

Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Archaeology DA Stage 2, Haymarket – SSDA4 – NW Plot

SSDA4 is within the SICEEP – Haymarket redevelopment area. The archaeological issues for the Haymarket have been identified in two key reports for Lend Lease (Haymarket) Pty Ltd. These reports are:

- *Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct (SICEEP) Concept Plan, The Haymarket – SSDA2 Non-Indigenous Archaeological Assessment and Impact Statement*, Casey & Lowe for Lend Lease Development (March 2013), appended.
- *Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct (SICEEP) Concept Plan, Aboriginal Archaeological Assessment*, Comber Consultants (March 2013).

This report supports a State Significant Development (SSD) Development Application (DA) submitted to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure pursuant to Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The Application (referred to as SSDA 4) follows the submission of a staged SSD DA (SSDA 2) submitted in March 2013 to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that set out a Concept Proposal for a new mixed use residential neighbourhood at Darling Harbour known as 'The Haymarket'. The Haymarket forms part of the Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct (SICEEP) Project, which will deliver Australia's global city with new world class convention, exhibition and entertainment facilities and support the NSW Government's goal to "make NSW number one again".

More specifically this subsequent DA seeks approval for a public car park (above ground) and commercial office building within the North West development plot of The Haymarket and associated public domain works. The DA has been prepared and structured to be consistent with the Concept Proposal DA.

1.0 Aboriginal Archaeology

Comber Consultants' report, which included consultation with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, concluded that there were no requirements for Aboriginal archaeology where projects in the Haymarket did not impact on the original western foreshore (Figure 1). The requirements for The Haymarket were that:

A program of Aboriginal archaeological sub-surface testing should be undertaken prior to the redevelopment of the Haymarket. The testing should be undertaken on the western side of The Haymarket within the area of the original foreshore in areas where piling or other ground disturbance which will penetrate below the fill is to be undertaken (Comber Consultants, March 2013:32).

As shown in Figure 1 the footprint of SSDA4 is outside the western foreshore of Darling Harbour and there are no requirements for Aboriginal archaeology within SSDA 4.

2.0 Non-Indigenous Archaeology

Figures 2, 3 and 4 identify the location of potential and significant archaeological remains within SSDA4. This section discusses the proposed development within the NW plot and examines the archaeological issues associated with areas of specific impacts. The recommendations in this report are the same as those identified in Casey & Lowe March 2013.

2.1 Proposed Development

The proposal relates to a detailed ('Stage 2') DA for a commercial office and public car park development in the North West Plot of The Haymarket together with associated public domain works. The Haymarket Site is to be developed for a mix of residential and non-residential uses, including but not limited to residential buildings, commercial, retail, community and open space. The North West Plot is one of six development plots identified in the Concept Proposal DA.

Under the Concept Proposal, the North West Plot will accommodate active ground floor uses, a multi-storey above ground public car park and a commercial office building above. More specifically, this SSD DA seeks approval for the following components of the development:

- Staged demolition of existing site improvements, including the existing Sydney Entertainment Centre (SEC), Entertainment car park, and part of the pedestrian footbridge connected to the Entertainment car park;
- Associated tree removal and planting;
- Construction and use of a mixed use commercial building comprising:
 - ground level retail/television studio uses/IQ Hub;
 - public car park (above ground);
 - ancillary parking (above ground); and
 - commercial office space.
- Provision of vehicle access to the development from realigned Exhibition Place;
- Public domain improvements, including:
 - provision (part) of a new east-west pedestrian laneway (known as Dickson's Lane) linking Darling Drive to the Boulevard;
- Extension and augmentation of physical infrastructure / utilities as required.
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2.1.1 Key Issues

Specific issues of concern for this report are:

- There are no issues beneath the NW plot as no archaeology of local or State significance was identified (Figures 2, 3).
- There may be some impacts from proposed works in Dickson's Lane on the remains of the 1870s cooperage (Figure 3).

2.2 NW Plot

No potential archaeological remains of local or State significance were identified within the footprint of the proposed NW plot (Figure 2, 3).

2.3 Darling Drive

There are no non-indigenous archaeological issues associated with Darling Drive. It is noted that works in this area are limited to shifting the road to the east and some remaking of the road, no deeper than approximately 0.5m. There is no significant potential non-indigenous archaeology within this part of SSDA4.

2.4 Dickson's Lane

Proposed impacts within this area, tree holes and services, are likely to impact on the potential remains of the 1870s Cormack cooperage work shed and yard (Figures 2, 4). The archaeology of this complex is considered to be of local significance (Figure 3). These proposed impacts within the laneway will require further archaeological input. The specific requirements will be identified as part of a detailed Research Design and Management Strategy report. Refer to guidelines explained in the SSDA2 report (appended).

