

WILLOWTREE PLANNING



MINUTES

Held at:	62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown
Meeting name:	Glendenning Data Centre - SSD-73761707
Date:	5 August 2025
Present:	<p>Attendees: Jaime Hogan, Acting Director City Planning and Development, BCC Judith Portelli, Manager Development Assessment, BCC Alex Kwok, Coordinator Drainage Development Assessment, BCC Jared Spies, Senior Development Assessment Planner, BCC Piper Sealey, Social Planning Officer, BCC Tom Frankham, Senior Planner, AWS Prem Padmanaban, Senior DC Architect, AWS Andrew Cowan, Willowtree Planning Andrew Owens, Greenbox Architecture</p> <p>Via MS Teams: Jaron Bourdot, LCI Consultants Ben Avallone, LCI Consultants Borga Yucel, Greenbox Architecture</p>

Meeting Minutes

1. Council acknowledged the capacity requirements and emerging trends associated with data centre buildings and the resultant bulk and scale. Council indicated that genuine design revisions are to be made to the façades of the buildings by including new colour to make the buildings more recessive with the Western Sydney Parklands and natural environment.
2. AWS provided various options that included new colour schemes on each façade. Council indicated support for a green façade on DC01, a yellow façade for DC02 and blue façade for DC03.
3. AWS agreed that the above could be provided and a new Visual Impact Assessment would be prepared to capture the changes made.
4. Council indicated a desire for more deep soil landscaping in lieu of hardstand areas. AWS indicated that this could be explored through design revisions and changes would be shown on updated plans.
5. Council requested that retaining walls be architecturally treated through use of colour / banding. AWS agreed to provide an alternative design to address this with details to be shown on the updated plans. This is relevant only to public facing walls that are visible from the public domain.
6. AWS explained that the buildings have nil adaptive reuse potential as they are purpose built for data storage. Any other form of development on the site would require demolition of the buildings. Council acknowledged that given there is no adaptive reuse potential that the current provision of parking would be acceptable as proposed.





7. AWS clarified that there would be no need for workers or visitors to park on the street. AWS explained the site is highly secure and there is strict control as to who can enter the site.
8. Council acknowledged the existing easement for overhead powerlines adjacent the eastern boundary (adjoining the Western Sydney Parklands) prevents further landscaping from being planted in this area. Council acknowledged the building setbacks to the eastern boundary interface as sufficient.
9. Council requested additional planting fronting Glendenning Road where fuel tanks are proposed. AWS committed to providing low level shrubs with suitable root systems that would not interfere with infrastructure proposed.
10. AWS committed to preparing a package addressing the landscaping, bulk and scale concerns for Council review prior to submission of the formal Response to Submissions package. Council and AWS agreed that this in principle review would expedite the formal assessment process once the package is referred by NSW DPHI.
11. Council committed to resolving any engineering (stormwater and flooding) issues prior to submission of the formal Response to Submissions package. A separate meeting is to be arranged between the Council and project engineers.

