MM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY - 65-71 ST. ALBANS

STREET, ABBOTSFORD

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

The Development Application for the proposed Aged Care Facility in St Albans Street Abbotsford has generated broad community interest since it was placed on public exhibition.

I have received many enquiries from local residents about the process and Council involvement in the assessment of the application. There are major concerns from our community about the impact on their amenity the proposed development will have.

As Councillors would be aware, at the last Council meeting I tabled a Mayoral Minute advising Council that, as I was placed in a conflict of interest situation regarding not only this application but all others contentious applications that went before the JRPP, I would be resigning as Council's nominee from the Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel.

This course of action allows me to advocate on behalf of my community without concern of having a conflict of interest and not having the Mayoral role fettered in this regard. Council endorsed that decision.

At this time the development application is still being assessed. To date 76 submissions have been received and posted on Council's website. The applicants have been requested to address the matters raised by objectors and provide further information in regard to their application.

All submissions received and all concerns raised by members of the community and assessment staff will be provided to the Joint Regional Planning Panel, which as Councillors are aware is a State Government appointed panel. The JRPP is made up of five members with three members nominated by the State Government and two nominated by Council.

I will ensure that our community receives further information on the progress of this application, when further advice is received and a hearing date is scheduled by the JRPP.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the status report be received and noted.