

ECQ Stage 1 - DA Response

Architectural Design Statement

Building Exterior Material, Colour Scheme & Lighting

Earth tones of brown and grey are the generally the colour scheme of the building envelop. This colour palette easily blends with the surrounds of the site, the wetlands and the existing trees on site, thus enhancing the parkland character of the development. Drawing No.1 illustrates this material palette with the combination of stained concrete, standing seam metal and the transparency of the glass for shopfronts and canopies for weather protection.

Pedestrians entering the centre from for Rooty Hill Road South will be welcomed by contrasting combination of tan stained concrete wall and charcoal grey standing seam metal cladding (Drawing No. 3) - lightweight material against solid concrete. The line that separates these two materials creates a dynamic play of geometry in the building façade (Drawing No.4). Thus, the difference between these materials builds an interesting aesthetics for the exterior (Drawing Nos. 5, 7 & 8).

The tan-stained concrete feature wall penetrates the interior that terminates in an open community plaza (Drawing No.6). At daytime, skylight makes it highly visible from the inside, a seamless connection of the outdoor and indoor wall treatment. At night, the wall's silhouette is enhanced by LED strip (Drawing No. 9 & 10) further defining the building form and makes it highly visible from bounding roads, Rooty Hill Road South to the west and M7 motorway on the east.

Architectural screening along Rooty Hill Road South

Using natural colour and materials and the combination of wood and stone complimented with good landscaping articulate the architectural feature screen along Rooty Hill Road South (Drawing No.7) Laid out in zigzag manner, varying heights and depths, the gabion wall forms an exciting interplay of shades & shadows (Drawing No. DA19) adding volume combined with timber panel the whole architectural feature wall relates to the configuration and landscaping of the existing residential community across the road. It enhances well enhancing the pedestrians' walking experience as well Eastern Creek Quarter's curb appeal at Rooty Hill Road South.

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