residential amenity without any unreasonable impacts on adjoining residential amenity or the locality generally.

 to ensure that subdivision creates lots of regular shapes that are complementary to, and compatible with, the character, style, orientation and pattern of the surrounding area

This objective is not relevant, as the proposal does not involve subdivision.

 to protect and enhance the amenity of existing and future residents and the neighbourhood

The proposal provides an addition to a dwelling in a manner which protects and enhances the amenity of existing and future residents and the neighbourhood. The proposal is similar to the application submitted for the adjoining dwelling and subsequently it confirms that an addition, largely contained within the existing building envelope, can be successfully integrated into the character of the existing terrace whilst protecting and enhancing (eliminating the roof terrace and the resultant noise and overlooking impacts) the amenity of existing and future residents.

Concurrence of the Secretary

The concurrence of the Secretary may be assumed by Council. The implications of a development application involving alterations and additions to a dwelling not complying with the FSR development standard of the Leichhardt LEP is local in its scope and raise no matters of significance for State or regional environmental planning.

The circumstances of the case should be balanced against the usual presumption of public benefit in maintaining a development standard. The floor space ratio of the proposed development is justified as set out above. The variation sought will enhance the

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utility of the existing development without significant adverse impacts on neighbouring amenity or the public domain.

Conclusion

This submission shows that, in the circumstances of the case, compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary, that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard and that the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the development standard and with those of the R1 General Residential zone.

Clause 5.10, Heritage Conservation, provides objectives and requirements for consent when proposing development in conservation areas. The site is located in the Balmain Conservation Area. The objectives of the clause are as follows:

- (a) to conserve the environmental heritage of Leichhardt,
- to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,
- (c) to conserve archaeological sites,
- (d) to conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance

Subclause (4) requires Council to consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the conservation area concerned regardless of whether a heritage management document has been submitted. A requirement for the submission of a heritage management document is not mandatory and it has not been submitted. The requirement for a HIS is not necessary because the terrace (row of attached dwellings) is a relatively recent construction (approximately 20 years). The proposed additions are considered to be compatible with the character of the existing terrace and therefore it will not have any unreasonable impact on the significance of the conservation area and it is acceptable.

Subclause (5) states that Council may require the preparation of a heritage management document that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned or on lands that is within the vicinity of land (that is an item). The clause is not a mandatory requirement and allows Council to exercise discretion when considering the matter.

As previously stated, the property is located within a conservation area but also within the vicinity of several heritage items including 139-143, 147,149, 151,153, 155 and 157 Darling Street which located on the opposite, northern side of Darling Street. Given the fact that the majority of the work (other than providing glass panels to the front dormer) is situated behind the existing ridgeline and some distance from them, the proposal will therefore not have any unreasonable impact on their heritage significance.

Clause 6.1, Acid sulfate soils, provides an objective for acid sulphate soils which is to ensure that development does not disturb, expose or drain acid sulfate soils and cause environmental damage. The land is identified on the Acid sulphate soils map as Class 5 and consent is required for works within 500 metres of adjacent Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 land that is below 5 metres Australian Height Datum and by which the water-table is likely to be lowered below 1 metre Australian Height Datum on adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land. The

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Attachment D- Statement of Heritage Significance

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Area 17

East Balmain Conservation Area

Landform

This area is noted for its dramatic rugged sandstone headland facing east into the harbour and towards the city, with sheer sandstone cliffs to a deep and steep waterfront.



Figure 17.1 East Balmain Conservation Area Map.

History

This area comprises the earliest land to be subdivided and developed in Balmain. Surgeon Balmain was granted 550 acres in 1800. He transferred it to fellow surgeon John Gilchrist in 1801. In 1836 Surveyor Armstrong subdivided the most eastern part of Gilchrist's land, the area closest by ferry to Sydney Town, into twenty-two 2-4-acre lots. They were put up for public auction in 1836 by Sydney merchant and land agent, Frank Parbury on behalf of the absentee landowner. Subdivision of the remainder of Gilchrist's land was suspended from 1841-1852 through disputes over his estate. For its first ten years, therefore, East Balmain was an isolated maritime suburb, accessed generally only by water.

The 1836 subdivision laid out three streets — Darling, along the top of the sandstone ridge, Johnson and Nicholson, setting the framework for Balmain today. Each lot had access to one of these streets and to the waterfront. They were advertised as waterside, dock and shipping properties in 'the Deptford of Sydney'.

Purchasers were merchants, boatbuilders, master mariners who needed the deep water frontages for their shipping activities; middle class professionals and civil servants who purchased the land for investment, for later resubdivision or to build their own villa; speculative builders such as Robert Blake who saw the peninsula as a marine retreat for gentlemen and proceeded to build villas in spacious grounds for that market. The early elegant villas, eg Hampton Villa, built of stone hewn from the allotment itself, or from land nearby,

stood on the higher ground, and enjoyed fresh breezes and views of Sydney Town. Close to the waterfront and the shipbuilding activities were the houses of ship captains and merchants, often of timber or stone cut from their own land.

