

## CITY OF NEWCASTLE

**Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at 5.30pm.**

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### **PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors D Clausen D Compton, T Crakanthorp, T Doyle, J Dunn, B Luke, M Osborne, S Posniak, A Robinson and S Waterhouse.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

F Cordingley (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), K Liddell (Acting Director Infrastructure), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development and Building Services), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), P Moore (Manager Facilities and Recreation), B Johnson (Media Officer), N Baker (Lord Mayor's Chief of Staff), K Sullivan (Council Services/Minutes) and A Leach (Council Services/Webcasting).

### **MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

### **PRAYER**

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

Especially remembered were those who lost their lives in the recent Nice terrorist attack.

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Osborne

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Rufo and Tierney be received and leave of absence granted.

**Carried**

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil.

### **PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS**

**ITEM-1                    DA2015/10011 - 4 ULICK STREET, MEREWETHER  
DEMOLITION OF DWELLING, OUTBUILDINGS &  
SWIMMING POOL, ERECTION OF SIX TWO-STOREY  
ATTACHED DWELLINGS, ASSOCIATED RETAINING  
WALLS, SITE WORKS AND TWO LOT INTO TWO LOT  
SUBDIVISION (BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT)**

An application has been received seeking consent to the demolition of dwelling, outbuildings and swimming pool, erection of six two-storey attached dwellings, associated retaining walls, site works and two lot into two lot subdivision (boundary adjustment).

The original proposal was notified to neighbouring properties for 14 days in accordance with the provisions of Newcastle DCP 2012 and 20 public submissions and a petition (with 38 names and addresses) were received objecting to the proposal, including a Public Voice request.

The proposal has been amended and re-notified. Council received 30 submissions in response to the re-notification of the proposal.

Andrew Farrelly addressed Council and outlined the following key issues:

- No community support
- Incompatibility with the intentions of a low growth precinct
- Incompatibility with the existing scale, character and massing of development in the immediate area
- Exceedance of height and boundary restrictions
- The development does not meet the minimum landscaping criteria
- Views and privacy
- Overshadowing and solar access
- Car parking
- Waste collection congestion
- Sterilisation of 381 Glebe Road for any possible future development
- Precedence
- Unacceptability of the original application - why was the original Development Application deemed unfit by Council Officers?
- The residents

In closing he stated that the residents of Ulick Street were not opposed to all development. The preferred outcome was to see development kept in line with size, scale and general features of the area.

Jeffrey Bretag of Perception Planning addressed the Committee on behalf of the proponents explaining the merits of the development application.

Councillors raised questions on a number of different matters including landscaping criteria, garage parking, the tree canopy and removal.

**The meeting concluded at 6.05pm.**