MORE HOUSING AND JOBS FOR ARNCLIFFE

Plans for a $110 million apartment complex to be constructed close to public transport have been approved for Arncliffe.

NSW Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said Meriton is proposing 305 residential apartments on a site at Bonar and Loftus Streets in Arncliffe, within walking distance of Arncliffe, Turrella and Wolli Creek stations.

“The development also includes a basement level car park for 450 vehicles and 4,100 square metres of communal open space area, including a swimming pool and gym facilities,” the Minister said.

“This project will also create 400 construction jobs and 15 ongoing.”

The development has been approved by the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC), an independent review panel of experts, after considering the Department of Planning’s assessment.

The Department found the complex is proposed for a site zoned for higher density housing and is in line with Rockdale City Council’s strategic planning direction for the area.

However, 82 strict conditions have been placed on the project including:

- Lowering the height of ground-floor external courtyard fences to better integrate the development with the surrounding neighbourhood;
- Ensuring all pedestrian pathways and communal open-space is well lit;
- A requirement for Meriton to pay $4.4 million in developer contributions to Rockdale City Council;
- The formulation of a detailed Construction Management Plan to ensure construction is carefully managed to minimise noise and visual impacts on the adjoining Arncliffe West Infants School and Cairnsfoot Special School.

The PAC made two minor adjustments to the Department’s assessment including:

- Maintaining the number of proposed parking spaces on the site at 450; and
- A requirement the additional monetary contribution to be provided for the underground of the State Rail power line be returned to Meriton if it is not used within five years.

“This development will be constructed close to existing transport which is important for the hundreds of new residents who will live there and be travelling into the city for work,” Mr Kelly said.

The PAC determined the project, as Meriton had made reportable political donations.