

Memorandum: Lord Mayor

Deputy Lord Mayor Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

BUILDING HEIGHTS - PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting: City Planning Committee Meeting date: 14 September

2020

Raised by: Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet

Question:

The decision of the Council on Monday 7 September 2020 for approval of 5-7 Sandy Bay Rd was made in part according to a discretion relating to height. The applicant's information was referenced in the report to Committee Item 7.1.1 of City Planning Committee meeting 31 August 2020, which referred to the height of a building of 19 metres at 9 Sandy Bay Rd. As yet, whilst the most recent application for 9 Sandy Bay Rd was approved, it has not been built. Could the Director advise as to how many times in the past 3 years has the height of an unconstructed building has been considered relevant in a planning recommendation?

Response:

Reference to unconstructed buildings are made from time to time more by way of background. They are also presented from time to time within the Council's K2VI digital model of the city and a recent example of that was the approved proposal at 125 Bathurst Street when the proposal for multiple dwellings at 90 Melville Street was being considered.

In the case of the proposal for 5-7 Sandy Bay Road determined at the City Planning Committee meeting of 31st August 2020 it is noted that the officer's assessment of the proposal was careful to recognise the current height of the building at 9 Sandy Bay Road as two to three storey. Notwithstanding the applicants submission the assessment was correctly determined against the current building form on adjacent sites including 9 Sandy Bay Road not what had been approved by the Council and not yet constructed.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Neil Noye

DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

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