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Architectural Design Statement

The project started with a belief – “*A place to be proud of where people feel completely comfortable*” that was sincerely reflected on the plan, form and materiality of the centre. As we progress to better the visitors’ experience while adding value to the centre’s neighbourhood, our belief evolved to “*At Eastern Creek Quarter, we are for the ‘new day out’, creating the most talked-about place in Sydney’s west*”. All changes and refinements are consistent with this belief as well as with the design intent of the DA application. Also, these changes conform to Eastern Creek Business Hub Design Guidelines.

Masterplan

To further activate the pedestrian entry adjacent to the current bus stop from Rooty Hill Road South, an outdoor common area shaded with climbing plants on pergola was added to the previous fast food component of the centre while maintaining the communal produce garden. Internal shopfront line was modified but maintained the same external building envelop.

The relocated trolley store, MSB-2 room and EOT facilities further improves how EOT facilities will function.

Building Envelop and Exterior Architectural Treatment

There is no significant effect on the building envelop with the few changes in the plan. The building form maintains the same character with its colour and materiality as specified in the DA application.

The total height of the primary feature (blade) wall that runs across the centre was reduced by about 1.30 meters. Relocated plantrooms facing Rooty Hill Road South are carefully treated with vertical fins relating to the design and materials of the pergolas over communal garden. This approach brings unified design to the façade facing the main road.

Skylights coming out of the roof provides an interesting form on the façade as it brings natural light to the interior mall.

All the modifications in plan and design were carried over to improve the performance of the centre with the best interest of bringing an engaging and convenient shopping experience to Eastern Creek community that can also be enjoyed by its neighbouring suburbs – a new day out in Sydney's West.

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Anthony Merlin

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