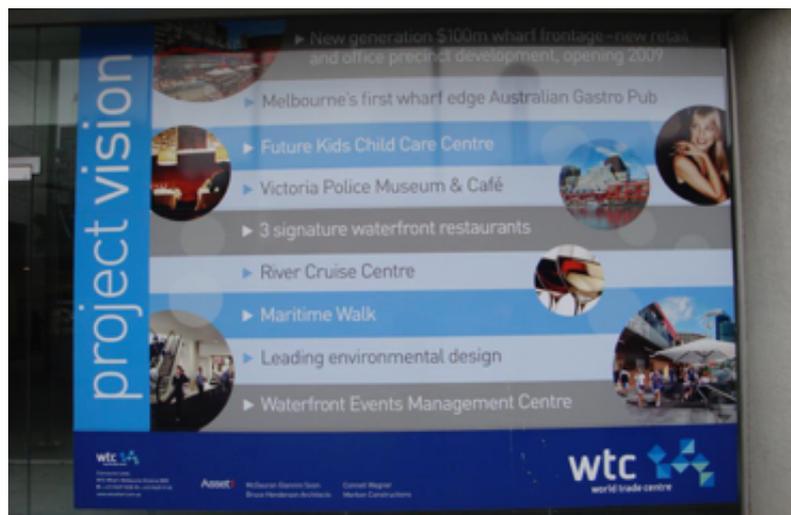


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Worry on business links

Wednesday, 3 February 2010

Article in The Advertiser
by Goya Bennett

“OPPONENTS of a 13-storey tower proposal in Williamstown are concerned about the relationship between the plan's architect and the firm commissioned to provide independent advice to Hobsons Bay Council. However, the developer and council have hit back at any suggestion of impropriety. McGauran Giannini Soon (MGS Architects) was contracted to provide an independent report to the council on high-rise plans drawn up by Bruce Henderson Architects. Bruce Henderson was commissioned by Evolve Development to work on the residential development of the

former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site.

Save Williamstown spokesman Godfrey Moase said Mr Henderson's company and MGS Architects were both working on the \$100million retail and office precinct at the World Trade Centre.

Mr Moase said the business relationship between the companies cast doubt on the independence of the report. He said MGS was also contracted by Evolve managing director Ashley Williams for the New Quay restaurant buildings project at Docklands in 2003.

"The links established between the author of council's independent report and the developer highlight the need for council to commission another independent report."

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Flour Mill Units Closer

Sunday, 7 February 2010

Article in The Hobsons Bay Leader
by James Twining

“A PLAN to demolish the former Newport Flour Mill and replace it with apartments is closer to reality. Hobsons Bay Council decided last week it would seek to exhibit a rezoning application that would transform the Melbourne Rd eye-sore, trashed by vandals and left dormant for several years.

The decision was a key step in Massi Property Solutions' bid to rezone the flour mill from an industrial site to special use zone.

It plans to demolish the silos and build 183 apartments, ranging from live to three storeys, while retaining a

historically significant brick building.

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Third parties will have 45 days to voice their concerns about the proposed development, once the amendment is on public display. If no objections are received, the council can then decide at a meeting whether to endorse the rezoning.

But if there are objections, a minister-appointed panel will hear both sides of the debate before making a recommendation.

Council documents show there are already some concerns about increased traffic on Melbourne Rd and McRobert St, noise barriers for the nearby rail corridor and buffer distances from adjacent fuel storage tanks.

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"If you add those housing units up, you get up to 4000-odd units that are all going to have people with cars that all want to head out of town" Cr Hemphill said"

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Council's website information

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Melbourne's scrambled future

Sunday, 7 February 2010

Article in Sunday Herald Sun by Caroline James

CAROLINE JAMES asks the experts for a vision of how our city will look in 2050....

"...Put simply, Melbourne will cease looking "lopsided, hanging out to the east", Mr Madden said....

--- Everyone polled saw the need for skyward housing expansion; albeit with differing views on how much and how high. Five-storey-plus apartment blocks within 5km of the CBD would "dominate the landscape" by 2049, Mr Raimondo said.

