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REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SSD-35370706) – UNITING CHARLESTOWN – LOT 223 DP 551260 - 27 TIRAL STREET CHARLESTOWN

I refer to your referral received on 22 November 2022 requesting comment from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in relation to the above mentioned State Significant Development.

TfNSW key interests are the safety and efficiency of the transport network, the needs of our customers and the integration of land use and transport in accordance with the *Future Transport Strategy 2056*.

It is understood that the proposal is for a Mixed-Use Seniors Housing and Residential Development. It will include the construction of four (4) buildings, including a Residential Aged Care Facility, two (2) Seniors Independent Living Units (ILU) and a Residential Flat Building (not intended to be limited to seniors living).

TfNSW has reviewed the referred information and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination:

- Council and/or the developer should give consideration to ensuring safe, equitable and connected access to essential transport facilities.
- Council should consider the provision of footpaths around the development, particularly in James Street to provide a link to the existing bus stops.
- Council should consider a pedestrian refuge across James Street to connect the proposed footpath along James Street to the existing path which runs along the eastern side of Smith Street.
- TfNSW (Roads) has no proposal which currently requires any part of this property.

Green Travel Plan (GTP)

TfNSW have reviewed the draft Green Travel Plan (GTP) prepared by Varga Traffic Planning Pty Ltd. TfNSW requests that the updated GTP be submitted to TfNSW prior to occupation. The following comments have been provided to enhance the plan:

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Carparking and management:

- TfNSW understands that there are 409 parking spaces proposed for buildings A, B, C and D. TfNSW recommends that the number of parking spaces are reduced to discourage private car use, especially given the proximity to the Charlestown town centre. This is in line with the key objectives of the GTP and the *Future Transport Strategy 2056* ([Future Transport \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)).
- It is recommended that designated spaces for carpooling are considered to further encourage the use of carpooling.

Mode Share Targets:

- In Table 5.1 – Target Modal Split, TfNSW recommends that mode share targets are for both the short and longer term, and that targets for sustainable transport mode (walking, cycling, public transport) are increased.

Bicycle Parking and End of Trip (EoT):

- TfNSW understands that some bicycle parking and EoT facilities will be provided, however, further details have not been outlined indicating the amount of bicycle parking or what EoT facilities will be provided. TfNSW recommends that details about these facilities are outlined in the GTP.
- Consideration should be given to monitoring the amount of bicycle parking and EoT facilities over time to ensure sufficient supply to further encourage active transport modes.

Implementation Plan:

- TfNSW appreciates that the GTP has an Action Plan (Table 5.2), but recommends that this should be re-named to be an Implementation Plan which should include all of the initiatives and incentives within the GTP, timing and completion dates to ensure the overall effectiveness of the GTP. Each part of the Implementation Plan should be managed overall by a Travel Plan Coordinator/Steering Committee. The Implementation Plan should:
 - Identify the party or parties responsible for delivery and implementation of each element of the updated STP throughout various stages of the development lifecycle, including for its ongoing implementation, monitoring, and review, for a period of at least 5 years post occupancy
 - Be updated both on an annual basis, and when future transport services are upgraded.

Travel Access Guide (TAG):

- TfNSW recommend that more detail on the location of the bicycle parking is shown to make it clear where the bicycle parking is located.
- A Travel Access Guide (TAG) should also:
 - Provide information advising employees and visitors about service routes and timetables for buses is available on the Trip Planner at transportnsw.info/
 - Provide information advising employees and visitors that additional information about current cycling routes is available on the Trip Planner at transportnsw.info/
 - Location of End of Trip facilities (bike racks, showers, lockers, change rooms) and locate on map.
 - Provide times and stop locations for buses and information regarding shuttle buses (if considered viable).
 - For further helpful information, see [TAG - How to Guide](#)

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Travel Survey:

- TfNSW recommends that a Travel Survey is undertaken on an annual basis for employees and visitors. A Travel Survey example is included at [Online staff travel survey \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/online-staff-travel-survey).

If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact Shelby Wells, A/Development Services Case Officer on 1300 207 783 or via email at development.north@transport.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully,



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