

Key Sites and Industry Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
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ATTN: Nicholas Gunn

Dear Mr Madam/ Sir

New Request for Advice - EIS - Darlington Public School Redevelopment (SSD-9914)

Thank you for your correspondence via Major Projects Planning Portal (ref: PAE-3600) dated 15 June 2020 requesting Transport for NSW to provide advice regarding the above.

Legislation came into effect on 1 December 2019 that brings together Roads & Maritime Services and TfNSW. This response reflects the advice from the new organisation.

The documentation provided in support of the proposed development application has been reviewed, and comments on the following matters are provided:

- Further consideration to the active transport requirements;
- Need to prepare a Green Travel Plan in consultation with TfNSW; and
- Vehicle and pedestrian safety during construction.

Detail on the above matters is provided in **TAB A**.

Should you require clarification of any issue raised, please don't hesitate to contact Robert Rutledge, Principal Transport Planner, Land Use Planning and Development at Robert.rutledge@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Active Transport Considerations

Comments

Future Transport 2056 emphasises the importance of walking and cycling for short trips and reinforces the importance of walking and cycling to increase the catchment of public transport as part of the whole customer journey.

Building Momentum - State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038 includes recommendations related to walking and cycling, including integrating transport with land use; managing travel demand; unlocking capacity in existing assets; and improving population health outcomes through more active transport.

The Transport Impact Assessment (TIA), addresses Active Transport considerations but could be further refined. Off-street bicycle parking requirements applicable to the existing school and proposed redevelopment are referenced, per an Access Survey, however the TIA proposes a lower number of bicycle parking spaces with two accessible bathrooms with shower for staff use. There appears to be no information about the number of lockers to be provided.

There is an opportunity for the redevelopment to promote NSW policies to encourage student and staff mode shift to cycling by providing the maximum number of secure bicycle parking spaces, end of trip facilities and lockers.

Recommendations

It is requested that the Applicant review the needs of active transport users as noted above and if required provide supplementary information as part of the Response to Submissions. The City of Sydney Council DCP 2012 outlines minimum requirements in this regard.

Green Travel Plan

Comment

The TIA provides a framework for the preparation of a Green Travel Plan that will help the Darlington Public School to better manage demand on the transport network. The recommendations below are provided to encourage the use of sustainable transport to the site, which will help reduce the use of single vehicle trips.

Recommendation

If the development is approved it is suggested that the following condition be applied:

Prior to the issue of the first Occupation Certificate, the applicant shall prepare a Green Travel Plan, which must be approved by TfNSW. The Green Travel Plan should be aimed at both staff, students, and visitors and include the following matters:

- Information on student enrolments- including commencement and forecasted increases,
- School enrolment catchment and analysis of proportion of students within walking and cycling distance;
- Measures to encourage sustainable transport choices amongst parents, students and staff for example information on walking routes, walking groups, cycling routes and information packs for parents and students;
- Wayfinding measures such as local street signage to identify direction and distance to school;

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- Proportion of students who are eligible for SSTS and promotion of the SSTS and School Term Bus Pass;
- Consider storage facilities (for large items and to reduce daily trips with these items) for students;
- A behaviour change program to encourage greater sustainable transport choices that target specific student groups e.g. encourage early sustainable behaviours through Bike Ed in primary years; and provide more specific targeted programs for high school students;
- Details on the appointment of Travel Coordinator role and responsibilities once the redeveloped school is fully operational
- Identify how annual travel surveys will be conducted, an evaluation process and how any mitigations or changes will be implemented;
- Identify how any increase of enrolments be managed within the Green Travel Plan and evaluation process;
- Information on how travel for special event trips for school activities such as school carnivals, swim school, excursions etc. will be managed;
- Incorporate any City of Sydney Council run programs that promote active travel to school; and
- Greater detail in the TAG including examples of material to be provided, relevance to target age groups and how it will be distributed.

Resources to assist can be found here: <https://www.mysydney.nsw.gov.au/travelchoices/tdm>

Construction and Traffic Management Plan

Comment

Several construction projects are likely to occur at the same time as this development. The cumulative increase in construction vehicle movements from these projects could have the potential to impact on general traffic and public transport operations, as well as the safety of pedestrians and cyclists particularly during commuter peak periods.

Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to prepare a detailed Construction and Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) for various stages detailing construction vehicle routes, number of trucks, hours of operation, access arrangements and traffic control. The CTMP should be submitted to Council for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

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Recommendation

- It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to prepare a Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan (CPTMP) in consultation with TfNSW and submit a copy of the final CPTMP plan to TfNSW for endorsement, prior to the issue of any construction certificate or any preparatory, demolition or excavation works, whichever is the earlier. The CPTMP needs to specify, but not limited to, the following:
 - A description of the development;
 - Location of any proposed work zone(s);
 - Location of any crane(s);
 - Haulage routes;
 - A detailed plan identifying all construction vehicle access arrangements;
 - Estimated number of construction vehicle movements, including measures to reduce the number of movements during the AM and PM peak periods;
 - Construction program;
 - Proposed construction hours;
 - Consultation strategy for liaison with surrounding stakeholders, including other developments;
 - Any potential impacts to general traffic, cyclists, pedestrians and bus services within the vicinity of the site from the construction of the development;
 - Cumulative construction impacts of any projects where construction vehicles use Dural Street or Williams Road. Existing CPTMPs for developments within or around the development site should be referenced in the CPTMP to ensure that coordination of work activities are managed to minimise impacts on the surrounding road network; and
 - Proposed mitigation measures. Should any impacts be identified, the duration of the impacts and measures proposed to mitigate any associated general traffic, public transport, pedestrian and cyclist impacts should be clearly identified and included in the CPTMP.
- Submit a copy of the final plan to the TfNSW for endorsement; and
- Provide the builder's direct contact number to small businesses adjoining or impacted by the construction work and the Transport Management Centre and Transport for NSW to resolve issues relating to traffic, public transport, freight, servicing and pedestrian access during construction in real time. The applicant is responsible for ensuring the builder's direct contact number is current during any stage of construction.