"Mr Madden agreed Melburnians would see more "vertical housing" in coming decades, but the bulk of this style of housing would be contained in mini-CBDs. ***He said high rise buildings would not appear on Melbourne's leafy suburban streets.*** "As we move closer 2030, we move towards a polycentric, a multi-centred city," the minister said. "We will still have a very robust CBD with a number of similarly robust central activity districts (CADs) of a smaller size. "We have so far nominated six — Dandenong, Frankston, Ringwood, Broadmeadows, Box Hill and Footscray — and there is opportunity to see another one further out west in the Wyndham corridor. It may be Werribee.

"We will see in each of these more services, jobs, retail centres, higher density housing."

Asked if he, too, thought Melbourne needed "blanket" approval of six storey apartment towers, Mr Madden said: "To prescribe to one form of housing or another is a great disservice to residents."

Instead the State Government wants new and existing residents to make homes in a mix of: NEW apartment-style housing near transport hubs in mini-CBDs; TOWNHOUSES, units and smaller houses on redeveloped, former industrial sites in inner and middle suburbs, and; "TRADITIONAL" larger houses on the city's fringes.

"We want to give people a range of choices," Mr Madden said. "In some of the transport corridors, up to three levels with some retail at the base may be all that is needed...."

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Big plans for mill site - Newport Flour Mill

Thursday, 11 February 2010

Article in The Advertiser
by Goya Bennett

“HOBSONS Bay Council will draft a planning scheme amendment paving the way for a five-storey development on the former Newport flour mill site.

Amendment C76, which will be advertised before July, seeks to rezone the McRobert Street site from industrial to mixed use.

Williamstown Ward councillor Angela Altair and Williamstown North Ward councillor Peter Hemphill voted against the move, saying it would also remove third-party appeal rights.

The amendment includes a development plan overlay which

takes away residents' right to object to or appeal against any planning permit issued.

Applicant Contour Consultants hopes to develop the site into residential and mixed-use space, containing about 183 dwellings and 123 car spaces.

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(Councillor Hemphill said) "We've got some pretty big developments on track: the video shop in Mason Street (Newport), the Port Phillip Woollen Mill site (Williamstown); there's a proposal that's come to us on Birmingham Street (Spotswood); and the Don Smallgoods (Altona North) site. "Collectively, we're talking about a massive number of cars and it's pretty short-sighted to think they won't have a big impact."

Five councillors voted for the amendment knowing that it would remove third-party appeal rights.."

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August 2009.

Two ward councillors were also present.

Save Williamstown representatives were in attendance and handed out posters, car stickers and invitations to attend the next Working Party meeting.

If you are interested in attending please email

info@savewilliamstown.net

Save Williamstown has concerns regarding discrepancies in the Developer's application which show minor impacts from shadowing on neighbouring streets in particular Cecil, Ann and Hanmer Streets. An expert in the field has provided SW with a 365 day animation of the 9am shadow impacts of the proposed planning scheme amendment heights and footprints, which shows many homes will be overshadowed for long periods, which conflicts with the Developer's application documents. SW had the animation on display on Thursday night. Council officers have acknowledged there were errors in the Developer's application shadows as well as the independent report by MGS and in response to Save Williamstown's concerns, have made a note on the council website that more accurate shadow drawings would need to be prepared.

*in relation to page 12 of the Independent Urban Design Advise provided by MGS Architects, detailed modelling on overshadowing impacts was not undertaken. Overshadowing will be considered in the design assessment of the any proposal.

The next stage will be a revised application by the developer. Council officers confirmed that no further material from the developer has been received to date.

The proposed Council organised meeting with Government and local industry stakeholders has apparently not yet been arranged so the views of Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD), the Port of Melbourne Corporation, BAE Systems (Williamstown Shipyards), Parks Victoria, VicRoads, and Mobil to residential development at this site has not yet been determined.

Last night many residents braved unpleasant conditions to attend the Forum. Not everyone agrees what development should go ahead at the site but the important thing is that Council is having an open dialogue with the community and SW appreciates the efforts of the Councillors and Council Officers.

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Amphibious warship construction update NEW SHIPBUILDING JOBS IN WILLIAMSTOWN

Thursday, 18 February 2010

BAE Systems News Release 27th January 2010

MELBOURNE, Australia - Prime contractor BAE Systems today confirmed that construction of the first of Australia's two new Canberra Class amphibious warships, Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) 01, was progressing well. Graeme Ormiston, the project's General Manager, said today that work in Spain was well advanced with main subcontractor Navantia having started construction on 79 of the 105 blocks that will make up the hull platform (up to the flight deck) of each of the 27,000 tonne LHDs. Mr Ormiston said that production at Navantia's Ferrol and

Fene shipyards began on schedule in September 2008, with the keel laying ceremony for LHD 01 taking place at Ferrol exactly a year later as planned

"The build strategy requires that each of the 105 blocks, each weighing more than 100 tonnes, have all steelwork completed, painted and outfit maximised before transfer to the Ferrol slipway.

