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DA 2013/460 - proposed fencing to front boundary

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Engineering assessment for DA 2013/460 Lot 2 DP 539947 at 478 River Street, West Ballina

Proposed fencing to front boundary between No.478 (Lot 2 DP 539947) car dealership & No.480 (Lot 1 DP 553052) Northern Rivers Seafood at River Street, West Ballina.

Information

The fence is proposed to be on the common boundary between 478 & 480 River Street. This extension to the existing fence will enclose lot 2 and restrict the existing vehicular access to 480. The proposed fence is of low height and would not adversely impact on pedestrian safety along the footpath.

The existing driveway in front of 478 provides access to their site as well as providing vehicular access to enter 480. There is another access point further west (adjoining the service station) which is generally used to exit 480.

There is an existing drainage pit and kerb and gutter immediately to the west of the existing driveway for 478. This drainage pit could be modified should 480 wish to establish their own access driveway. Should the owners of 480 wish to construct a new driveway, a section 138 application under the Roads Act is necessary.

The existing parking spaces on 480 are limited in number and may or may no be compliant with the minimum requirements for parking spaces as per AS 2890. A new driveway crossover will not affect this current situation. A new driveway will reduce the available on street parking in front of 480.

A driveway to a property should not cross over adjoining lands without an appropriate easement or formalized agreement between owners. In this case, it appears no such easement or agreement exists and therefore each property should be responsible for their access and not encroach on adjoining property.

Conclusion

There is no objection to a new fence being constructed in front of 478.

Any new driveway in front of 480 will require section 138 approval.

David Kelly Infrastructure Planning Manager



Date: 12 December 2013 Our Ref: 13/370

General Manager Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450 BALLINA NSW 2630

Attention: Mr Neil Stone



Dear Sir

Re: Objection to DA 2013/460 New Fencing and Boom Gate Forward of the Building Line Lot 2 DP 539947, 478 River Street, West Ballina.

Newton Denny Chapelle (NDC) has been engaged by Northern Rivers Seafood Pty Ltd (NRS) to prepare a submission to the exhibition of the above Development Application. This submission objects to the proposed fencing for the reasons outlined herein.

Traffic Safety

NRS is located at 480 River Street, immediately to the west of 478 River Street. As illustrated in the survey plan shown at **Plate 1**, the car park servicing NRS is currently accessed by two [2] driveway crossovers linking to River Street on the eastern and western extremities of the land. The treatment of the River Street verge at the front of the site is such that vehicles accessing NRS have traditionally utilised the driveway crossing to 478 River Street, to access the eastern entrance to 480 River Street. The integrated access arrangement in this location has been in place for in excess of 30 years and is well recognised by customers accessing NRS as the primary access to the site.

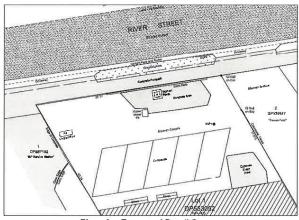


Plate 1 - Extract of Detail Survey.

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Carparking Impacts for NRS and Adjoining Landholders

Should the proposed fence be approved and constructed, it will be necessary for adjustments to be made to the driveway access and parking layouts on the NRS site. It is expected that these changes will reduce the available on-site parking spaces as well as impact on the availability of onstreet spaces in front of the store. This will have the "downstream" impact of increased parking associated with NRS occurring in the public street system in-front of other businesses operating in the locality. Furthermore, these adjustments will result in increased focus on the western entrance to NRS, which shares a driveway cross-over with the adjoining BP Service Station (located to the west of NRS). This may increase conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians accessing the two premises.

Inconsistency with Council's Development Control Plan

Chapter 6d – Commercial Development West Ballina Enterprise Corridor establishes Council's planning policy in this part of West Ballina. **Plate 2** provides an extract from Chapter 6d, and highlights the aspects of the DCP which are particularly relevant to the current proposal.

4.7 Element - Fencing

Objectives

- a. Ensure that fencing does not become a dominant built element in the streetscape;
- b. Provide security only where necessary; and
- c. Ensure that fencing does not impact on the safe movement of pedestrians or vehicles.

