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Leichhardt local planning rule upheld

An application by Leichhardt Municipal Council to vary local planning laws in relation to the Balmain Leagues Club site in Rozelle has been refused by the Department of Planning and Environment.

A departmental spokesperson said the application was not consistent with state planning policies and was contrary to findings made by the independent Planning Assessment Commission, which concluded the current planning rules for the site provide an appropriate framework for the site’s future development.

“The Department was not satisfied that the rigour of Council’s technical analysis of traffic and urban design supported such a significant reduction in development capacity along a strategically important corridor.

“The development outcome that would be generated by the proposal is not consistent with the Department’s advice to Council to prepare a planning proposal which has regard to the recommendation of the Commission.

“The proposal is also inconsistent with A Plan for Growing Sydney as it would significantly reduce the site’s potential to contribute to the Parramatta to the CBD via Ryde urban renewal corridor,” a spokesperson said.

This decision has no bearing on the current development application for the site and it is expected that Council will continue to assess the development application on its individual merits based on current controls applicable to the site.

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