

# MINUTES OF LOCAL PLANNING PANEL BRIEFING

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 4:30pm



#### **PRESENT**

Chairperson - Garry Fielding

Expert Panel Member - Linda McClure

Expert Panel Member - Juliet Grant

Community Member – Brian Scarsbrick

#### **Staff Present**

Director Planning and Compliance - James Farrington

Manager, Strategic Planning - Katherine Vickery

Strategic Planner - Bethany Fryar

The briefing commenced at 4.30pm

#### **APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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## LPP ADVICE No. 01/19 – Planning Proposal – Local Heritage Listing of 22 Trees at 62 Manor Road Hornsby

The Panel noted that Council is currently preparing a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to manage growth and change into the future in accordance with the priorities and actions under the North District Plan 2018. This process provides the opportunity for Council to undertake a strategic approach to the management of urban lands at the bushland interface.

As part of the LSPS process, the Panel acknowledged that Council has undertaken a comprehensive review of heritage management practices in Hornsby Shire. The review recommends that a landscape heritage study be undertaken to identify landscape items of cultural and natural significance throughout the Shire and the Panel supports this strategic approach to heritage management.

The Panel noted that the preparation of the Planning Proposal to list trees on property No. 62 Manor Road, Hornsby as a local heritage item is supported by an independent heritage assessment confirming the heritage significance of the trees. The Panel commented that progression of the Planning Proposal would not be inconsistent with Council's comprehensive heritage review approach.

The Panel advised that it supports the preparation of a Planning Proposal to protect 22 trees located on property No. 62 Manor Road, Hornsby as a local heritage item (landscape) by listing the site in Schedule 5 of the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013. The Panel also recommends reference to the implementation of the following additional North District Plan 2018 planning priorities in the Planning Proposal:

Planning Priority 16 – Protecting and enhancing bushland and biodiversity

Planning Priority 17 – Protecting and enhancing scenic and cultural landscapes

Planning Priority 19 – Increasing urban tree canopy cover and delivering Green Grid connections

One Panel member did not share this view, instead forming the opinion that the planning proposal is not the appropriate mechanism to manage bushland interface and landscape heritage on this site as it pre-empts the broader strategic approach.

### **VOTING OF THE PANEL MEMBERS**

FOR: Garry Fielding, Linda McClure, Brian Scarsbrick

AGAINST: Juliet Grant

Chairperson