

Council Meeting

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 16 June, 2009

EXTRACT FROM WHOLE MINUTES

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM 23 MASTER PLAN AND ZONING FOR MCGILL STREET PRECINCT

File Ref: 4056-03

Mr Gregory Frith addressed the meeting.

7211 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri,
THAT Mr Frith be granted an extension of time to speak.

For Motion: Unanimous
Councillors Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Byrne, Peters, Wright, Hanna, Olive, O'Sullivan,
Kontellis, Thanos and Tsardoulis

Ms Tamara Winikoff addressed the meeting.

7212 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Macri, seconded by Councillor Hanna,
THAT Ms Winikoff be granted an extension of time to speak.

For Motion: Unanimous
Councillors Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Byrne, Peters, Wright, Hanna,
Olive, O'Sullivan, Kontellis, Thanos and Tsardoulis

7213 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Byrne,
THAT Marrickville Council opposes the proposed development at Longport Street and
Old Canterbury Road, Lewisham. The development:

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- (a) is a gross overdevelopment of the site;
- (b) threatens the viability of local shopping strips and small businesses; and
- (c) is totally out of scale with the surrounding community and environment.

It is therefore essential that any proposed development on this site be part of a plan for the whole precinct; and **THAT:**

1. Council initiate the preparation of a masterplan for the area known as the McGill Street Precinct which comprises the industrially zoned land bounded by Old Canterbury Road, Longport Street and the Rozelle Goods line;
2. the masterplan for the McGill Street Precinct address the following key principles:
 - consistency of development with the centre hierarchy and any of centre retailing impacts;
 - the orderly planning and development of the precinct;
 - timing and equity of development for all land owners within the precinct;
 - the management of future traffic and access within and surrounding the precinct;
 - the scale and density of development;
 - landscaping and public domain treatments;
 - public open space, linkages and provision for the greenway corridor; and
 - the suitability of the precinct for commuter car parking;
3. appropriate zoning, height limits, floor space ratio and other development controls be placed on the McGill Street precinct to ensure urban renewal of the area that is complementary to the surrounding community and in accordance with the Marrickville Urban Strategy;
4. the General Manager investigates funding for the masterplan and reports back to Council;
5. this planning be conducted as a matter of urgency to ensure Marrickville Council's vision for the McGill Street precinct is comprehensive and clear, and that any changes can be implemented during the current review of the Marrickville Local Environment Plan; and
6. representations be made to the Minister for Planning seeking amendments to the Director General's requirements for the Part 3A Project issued in March 2009, which require that the development proposal for the subject site is consistent with a Council endorsed masterplan.

For Motion: Unanimous
Councillors Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Byrne, Peters, Wright, Hanna, Olive, O'Sullivan, Kontellis, Thanos and Tsardoulis

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RESCISSION MOTION

**RM 2 NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND COUNCIL RESOLUTION – NM 11
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT LONGPORT STREET AND OLD
CANTERBURY ROAD, LEWISHAM**

File Ref: 4056-03

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Kontellis, **THAT** Marrickville Council notes:

1. that an application has been lodged with the Department of Planning for assessment under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of a proposed development at Longport Street and Old Canterbury Road Lewisham;
2. the proposed development includes large residential towers and substantial retail space that is likely to have major effects on the local community, traffic generation and flow, and the Marrickville Urban Strategy;
3. the large amount of retail space in this development has potentially detrimental effects on main street shopping strips within the Marrickville LGA and is also likely to affect shopping areas in the Leichhardt and Ashfield LGAs;
4. 99.6% of applications accepted for assessment under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* have been approved.
5. the significant attendance at a public meeting on the development on 20 May, and the widespread and significant concern of residents in both the Marrickville and Ashfield local government areas.

And that Council:

6. opposes the proposed development for the following reasons:
 - It is a gross overdevelopment of the site;
 - It will set unwanted precedents for building height and size for the Inner West;
 - It is totally out of scale with the surrounding community;
 - It will overwhelm local roads and create traffic congestion and noise and air pollution;
 - It is a threat to the viability of local shopping strips and small businesses;
 - It may harm the population of threatened long-nosed bandicoots in the area;
 - It disrupts the vision of the Cooks River to Iron Cove Greenway active transport corridor;
 - It uses Part 3A of the EPA Act to bypass the local Council and effectively sideline the community from the development process.
7. opposes the use of Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to assess this development, and calls on the Minister to refer the development to Marrickville Council;

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8. writes to the member for Marrickville, Carmel Tebbutt, the member for Strathfield, Virginia Judge, the member for Balmain, Verity Firth, the member for Canterbury, Linda Burney, and the member for Grayndler, Anthony Albanese, asking them to oppose the development and requesting they lobby the Minister for Planning to reject this development for assessment under Part 3A and it to be referred for assessment by Marrickville Council;
9. writes to the Minister for Planning and the Director-General of the Department of Planning informing them of Marrickville Council's position and the contents of this motion.
10. supports the community campaign No Lewisham Towers by promoting the website www.nolewishamtowers.org on Council's website.

The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **TIED**.

For Motion: Councillors Byrne, Kontellis, Phillip, Olive, Peters and Thanos
Against Motion: Councillors Iskandar, Wright, Tsardoulis, Macri, Hanna and O'Sullivan

The Chairperson used his Casting Vote and the **MOTION** was **LOST**.