

Planning and Development Report - Committee Meeting - 15 June 2015

Since the April Committee meeting there have been 26 new applications for Post Code 3053. The Planning Sub-committee identified seven applications of interest, five of which should cause no serious concern. CRA objected to one of the other two, **193-197 Nicholson Street**, see details below. The other, a multi-storey development at **23-32 Lincoln Square South** is likely to warrant an objection after further details are known. Three earlier applications have also been identified as problematic they are:

41 MacArthur Place (TP-2014-1013) Objection, see details below.

100-102 Bouverie Street (TP-2015-273) Objection, see details below.

171-175 Grattan St. (TP-2015-265) This application proposes a multi-storey mixed use development, it is likely to attract an objection from CRA but we await details.

CRA is still awaiting more information on an application for external alterations to the existing building at **109 Drummond St.** This is the anomalous three storey office building just south of Drummond Place. This could have repercussions due to the adjoining Victorian streetscape.

New Objections

100-102 Bouverie St - (TP-2015-273) A 12 storey mixed use development on a small site, CRAs concerns relate to bulk, height, scale, urban design and internal amenity.

193-197 Nicholson Street - 'Fernwood Gymnasium' (TP-1998-476/A) Seeking an amendment to the original permit to facilitate 24/7 trading. CRA objected on issues related to resident amenity. CRA was supported by objections from several local residents.

41 Macarthur Place (TP-2014-1013) Partial demolition and construct additions to rear of existing dwelling. CRA objected on the following grounds. Visual bulk, loss of amenity for adjoining properties and requested a heritage report.

Applications to which CRA has previously objected

53-63 Queensberry St (TP-2014-399) The application by the Romanian Orthodox Church to modify the the surrounding grounds and front fencing, to which CRA had objected to on heritage issues, was refused by CoM. The Church has appealed and a VCAT hearing has been set for September.

932 - 944 Swanston St. (TP-2013-1059) "Fleming House". Alter existing building and construct a new 3 storey building for use as student accommodation. VCAT upheld CoM NOD to issue a permit and granted the applicant a concession in relation to bicycle parking!

66-88 Lygon St - 'Downtowner' (TP-2014-734) The application was refused by the CoM. The applicant has appealed the refusal. The VCAT Practice Day Hearing was held on 12 June. Those attending were the 5 objectors and CRA all of whom have nominated to appear at the hearing in August. We were supported by written submissions from 10+ original objectors, who will not be appearing at the hearing.

CRA welcomes the support offered, however it is disappointing that the 55+ original objectors dissipated so readily between the application stage and the appeal. This erodes the credibility of an objection campaign which started so well.

A copy of CRAs objections can be found on our website as can the Summary of Planning Applications Post Code 3053 (updated to June 12)

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