Control

- i. Front fencing along the River Street frontage is undesirable and will be discouraged;
- ii. Fencing shall not comprise solid metal sheeting;
- iii. Security fencing (i.e. that containing barbed wire or the like) may only be erected on secondary street frontages where it can be demonstrated as being required to store vulnerable items.

Plate 2 - Extract Ballina DCP 2012

It is submitted that the front fencing to 478 River Street proposed via DA 2013/460 is inconsistent with Planning Objective "c" and Planning Control "i" and therefore should not be supported by Council.

4. Inconsistency with "Notice to Carry Out Fencing Notice"

Our client has been served a notice of fencing work by the adjoining land owner (ie. proponent of the development). The Notice (see attached) identifies the fencing will comprise the following:

"the fencing work consist of the relocation of the existing 'boom gates' to the same line as the rest of the fence along the front of the property 476 River Street, West Ballina NSW 2478, and the gap created between the fence newly positioned boom gates and

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the existing colour bond fence to be filled with a <u>fixed panel</u> (emphasis added) out of steel in the same style and at the same height as the existing front fence of the property..."

The document clearly articulates the landowner's intention to erect a panel fence which creates issues associated with the consistency with the fencing notice versus the development application. Importantly, the inconsistency in the documentation provided by the applicant highlights specific areas of concern associated with flooding and drainage impacts which are not addressed within the current application.

The fencing notice identifies a fencing design inconsistent with the current development application. Accordingly, our client raises concern that a different type of fencing will be erected to that being sought to be approved by Council. Furthermore, in the event fixed panel fencing is erected, we note there is no comprehensive assessment provided in regard to the impacts upon our Clients land in respect to flooding, drainage, pedestrian safety and vehicular access.

We submit this issue needs to be clarified with the landowner to ensure which style of fencing will ultimately be erected and therefore the full impacts of the fencing can be addressed.

In conclusion, our clients strongly object to DA 2013/460 involving front fencing to 478 River Street, West Ballina for the reasons outlined above. Given that the proposed fencing raises concerns with respect to traffic safety, parking impacts and inconsistency with Council's Development Control Plan, the application is considered to not be in the public interest and should be refused.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate contacting Mr Damian Chapelle of this office on [02] 6622 1011.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 12 December 2013

General Manager Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450 **BALLINA NSW 2630**

Attention; Mr Neil Stone

Dear Sir

Re: Objection to DA 2013/460 - New Fencing Lot 2 DP 539947, 478 River Street, West Ballina.

As landowners of the BP Service Station (Lot 1 DP 867162), we have reviewed the Development Application lodged for fencing at 478 River Street, West Ballina. Based on our review of the application, we wish to object to the proposed fencing.

Our service station is located in close proximity (west) of 478 River Street. We currently share the access arrangements with Northern River Seafood with a double width driveway crossover linking to River Street. The treatment of the River Street verge is such that vehicles accessing Northern Rivers Seafood utilise the driveway crossing to 478 River Street, to access the castern entrance to 480 River Street and exit through our combined driveway.

The erection of the fencing will force all traffic to the common driveway we have with Northern River Seafood. This will obviously result in the creation of a traffic safety issue through vehicles being forced enter and exit both properties through the one driveway access.

We are also of the view the changes to the access for Northern Rivers Seafood forced by the proposed fencing will impact the availability of on-street spaces immediately adjacent to our service station. This may increase conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians accessing the two premises.

Council will be aware Chapter 6d - Commercial Development West Ballina Enterprise Corridor establishes Council's planning policy in this part of West Ballina. A review of Chapter 6d clearly identifies the proposed front fencing to 478 River Street is inconsistent with Planning Objective "c" and Planning Control "i" of Section 4.7 of the Chapter and thus should clearly not be supported by Council.

Council is advised of our strong objection to DA 2013/460 involving front fencing to 478 River Street, West Ballina for the reasons outlined in this letter. Given that the proposed fencing raises concerns with respect to traffic safety, parking impacts and inconsistency with Council's Development Control Plan, the application is considered to not be in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,

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