



Camden Council

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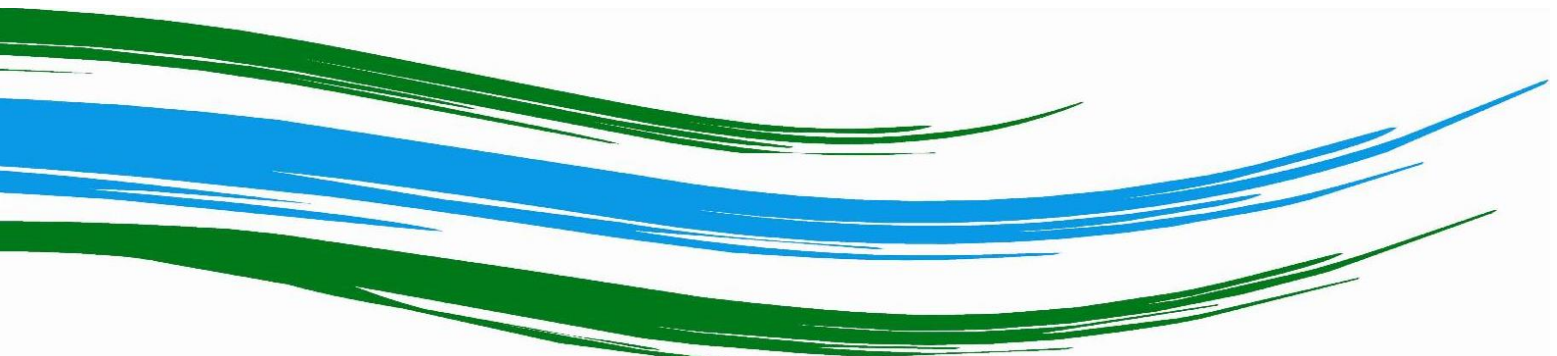
Ordinary Council Meeting
13 July 2021

**Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue
Oran Park**



**This meeting will be held in accordance
with current NSW Health COVID-19
guidelines and restriction**

Due to the current stay at home direction being extended to Friday 16 July 2021, this meeting will be conducted via video conference





ORDINARY COUNCIL

ORD03

SUBJECT: CAMDEN'S FUTURE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY
FROM: Director Planning & Environment
TRIM #: 21/278723

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to proceed with the preferred site for Camden's future animal care facility at 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange.

BACKGROUND

On 8 June 2021, Council considered a report on the draft masterplan for land at The Crest in Gledswood Hills. Following consideration of feedback received from the community, Council resolved to remove the proposed future animal care facility from the draft masterplan. At the same time, Council resolved to *'identify a new site for an animal care facility and provide a briefing and report back to Council as soon as possible'*.

A Councillor briefing was provided on 22 June 2021.

The recommended site is land owned by Council at 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange.

MAIN REPORT

In 2016, Council resolved to operate a 'no kill' animal care facility whereby all attempts are made to re-home or rescue animals considered suitable for rehoming. This is supported by Council's Companion Animal Policy and Program.

Council's Companion Animal Program is overseen by the Companion Animal Advisory Committee and managed by Council's Ranger Services Team.

Since 2017, Council has utilised the services of Rossmore Veterinary Hospital as an animal care facility. The contract for the continued provision of this service at Rossmore was endorsed by Council on 9 February 2021. The term of the contract is three years with two one-year options at Council's discretion by mutual agreement.

Due to the planned future growth of Camden and the expected growth in companion animal, a purpose-built and centrally located facility will be required in the future.

The recommended site for a future animal care facility is 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange. This site is owned by Council and is currently operating as a Council depot, established in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The site is approximately 8,600 square metres in area and is centrally located with good road access from across the LGA. The site is zoned IN1 – General Industrial under the Camden LEP 2010.

In summary, the benefits of locating the animal care facility on this site include:

- Adequate site area to provide the facility, including on site car parking;
- Centrally located and easily accessible from across the LGA;
- Located within an industrial area, away from residential areas;
- Allows for a purpose built, modular facility with associated green space;
- Allows for ancillary and complementary uses, including potential partnerships, educational or commercial opportunities;
- In Council's ownership so no requirement for future acquisition; and
- Located outside of the South West Growth Area, providing greater certainty in respect to future zoning and land uses.



