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**New planning controls approved for Harold Park**

The former Harold Park raceway site in Sydney has been rezoned to support around 1,250 new dwellings and some commercial development.

The NSW Government yesterday approved the Harold Park Local Environmental Plan (LEP), which rezones the site for mixed use and also lists the historic Rozelle Tram Depot as an item of local heritage significance.

The Harold Park site, sold to development group Mirvac by Harness Racing NSW, incorporates land used by both the former Harold Park raceway and Rozelle Tram Depot.

Located approximately 2.5km from the Sydney CBD, the site near Glebe adjoins approximately 13 hectares of public parkland to the north.

Department of Planning and Infrastructure deputy director-general Tom Gellibrand said the LEP was approved by the department, under delegation from the Minister.

“The LEP is the result of significant co-operation between the department and Sydney City Council,” Mr Gellibrand said.

“These new planning controls will make an important contribution to the provision of housing and open space close to public transport and other public amenities in the City of Sydney.”

Mr Gellibrand said that the rezoning of Harold Park represented a significant opportunity for urban renewal close to the city.

“The site is located close to public transport including frequent bus and light rail services, which will benefit future residents, while the integration of land uses across the site will promote walking and cycling,” Mr Gellibrand said.

“Council and the department have also worked closely together to develop an innovative provision within the plan which promotes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption, beyond the minimum standards set by the NSW Government’s BASIX system.”

The LEP is consistent with the NSW Government’s standard template and replaces the existing open space controls which previously applied to the site under the Leichhardt LEP.

The LEP makes provision for affordable housing, as well as housing for seniors and people with a disability.

Future development applications for Harold Park will need to be submitted to the City of Sydney Council before any construction begins on the site.

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