Planning decision paves the way for new parkland and homes for Randwick

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has amended residential planning rules for the Newmarket Stables site that will see the introduction of a new local park and community space in Randwick.

The decision follows an application from the owner of the Newmarket Stables, William Inglis & Son Ltd to rezone the land from Residential to Neighbourhood Centre and General Residential in 2013.

A spokesperson for the Department said the decision opens up the space for the community.

“At the moment, the community does not have access to this space – they are privately owned stables,” the spokesperson said.

“This rezoning is a win for the community. It means a minimum of 5,000 square metres of open space is quarantined for a new park alongside any new homes that might be created in the future.

“It will also add to the nearby education and health precinct, accommodating students and workers with jobs, as well as creating a new neighbourhood close to the local strip of shops, restaurants and cafes.”

The spokesperson said that this decision only allowed amendments to planning rules for the site, consistent with the 2014 independent Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel recommendation.

“Any future development application would need to be assessed by Council initially, before being placed on public exhibition for feedback.”

The spokesperson said the Department had listened to the community and Council’s views reflected in the earlier JRPP recommendation.

“This decision represents a sensible compromise between what the proponent originally requested and the feedback from the community and Council and weighed up by independent JRPP process,” the spokesperson said.

This approval includes a reduction in the scale and height of buildings that would be allowed on the site requiring future development to better respond to surrounding properties.
The Department has also finalised the Development Control Plan that was prepared in consultation with Randwick Council and the proponent.


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