

## Planning and Development Report - Committee Meeting - 21 July 2014

The updated Weekly Summary of Planning Applications Post Code 3053 has been posted on the website.

Since the June Committee meeting, the Planning Sub-committee identified 11 new applications for Post Code 3053. Six were reviewed and additional information is awaited for the remaining 5. No new objections have been lodged. The 4 outstanding applications to which CRA had objected continue to be monitored.

A decision of some significance was the CoM's refusal of the application for 15-31 Pelham St (TP-2013-630) on the grounds of its bulk, overlooking, overshadowing, loss of outlook and that it was detrimental to the physical and visual amenity of streetscape, adjoining residential properties and the REB World Heritage Environs Area amongst other reasons. The reasons for refusal will be posted on the CRA website. An appeal to VCAT by the applicant is to be expected.

### Applications to which CRA has previously objected and continues to monitor

- 63 Nicholson St (cnr Faraday St TP-2013-317) CoM is awaiting the submission of a redesign. There has been **no change** in the status of this application.
- 932 - 944 Swanston St. (TP-2013-1059) Alter existing building and construct a new 3 storey building for use as student accommodation. This is the historic "Fleming House" site. CRA expressed concern regarding the impact of the new building on Fleming House and requested that a heritage report be commissioned. This application is subject to ongoing discussions between the CoM and the Applicant over the heritage issues. Some improvements are anticipated.
- 205-223 Pelham St (TP-2014-59) Reece Site. A 15 Storey apartment building proposed. CRA has lodged an objection on the grounds of excessive height, inadequate setbacks heritage issues and wind effects. CoM decision believed to be imminent.

### Previous Applications for which additional information was awaited

Only one of the seven applications, for which additional information was being sought, continues to be of interest. TP-2014-350 which seeks to change the use, of the incomplete Piccolo development on the corner of Swanston & Queensberry Streets, from that of dwellings to use a serviced apartments, CRA is still pursuing the ramifications of this application and would welcome any insights that may be offered.

### Applications for which additional information is still awaited

There are five other applications being monitored by CRA, but at this stage none of these is expected to be of concern.

### New Residential Zones

As reported at last months meeting, the planning committee has been reviewing the proposed residential zones for Carlton. This process has benefitted immeasurably from Ewan Ogilv's involvement. Ewan, now a resident of Carlton, had previously done some work on this subject in the form of an individual submission to CoM. He has volunteered to prepare a submission for the Residential Zone Standing Advisory Committee, the body charged with reviewing each council's proposal.

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