3.0 Results and Recommendations

There is some likelihood of limited impacts on the remains of an 1870s cooperage building of local significance within Dickson's Lane.

3.1 Recommendations

The specific requirements for archaeological work along Dickson's Lane within SSDA4 will be identified when the Archaeological Research Design & Management Strategy report has been written. Depending upon the impacts, there may be a need to undertake archaeological testing and investigation and/or monitoring. If any artefacts are recovered during the archaeological work they will need to be catalogued as part of the overall artefacts program. It is also likely that some inspection holes will be dug to record the nature of the reclaimed material across The Haymarket site generally.

Need to implement Recommendation 4 (below) of the *Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct (SICEEP) Concept Plan, The Haymarket – SSDA2 Non-Indigenous Archaeological Assessment and Impact Statement* (Casey & Lowe March 2013).

Recommendation 4

Write a Non-indigenous Archaeological Research Design and Management Strategy to refine impacts, identify appropriate archaeological methodologies and research questions and guide the archaeological program. This is to be written once the detailed design for buildings has been prepared.

Now that the detailed design for the NW building has been prepared we can progress to the preparation of the Research Design report.

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Figure 1: Plan showing the location of NW Plot (SSDA4) in relation to the original western foreshore. The NW plot is completely located within reclaimed land and therefore there is no potential for Aboriginal archaeology.

