



Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA

28 June 2023

Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

- 10.4 Site Inspection - DA.2022.1616 - Construction of a storage shed – 139
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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Open Attachments

Nil

Closed Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.4 Site Inspection - DA.2022.1616 - Construction of a storage shed – 139 Wickerslack Lane, Googong (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Edwards)

File Reference: DA.2022.1616

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

At the Council meeting to be held on 28 June 2023, Council will consider a report on DA.2022.1616. This application relates to a proposal for the construction of a storage shed at 139 Wickerslack Lane, Googong. The application has been recommended for conditional approval.

A site inspection was arranged to allow the opportunity for Councillors to view the site prior to considering the report at the meeting. This took place at 4.19pm on Tuesday, 27 June 2023.

Present were as follows:

Councillors and QPRC staff: Mayor Kenrick Winchester; Cr Katrina Willis; Ruth Ormella (*Director – Development and Environment*); Shannon Edwards (*Minutes Taker*).

Applicant: Shane Blackley (Janaka Shane Blackley).

Apologies: Cr Mareeta Grundy; Cr Ross McDonald; Cr Bryce Wilson, Mary Kunang (Assessing Officer).

Director – Development and Environment, Ruth Ormella, provided an overview of the development. Mr Blackley explained the block was long and narrow - approx. 35m wide and 600m long - and pointed out the development area, behind an existing water tank, approximately 6m off the side boundary. Adjoining properties were noted by those present to be an Animal Boarding Facility, as well as a residence with ancillary use as a Bakery.

- **Site history:**

- Mr Blackley advised the meeting that the previous owner parked three truck and dogs on site and there was an increase in road traffic as a result. This use reportedly ceased in December 2022.
- Mr Blackley took ownership of the site in July 2022.

- **Current use:**

- The property is currently tenanted;
- Mr Blackley owns an excavation company which operates out of the ACT, rather than from the site; although Mr Blackley noted he runs a small home office from the site and infrequently parks one truck at the property;
- At the time of inspection, there was one large trailer on site, that Mr Blackley advised is currently unregistered and he intends to list for sale;

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- Current storage on site comprises several shipping containers.
- **Intended use:** Mr Blackley noted that he intends to consolidate storage on site into the proposed structure which will prevent the need for smaller sheds or shipping containers currently on site for general storage. It was noted this storage may include some cars and boats.
- **Visual Impact:**
 - the proposed location is in the rear yard of the property, behind an existing garage, and the fall of the land toward the rear of the block (with regard to visual impact from the street);
 - the closest neighbours are a residence with ancillary bakery on one side, and an animal boarding facility on the other.
- **Vegetation clearing:**
 - Mr Blackley advised that when he purchased the property there was significant wild blackberry coverage which he cleared because he felt it was '*beyond spraying*'. This has left mostly grass for Mr Blackley to maintain.

The site inspection concluded at 4.32pm.

Attachments

Nil