

Public Question Time

Question from Mark Richardson and Matthew Harrison

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In relation to current proposals for the property, has the Council considered these proposals in its current assessment of the demolition plans for 3 and 5 Tiuna Grove which are currently covered by the interim heritage overlay provisions?

Is Council aware of the applicants heritage report prepared by Anita Brady Heritage Consultancy contained in the recent Ratio planning report?

Response

While the questions were thoroughly discussed and covered at the Planning Committee meeting on 23 October 2019, I provide the following answers (in italics) for the record.

Has Council considered the implications of creating a precedent whereby consolidation of titles is supported to allow contiguous infill apartment development across the rear of multiple lots in a neighbourhood residential zone with heritage overlay?

Council has considered the application on its merit having regard to the relevant controls and policies that affect the subject site. Every lot is different and any future applications for similar developments on other lots would need to be considered on their individual merit. The subject site in this instance is unusual and opportunities to mimic the proposal on other sites would likely be rare.

In relation to current proposals for the property, has the Council considered these proposals in its current assessment of the demolition plans for 3 and 5 Tiuna Grove which are currently covered by the interim heritage overlay provisions?

Council has considered the proposed demolition and deemed it to be acceptable and consistent with existing relevant heritage policy. Officers do not believe the proposed demolition will prejudice any future permanent controls on the site.

Is Council aware of the applicants heritage report prepared by Anita Brady Heritage Consultancy contained in the recent Ratio planning report? that details the non-compliance of the proposed development with council's own heritage performance measures?

Council is aware of the applicant's heritage report. Officers defer to the recommendation as outlined in the council report per advice from Council's Heritage Advisor.

As you are aware Council voted to support the officer's recommendation and as such VCAT will be advised that Council supports the application subject to conditions.