

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Record of the Public Voice presentation held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors T Doyle, M Osborne, S Posniak, L Tierney and S Waterhouse.

ABSENT

Councillors D Clausen, D Compton, T Crakanthorp, J Dunn, B Luke, A Robinson and A Rufo.

IN ATTENDANCE

F Cordingley (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), K Liddell (Acting Director Infrastructure), P Chrystal (Director Planning and Regulatory), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development and Building), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), K Sullivan (Council Services/Webcasting) and A Leach (Council Services/Minutes).

APOLOGIES

The Lord Mayor indicated the meeting was inquorate and advised the meeting could proceed as public voice was not a decision making committee.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 PVC - DA 2015/0876 - 77 MAITLAND ROAD, MAYFIELD - DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS, SUBDIVISION OF LAND (29 INTO 5 LOTS) ERECTION OF TWO STOREY RETAIL COMPLEX, ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING, SITE WORKS AND SIGNAGE

Mr Howard Hawthorn, Development Manager, NSW Coles Group Property Development Ltd (Coles Group) representing the DA applicant gave a verbal update which covered the following points:

- Coles Group Property Development Ltd. held community consultations in 2015 with directly impacted residents and businesses;
- Submissions received identified the loss of 10 on-street parking spaces on Maitland Road and Havelock Street as a key issue and properties 45 to 55 Maitland Road were the most adversely affected;
- Following submissions Coles Group made the following revision to the proposed development:
 - Reduced the scale and bulk of the development;
 - Reduced the floor space ratio (FSR) to 1/3 of the allowable floor space;

- Allocated on site staff parking;
- Conducted an acoustic engineering report; and
- Restricted the compactor and loading dock operating hours to between 7am and 7pm.
- The positive impacts of the development would be:
 - A minimum of 100 new Coles staff would be employed part time, and casual - and would be recruited from the local and broader community;
 - Increased local employment and economic development during the construction phase;
 - Increase in trading for surrounding businesses; and
 - an improved retail offering and choices to grocery shoppers.

The Lord Mayor said that the applicant of the Public Voice, Mr George Webb had submitted apologies for not attending the meeting. The Lord Mayor indicated Mr Webb's main concern was increased traffic flow on Havelock Street.

Following a question from Councillor Posniak regarding what Coles Group's next steps would be should the Newcastle City Traffic Committee (NCTC) not support the revised parking arrangements, Mr Hawthorn said that Coles Group would sell the land.

The Lord Mayor asked Council staff to comment on Councillor Posniak's comment. The Acting Director Infrastructure said the NCTC had had initial discussions regarding the development plans however, no decision had yet been made in respect of the proposed development.

Following a question from Councillor Osborne regarding customer car parking and cycling racks, Mr Hawthorn said there would be adequate car parking spaces and cycling racks provided.

The presentation concluded at 6.02pm.