

News



Objections stall Woolies plans

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THE decision on whether to build a Woolworths in the heart of the eastern suburbs has been deferred.

The controversial Woolies looked set to be approved last week, after a Waverley Local Planning panel indicated they would sign off on the development for the former Bronte RSL club at 113 MacPherson St.

However, the decision was deferred due to the large number of objections made.

The panel will now assess the "economic and social impact of the proposed development on the viability of the Bronte Neighbourhood Centre", which will be provided to council within 42 days of the December 10 meeting.

Residents of Bronte have objected to the building of a "large supermarket chain" in the suburb.

When submitted to Waverley Council in July it



Artist's impression of the Bronte RSL redevelopment site.

racked up 126 objections.

Those against the plans said it would create traffic congestion on Bronte's "already gridlocked" street, and also see smaller local suppliers go out of business.

But Woolworths has said the store is even smaller than Metros in neighbouring suburbs and would integrate seamlessly into the village feel of the street. This same message was

handed out to residents of the harbourside suburb of Mosman last month, as Woolworths expressed its intention to reduce the size of its supermarket proposal, following objections.

A Local Planning Panel document - which recommends the Bronte branch for approval - states "the proposed development will be in the public interest".

Save Bronte has been leading the charge against the site's overdevelopment since it was sold to developers in 2012.

Founding member Stephen Lightfoot said "this is the last bid of our campaign".

The group successfully took developers to the Land and Environment Court in 2017 to stop overdevelopment on the site.

"We're extremely disappointed with the recommendation ... it's obvious to us that community sentiment is against the development application," Mr Lightfoot said. "We're in favour of local community shops that serve the local community."

The planning panel will decide on the proposal on Wednesday.

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Notice of Development Decisions Issued by Council

Development decisions have been made for the following applications:

- DA565/2018/1** 1 & 3 Spencer Street ROSE BAY
The demolition of 2 existing dwelling houses and ancillary structures, the amalgamation of the 2 allotments and the construction of a residential flat building, 2 swimming pools, landscaping and site works
- DA286/2019/1** 278 Oxford Street PADDINGTON
Alterations and additions to the existing building and its adaptive re-use as a mixed-use development comprising a cafe for 20 patrons, 6 single occupancy units, one care-takers residence and 2 car parking spaces
- DA306/2019/1** 53 Baresford Street BELLEVUE HILL
The demolition of an existing duplex and garage, the construction of a dwelling house, landscaping and site works
- DA331/2019/1** 66 Fletcher Street WOOLLAHRA
Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling including a new first floor (rear portion) and a rear studio addition
- DA383/2019/1** 2A James Street WOOLLAHRA
A weekly produce market (Saturdays) and associated site works including landscaping works
- DA415/2019/1** 728 New South Head Road ROSE BAY
New electronic sign to Commonwealth Bank shopfront
- DA433/2019/1** 210 & 201A Victoria Road BELLEVUE HILL
Temporary change of use to display suite and associated works
- DA385/2016/3** 34 Village High Road VAUCLUSE
Internal amendments including proposed media room & car stacker to approved three storey dwelling
- DA404/2017/2** 63 New South Head Road VAUCLUSE
Alterations and additions including new ground level terraces in Units 2 and 3; an extended ground level terrace to Unit 4; and a new roof terrace exclusive to Unit 7
- DA98/2018/2** 101 Bellevue Road BELLEVUE HILL
Internal and external modifications
- DA399/2018/3** 29 Wentworth Road VAUCLUSE
Modification of Details of the Development - Conditions C.1 (a) (c) (d) (e) (f) referencing superseded DA to be deleted
- DA467/2018/2** 113 Hopetoun Avenue VAUCLUSE
Modifications to the approved scheme
The reasons for decision and how community views were taken into account in making the decision is contained in the relevant Notice of Determination. Notices of determination are publicly accessible on Council's website. Go to DA Tracking from our home page.
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