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State Government approves Council's planning proposal for Bronte

Waverley Mayor Sally Betts thanked the Save Bronte Group, the Member for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith and Council staff for working together to convince the State Government to gazette Council's planning proposal for the Bronte RSL site.

In gazetting the Council's planning proposal, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment confirmed two key elements of the proposal on Tuesday, 3 September.

Mayor Betts said the Department had increased individual retail tenancies to 500 square metres from 400 square metres and approved the continual permitted use of the Bronte RSL Club only.

"The restriction on retail floor space prevents a large supermarket from being built," she said.

"Although this is slightly larger than the 400 square metres we recommended, this still prevents a large supermarket from being built."

She said by limiting individual retail spaces to 500 square metres, impacts such as traffic and congestion would be reduced in the Bronte neighbourhood centre.

Council has always argued our proposal is based on a robust strategic planning process, which included in-depth consideration of relevant planning matters, expert

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advice and community consultation, meeting the State Government's criteria on every front and therefore deserved to be gazetted, Mayor Betts said.

"We are disappointed the Department of Planning and Environment has also issued a Gateway Determination to allow the Winston Langley Burlington amended planning proposal to proceed to public exhibition," Mayor Betts said.

"The Winston Langley Burlington's planning proposal still proposes to increase the height of the building from 13 metres to 20.5 metres and to increase the permitted floor space on the site.

"We are the planning authority for the proposal and the community will have the chance to provide feedback. We will keep the community informed during the entire public exhibition period."

Winston Langley Burlington will need to change its planning proposal to reflect Waverley Council's amended LEP before public exhibition can proceed.

The Department has also included a requirement to consult the Department of Education and Communities, Transport for NSW, and Roads and Maritime as part of the public exhibition, following community concerns.

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