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Public Voice Committee Meeting 19 April 2016

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**Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 19 April 2016 at 5.33pm.**

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### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

P Chrystal (Acting 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), N Baker (Chief of Staff to the Lord Mayor), K Sullivan (Council Services/Webcasting) and A Leach (Council Services/Minutes).

### **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.

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Posniak, seconded by Cr Osborne

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Dunn and Waterhouse be received and leaves of absence granted.

**Carried**

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

Nil.

### **PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS**

**ITEM-1 PVC - DA 2015-0876 - 29-31 LAMAN ST COOKS HILL - ERECTION OF THREE STOREY SERVICED APARTMENT BUILDING (PLUS BASEMENT PARKING) AND STRATA SUBDIVISION.DOCX**

Council received a development application seeking consent for the construction of a three storey serviced apartment development (plus basement level) and 11 lot strata subdivision.

The original proposal was notified to neighbouring properties for 14 days in accordance with the provisions of Newcastle DCP 2012 and sixty-four (64) public submissions were received objecting to the proposal including three (3) Public Voice requests and one (1) submission for mediation.

The proposal was since amended to the current scheme and was re-notified to surrounding properties. Council received thirty-four (34) submissions in response.

The application will be referred to Council's Development Application Committee (DAC) for determination under its delegation due to a total number of objections received, being thirty-four (34).

Applicants for the Public Voice Mr Glenn Burgess and Professor John Aitken briefed Councillors on their key concerns for the development application which included:

- Visual and acoustic privacy of the surrounding dwellings;
- The balconies of unit 2 would overlook the kitchen, living and outdoor areas of 33 Laman Street;
- The balcony of unit 6 would overlook into the main bedroom of 33 Laman Street;
- The proposed development would overlook dwellings in Glovers Lane and Dawson Street and would obscure the view of St Andrews Church from 33 Laman Street and dwellings in Glovers Lane;
- The proposed development had an inadequate number of garbage bins and car parking spaces;
- Vents from the garbage storage area would sit directly opposite the backyard of 8 Glovers Lane;
- The streetscape was inconsistent with surrounding properties in Laman Street and Glovers Lane; and
- The development failed to satisfy objectives of the Newcastle Development Control Plan 2012.

Mr Stuart Clarke, Architect, Oceania Clarke Pty Ltd Architects and Mr Wes Wilson, Planner, Wilson Planning Pty Ltd representing the DA applicant advised Councillors that they had received advice from the Urban Design Consultative Group that the current design had substantially addressed its previous concerns.

Mr Murray Blackburn- Smith, Manager Development and Building Services informed the Councillors that the landscaping plans would be included in the Development Applications Committee meeting agenda.

**The meeting concluded at 6.07pm**