

Committee Meeting 18 November 2013

Planning and Development

Since the last Committee meeting, the planning Sub-committee continued to monitor the three outstanding applications, submitted two additional objections to applications lodged in September and reviewed 10 new applications of which only one, at 106-112 Queensberry St, raised concern. CRA also attended the VCAT hearing for 135 -139 Queensberry St. along with Ian Bird who attended as a private objector.

Applications to which CRA has previously objected

- 138 Rathdowne St: new application for 3 storeys is only 200mm higher than for earlier 2 storey proposal. CRA objected to the bland and prominent east elevation.
- 63 Nicholson St (cnr Faraday St): CoM are awaiting the submission of a redesign .
- 15-31 Pelham St: currently a 4 storey heritage site. Proposal for conversion to housing with 8 storeys at centre of site is inappropriate. Major concerns include overshadowing, World Heritage precinct impacts, and local heritage issues. Currently there are 65 objections. CoM currently assessing the application.

Additional Objections Lodged since last Meeting.

- 100 -108 Drummond St (Cancer Council Building) Renovations to façade and minor alteration to fourth floor. CRA objected to heritage issues with the proposed treatment of facade.
- 152-154 Queensberry St. This application is for the construction of a 16 storey apartment building adjacent to the multi coloured student accommodation at the corner of Swanston St. CRA objected to excessive height (DDO45-9 storeys) mass, bulk streetscape, internal amenity etc.,

New Application Cause for Concern.

- 106-112 Queensberry St & 12-14 Little Cardigan St application to demolish existing buildings and construct 6 storey apartment building with reduced provision for car parking. No details are yet available for assessing.

VCAT Hearing

139 Queensberry St: Construction of a 15 storey apartment building adjacent to the ETU building, CRA and others opposed. CoM refused the application. CRA supported the CoM in its defence of the decision at VCAT, however the applicants appeal was upheld and a permit was issued. This is a disturbing decision in terms of its future implications, something that the committee will be discussing with the planners at the CoM.