Subdivision of these allotments, either immediately, or after the 1840s slump, required new streets for access. Unaffected by the regulations of Sydney Town, they were made only as wide as was absolutely necessary, leaving as much land as possible for sale. In the 1860s small streets were cut through the sandstone to give access to an increasing number of industries along the waterfront. Associated industry followed - timber yards that served the wooden shipbuilding yards, tanneries that used the harbour for their effluent. Subdivision of the villa estates occurred through the 1840s and 1850s, often to pay off creditors. It led to the acceleration of small suburban allotments and suburban growth to serve the growing demand for both housing and industry, the latter having been pushed from the city by rising land values. Shops, pubs and a school grew at or near the intersection of the major streets, serving a growing population. There were pockets of infill development from 1910-1930s and by the 1940s East Balmain was fully built-up. After the 1960s, as the waterfront industries closed down through changing technology, waterfront sites were taken over by the Maritime Services Board for port activities or storage. From the 1970s these under-used parcels of land were turned into public waterfront parks.

Sources

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Significant Characteristics

- Dramatic sandstone topography.
- Views down streets, between buildings and across the headland to harbour, harbour bridge and city. Main streets all end with dramatic city/harbour/industry views.
- Main streets all terminate at water or at cliff top.
- Many very narrow, steep minor streets and rights of way follow boundaries of the first twenty-two allotments.
- Sandstone steps cut into the bedrock transfer pedestrians between levels.
- Some dense stands of trees.
- Intermix of buildings sandstone villas, sandstone, weatherboard and brick cottages and terraces, school, maritime industrial buildings, corner stores (former), shops and pub.
- Rare early buildings, mainly in timber and stone.
- Neighbourhood shops and pubs grouped around the Darling Street/Johnston and Nicholson Streets intersection.
- Low fences some early iron palisade fences remain.

· Sandstone kerbs and gutters.

Statement of Significance or Why the Area is Important

- One of a number of conservation areas which collectively illustrate the nature of Sydney's early suburbs and Leichhardt's suburban growth particularly between 1871 and 1891, with pockets of infill up to the end of the 1930s (ie prior to World War II). The earliest developments here predate Leichhardt's main suburban growth with marine villas and cottages from the 1840s to modest-scale housing from 1870s through to the 1930s, and industry. It is significant for its surviving development from these periods.
- Demonstrates through the siting of recent public parks, the location of former waterfront industries. Through these parks and its remaining waterfront activities East Balmain can interpret Sydney's port history from the early 1840s, and the role of Balmain's deep water frontages in that story.
- Demonstrates through the line of its narrow streets the earliest subdivision sections of the large 550-acre Balmain grant.
- Demonstrates through its steps and cuttings the way in which early roads and pedestrian routes were forged out of the sandstone bedrock.
- Demonstrates through its mixture of sandstone villas and timber and brick cottages the major themes that formed this suburb marine villa development and investment, port and waterfront activities, and the continuing layering of these developments.
- Through its remaining timber buildings it continues to demonstrate the nature of that major construction material in the fabric of early Sydney suburbs, and the proximity of the timber yards around the Balmain waterfront.
- It is of aesthetic significance for its dramatic sandstone landscape, closely related to the harbour, and clearly revealed below the modest scale of its nineteenth century and early twentieth century buildings. It stands in contrast with the nearby city where twentieth-century technology has forged an equally dramatic but very different man-made landscape.

Management of Heritage Values

Generally

This is a conservation area. Little change can be expected other than modest additions and discrete alterations. Buildings which do not contribute to the heritage significance of the area may be replaced with sympathetically designed infill.

Retain

• All residential or commercial structures pre-1939 belonging to the period of the growth of East Balmain.

- All weatherboard buildings now rare but typical of early development.
- All sandstone structures and cuttings cottages and villas, schools, wharves/slipways, curbs and gutters, walls, bases to fences, steps.
- · Unpainted face brick walls.
- All original plaster finishes to external walls. Reconstruct where necessary.
- All original architectural detail, and encourage replacement of lost elements, but only where evidence is available.
- All sandstone outcrops.
- Views between buildings from public places, especially views to the harbour.
- Trees, especially large figs which form such an important role in the landscape of the area, and views to the area from the harbour.

Avoid

- Demolition of any pre-1939 building unless the building has been so compromised that it can no longer evidence its history.
- Alteration to the form (shape) of these buildings, especially wall height or alterations to the roof over the main part of the house. Second-storey additions.
- Removal of plaster to external walls, where part of the original wall finish.
- Painting or plastering of face brick walls.
- Additional architectural detail for which there is no evidence, especially the addition of verandahs, and post-supported verandahs.
- · Loss of any trees.
- Inappropriate high front brick/stone fences or walls, or new iron palisades on high brick bases.
- Interruption to the remaining sandstone kerbs and gutter.
- Widening of the narrow roads.
- Development that detrimentally affects views from the harbour, Harbour Bridge and the city to East Balmain, or disrupts its skyline when viewed from those places.

Notes

Because this area is very visible from the city and from the harbour and harbour bridge, special care is needed in dealing with changes which might alter public views from these places — scale, roof form and material colours are particularly important.

Care is needed for applications for change to any building in these areas. There are a number of very early buildings here, overlaid with later works, and

restoration to reveal the original building could be possible in many cases. Many of the early stone houses were built by stonemason Cavill, and evidence of his work should be sought.