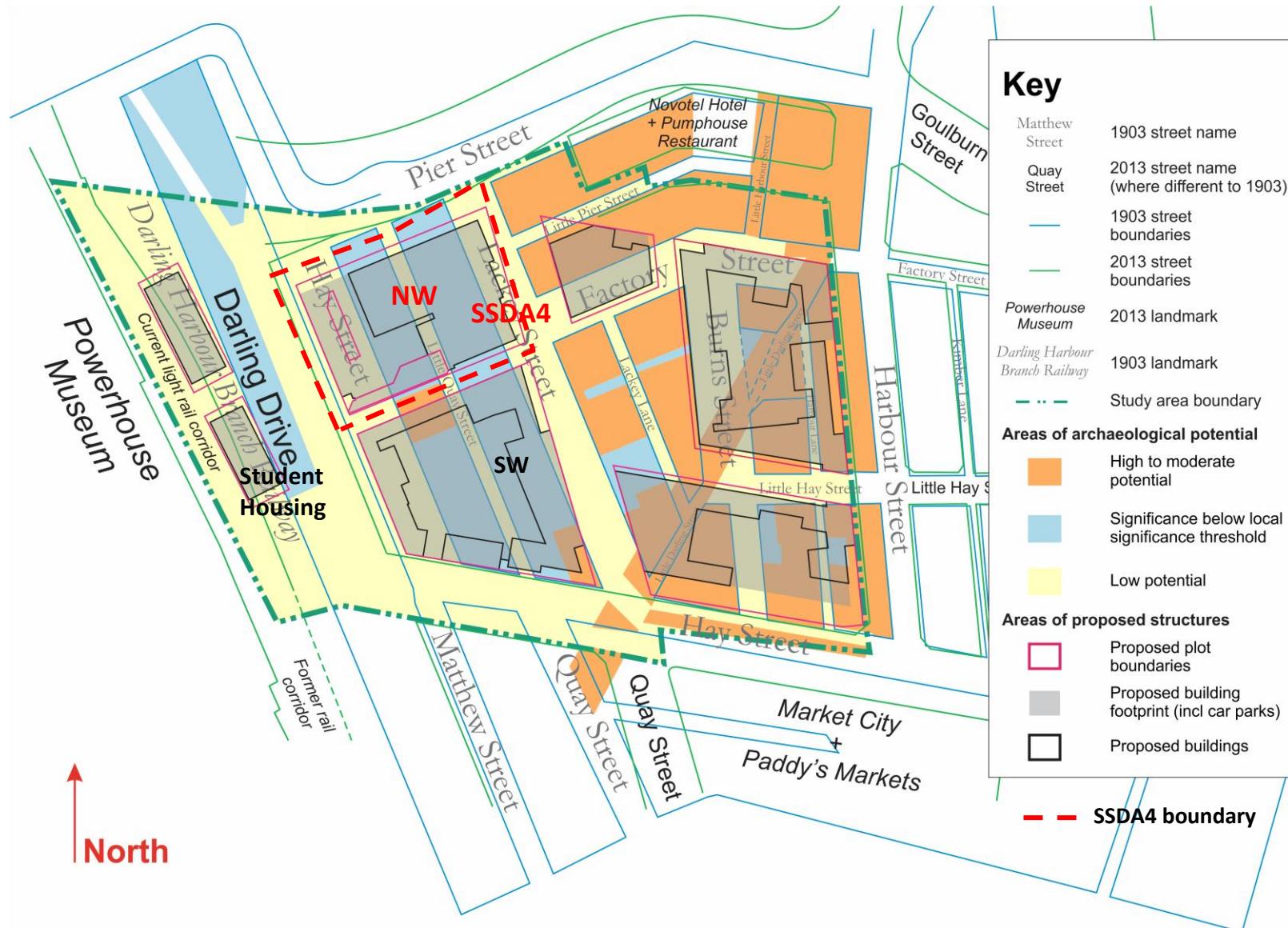


Figure 2: Plan of archaeological potential within the Concept Proposal and the outline (red dashes) of SSDA4. The subject area of SSDA4, which includes the NW plot, the public domain of The Boulevard and Dickson's Lane. The NW plot has no identified archaeological potential but there is archaeological potential in the northeastern section of The Boulevard is the southern end of Dickson's c1815 dam wall and the western end of the Hay Street Stormwater Channel. Casey & Lowe

