



# **ELECTRONIC DETERMINATION BUSINESS PAPER**

## **LOCAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING**

**Wednesday 28 April 2021  
at 6:30pm**



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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- In accordance with the Local Planning Panels Directions - Operational Procedures, Council is required to monitor development applications to be determined by the Panel that may be experiencing unreasonable delays of over 180 days from lodgement.
- A list of out outstanding development applications in excess of 180 calendar days from lodgement is attached for the Hornsby Local Planning Panel's advice.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the contents of LPP Report No. LPP10/21 be received and noted.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise the Hornsby Local Planning Panel of development applications required to be determined by the Panel that are over 180 calendar days from lodgement.

## DISCUSSION

In 2019 the NSW Productivity Commission conducted a review of the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The review recommended several actions to streamline processes to optimise efficiency, output and performance.

The planning panel changes were implemented on 1 August 2020 to incorporate a number of the NSW Productivity Commission 's recommendations to the way Local Planning Panels work to make them more efficient and to improve the assessment and determination times of development applications and maintain panel oversight of sensitive and contentious applications.

These changes were made as part of the Planning Acceleration Program to support the State's immediate and long-term economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

The changes will speed up panel determinations by:

1. Reducing the need to conduct public panel meetings for non-contentious matters by applying a '10-or-more' objection trigger for public meetings.
2. Reducing the amount of modifications going to panels.
3. Obliging panel chairs to more actively manage development applications (DAs) coming to the panels to reduce panel deferrals and assessment timeframes.
4. Allowing chairs to bring forward determination on DAs that are experiencing unreasonable delays of over 180 days from lodgement.
5. Introducing panel performance measures.

The Local Planning Panels Directions - Operational Procedures has been amended to:

- Require panels to make determinations within two weeks of being provided an assessment report.
- Require panels to hold a public meeting only where the Development Application has attracted 10 or more unique submissions by way of objection.
- Allow, at the Chair's discretion, applicants to attend a briefing, along with council staff, to explain complex matters or present confidential or commercially sensitive material.
- Oblige panel chairs to work with council to ensure key issues are addressed during assessment in order to minimise deferrals by the panels at determination stage.
- Require the panels to provide reasons for deferring a decision and set timeframes in which any additional information must be provided in order to finalise the determination.
- Give panel chairs the ability to require council to report a DA to the panel within four weeks for determination if the application has experienced unreasonable delays in excess of 180 calendar days from lodgement.

In accordance with Point 6 of the Local Planning Panels Directions - Operational Procedures, attached is a list of development applications required to be determined by the Panel that are over 180 calendar days from lodgement.

**CONCLUSION**

Council is required to monitor development applications to be determined by the Panel that are over 180 calendar days from lodgement. This report provides advice to the Local Planning Panel on DAs that are experiencing unreasonable delays of over 180 days from lodgement.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**

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**Attachments:**

1.   LPP DAs over 180 days - April 2021

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## List of development applications required to be determined by the LPP that are over 180 calendar days from lodgement

DA No.	Proposal	Address	Ward	Reason	Est. Date to LPP	Advice to Chair	No. Days at 28/4
DA/1030/2018	Alterations and additions to Galston Club	19-25 Arcadia Rd Arcadia	A	>10 submissions	June	The additional information requested re: acoustic wall location and clarification of matters in the submitted acoustic report is still outstanding. Applicant advised information would be submitted by end of April.	932
DA/1566/2014/B	Section 4.55(2) applicant to amend conditions relating to use of premises and noise	130-132A Boundary Road North Epping	C	> 10 submissions	May	Deferred 16 December 2020. Report being prepared for May meeting.	475
DA/416/2020	10-12 storey mixed use building accommodating retail tenancies at the ground floor level, commercial tenancies at the first floor level, a residential care facility at levels 3-11, a residential apartment at level 12 and strata subdivision	228-234 Pacific Highway Hornsby	B	>10% variation to height	July	Council liaising with applicant re: timeframe for submission of amended plans noting recently identified site constraints impacting proposed landscaping.	331
DA/487/2020	Change of use of existing industrial building to a warehouse or distribution centre and 24/7 operation	35E Sefton Road, Thornleigh	B	>10 submissions	June	Applicant advised revised acoustic testing and report would be submitted early May. To be peer reviewed when received.	308

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DA No.	Proposal	Address	Ward	Reason	Est. Date to LPP	Advice to Chair	No. Days at 28/4
DA/528/2020	Concept development application for shop top housing comprising a ground level drive thru KFC restaurant and 35 units in a 5 storey building	409-411 Pacific Highway Asquith	A	SEPP 65 Affected Development	June	The Design Excellence Panel advised significant changes would be required for their support of the application. The applicant is preparing revised plans to address the Panel recommendations which may require renotification of the application.	296
DA/581/2020	Alterations and additions to an existing industrial building strata subdivision of one lot into five	35E Sefton Road, Thornleigh	B	>10% variation to height and >10 submissions	June	Applicant advised revised acoustic testing and report would be submitted early May. To be peer reviewed when received.	282

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