Figure 1: Aerial Photo – 55 Topham Road Smeaton Grange

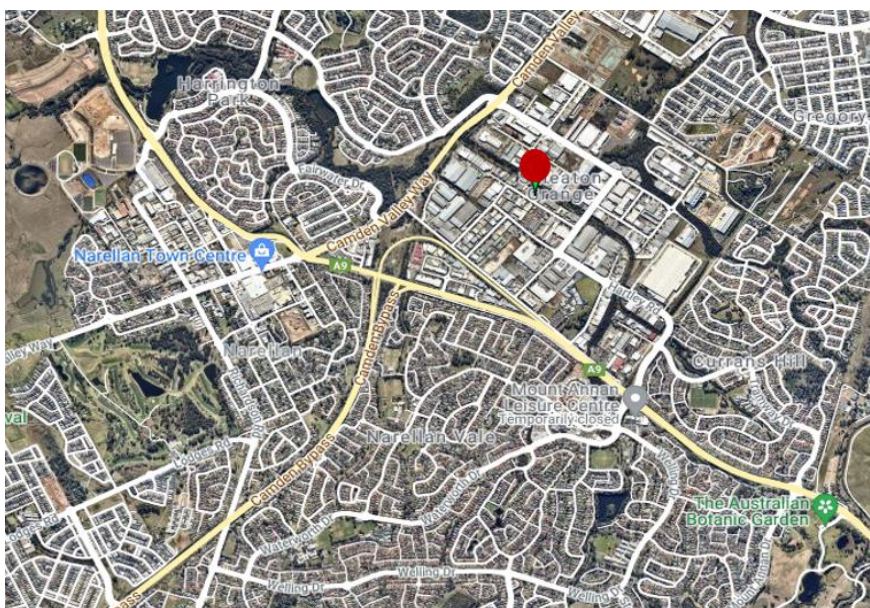


Figure 2: Aerial Photo – 55 Topham Road Smeaton Grange

Subject to Council's endorsement, Council officers and the Companion Animal Advisory Committee will commence the initial design, scope and planning considerations for the future facility.

Following further consideration by Council, a community consultation plan will be developed to seek community input on the proposed future animal care facility. This will include online and in person engagement opportunities, to ensure the community have their say on the future animal care facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has funding available for the initial design and planning works.

Capital and ongoing operating funds will need to be allocated as part of future budgets and opportunities for external or grant funding will be investigated.

CONCLUSION

The preferred site for the future animal care facility is 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange. Subject to Council's endorsement, Council officers will commence initial design and planning for the facility.

Further Councillor briefings will be held to update Council on the progress of this project, and further reports will be brought back to Council for endorsement at the relevant stages of the project.

It is recommended that Council endorse 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange as the preferred site.

RECOMMENDED

That Council endorse the site at 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange for the purpose of Camden's future animal care facility.

ORDINARY COUNCIL

ORD04

**SUBJECT: NOTICE TO THE MINISTER FOR WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING
OF COUNCIL'S NATIVE TITLE MANAGERS**

FROM: Director Customer & Corporate Strategy

TRIM #: 21/226572

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to obtain a resolution of Council to give notice to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing of the name and contact details of Council's Native Title Managers.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 8.8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, Council is required to give notice to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing the name and contact details of Council's Native Title Managers by 31 October each year. Notification to the Minister must be a Council resolution; it cannot be delegated to the General Manager under the *Local Government Act*.

MAIN REPORT

A Native Title Manager is a person who has undertaken the approved training, facilitated jointly by the Crown Solicitor's Office and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands, and holds the necessary qualification issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands.

The role of a Native Title Manager is to ensure that Native Title legislation is applied correctly when dealing with Crown Land management issues, predominantly the issuing of leases, licences and permits and the approval of plans of management.

Council officers Chantel Fenech, Property Services Coordinator, and Monique Spek (née Favelle), Property Officer, have attained the Native Title Manager qualification.

The Property Services Coordinator and Property Officer were appointed as Council's Native Title Managers in July 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this responsibility.

CONCLUSION

Council must employ or engage at least one Native Title Manager to ensure dealings with Crown Land comply with any applicable provisions of the Act.

It is recommended that Council re-confirm that Property Services Coordinator, Chantel Fenech, and Property Officer, Monique Spek (née Favelle), are still Council's Native Title Managers, as required under Section 8.8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and advise the Minister accordingly.

RECOMMENDED

That Council give notice to The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, of the contact details of Council's Property Services Coordinator, Chantel Fenech, and Property Officer, Monique Spek (née Favelle), as its Native Title Managers, as required under Section 8.8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.



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Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was held as a teleconference. The public can view the meeting via Council's website.



ORD03**CAMDEN'S FUTURE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY**

Resolution: Moved Councillor Symkowiak, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council endorse the site at 55 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange for the purpose of Camden's future animal care facility.

ORD87/21 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD04 NOTICE TO THE MINISTER FOR WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING OF COUNCIL'S NATIVE TITLE MANAGERS

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council give notice to The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, of the contact details of Council's Property Services Coordinator, Chantel Fenech, and Property Officer, Monique Spek (née Favelle), as its Native Title Managers, as required under Section 8.8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

ORD88/21 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD05 INVESTMENT MONIES - MAY 2021

Resolution: Moved Councillor Symkowiak, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council:

- i. note that the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulations, and Council's Investment Policy;
- ii. note the list of investments for May 2021; and
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 0.94% p.a. for the month of May 2021.

ORD89/21 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD06 PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT MASTERPLAN - HARRINGTON PARK RESERVE, HARRINGTON PARK

Resolution: Moved Councillor Symkowiak, Seconded Councillor Farrow that Council:

- i. endorse proceeding to public exhibition of the draft Harrington Park Reserve Masterplan for a period of 28 days; and
- ii. consider a further report at the conclusion of the public exhibition period.

ORD90/21 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)