

CRA Planning Group Report - Committee Meeting - 17 October 2016

The one issue that has dominated discussion on matters planning over the last couple of days is the unheralded demolition of The Carlton Inn, on the S.E. Corner of Pelham and Leicester Streets, which was done without the necessary planning approval and hence illegal.

The City of Melbourne is treating the demolition as a serious breach and is investigating.

At this stage we can only speculate with regard to the course this may take. In the mean time CRA Planning Committee will be monitoring the situation.

Town Planning Applications

Since the July Committee meeting, there have been 13 new applications for Post Code 3053.

Objections Lodged.

No new objections have been lodged.

Applications to which CRA has previously objected

61-63 Little Palmerston Street (TP-2014-953)

A Notice of Decision has been issued, however the applicant has appealed conditions imposed and a neighbour has separately appealed the decision to grant the permit.

435-439 Cardigan Street (TP-2016-474)

Additions and alterations to an existing student accommodation facility. CRA's concern relates to the site management of the enlarged operation to avoid any negative impact on the neighbourhood amenity for nearby residents. CoM still assessing.

163 & 165 Canning Street (TP-2016-510)

Demolition of a pair of single storey brick early Victorian terraces and construction of two new dwellings. CRA has requested a review to assess the heritage implications. CoM still assessing, decision imminent.

122-136 Berkeley Street (TP-2015-1146)

CoM has been negotiating which resulted in a reduction in height at the rear (eastern end) the creation of a through block pedestrian walkway and the transfer of a small portion of the site to the CoM to provide continuous vehicular access in the rear lane. A permit has been issued.

599-605 Swanston Street (TP-2016-259) NW Cnr of Queensberry St.

15 storey student accommodation proposal. CRA raised concerns over the following issues. heritage, height, loading provisions, parking, sunlight to public spaces and lack of net community benefit. CoM still assessing.

CRA is still monitoring ten applications for which further information is awaited. Two or three of which could raise serious concern.

A copy of CRA's objections can be found on our website as can the Summary of 2016 Planning Applications Post Code 3053 (updated to 17 October 2016)

Some of the key planning issues facing CRA are summarised in a separate report prepared by Ewan.

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