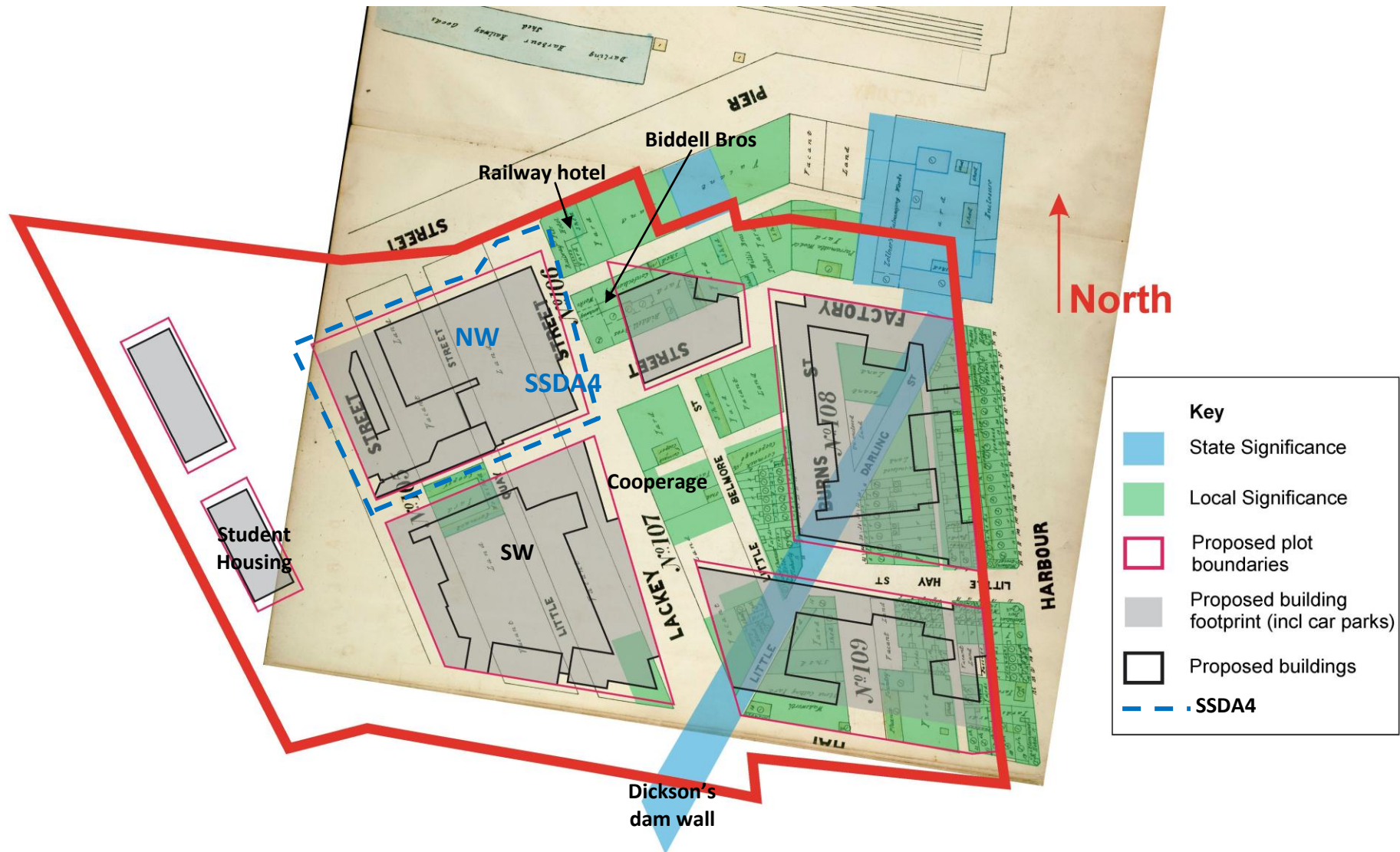


Figure 3: Plan showing areas with potential archaeological remains assessed as being of State and local heritage significance. The subject area of SSDA4 (blue dashed line), which includes the NW plot, the public domain of The Boulevard and surrounding landscaping, including part of Dickson's Lane. The NW plot has no identified archaeological potential. The main locally significant archaeology in SSDA4 is within the northeastern section of The Boulevard. The southern section of the Boulevard (dotted pink square) includes the end of Dickson's c1815 dam wall and the western end of the Hay Street Stormwater Channel. Casey & Lowe

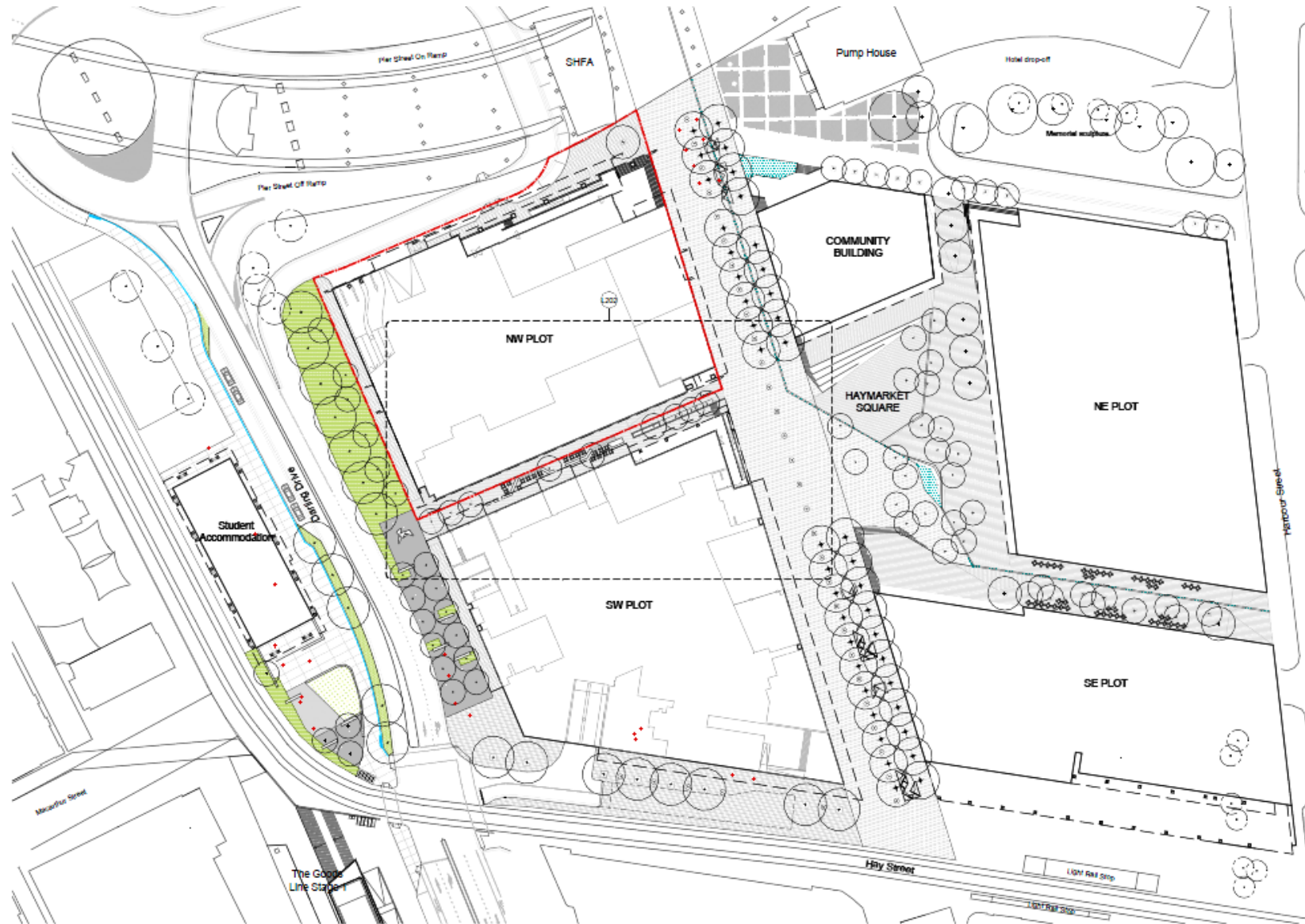


Figure 4: NW plot, SSDA4, study area. Hassell, for Darling Harbour Live.