"The build program is progressing well with 13 blocks erected on the slipway so far and a further 66 blocks in various stages of construction.

"Two major shipbuilding milestones have been achieved on time in the last two months with levels of completeness in excess of the required 85 per cent," Mr Ormiston said. Ship launch for LHD 01 is scheduled for March 2011 with arrival at Williamstown in 2012.

Mr Ormiston said that Australian manufacturing work to build the superstructures and mast blocks, and then integrate these with the warships, was scheduled to commence at the company's Williamstown shipyard in Victoria in the second half of 2010.

"Work has already begun on the refurbishment and expansion of key facilities and equipment at Williamstown that will be needed to accommodate these huge ships, including provision for a ground based slipway crane needed to lift blocks of up to 250 tonnes onto the hulls." Mr Ormiston said the critical Whole of Ship Design Review phase of the project had also been finalised in December 2009.

"The Design Review program carried out last year, with nine preliminary and detailed reviews taking in place in 12 months culminated in the Whole of Ship DDR, marking another significant milestone towards completion of this historic project," he said.

BAE Systems is the prime and Mission System Integrator for the LHDs under Joint Project 2048 Phase 4A/4B. Sub-contractors include:

Navantia - ship designer;

SAAB - Combat System, Combat Management System and the Saab Microwave AMB

Radar design;

L3 Communications - design and supply of the communications systems.

Northrop Grumman Overseas Service Corporation (Sperry Marine) - Combat Navigation System;

Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd - Gun and Electro-

Optical Sight (EOS) system;
Sagem Defense Scurit (Sagem) - Infrared Search and Track
(IRST) System, and
Argon ST Inc - Torpedo Decoy System.

The ships are due to be taken through acceptance into
service by the Royal Australian Navy from January 2014
(LHD 01) and August 2015 (LHD 02).

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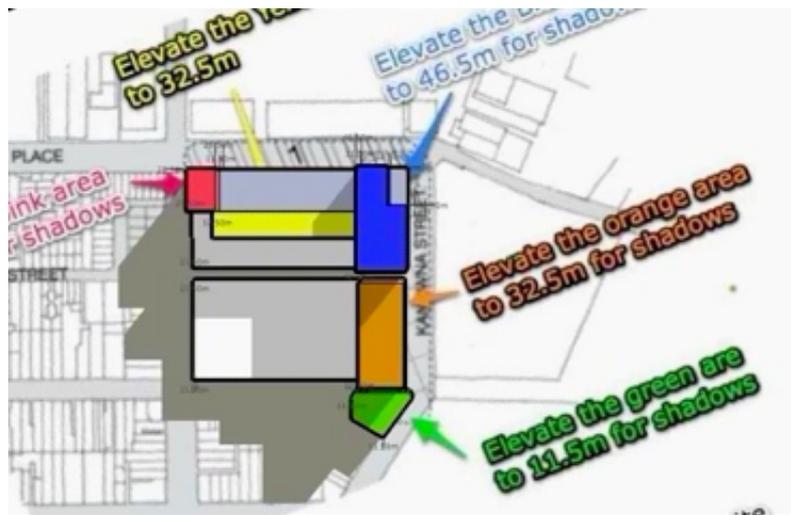
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Doubt cast over high rise

Thursday, 18 February 2010

The Advertiser
by Goya Bennett

“SOME Williamstown homes would be without morning sun for half the year if a planned 13-storey tower goes ahead, residents claim.

The Save Williamstown lobby group has commissioned its own study into overshadowing that would result from a planned high-rise development on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site.

The results were on display at last week's information session hosted by Hobsons Bay Council at Williamstown Town Hall. Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd last year lodged plans to build four residential towers up to 13 storeys with 84 three storey townhouses and 671 parking spaces. The

council rejected the plans last December.
Save Williamstown spokeswoman Charmian Gaud said the proposed development would have blocked out the sun.
"There's about three properties in Cecil Street that, given the current plan, will be impacted and will lose that light for six months, from March through to September. "There's lots of houses in Cecil Street, going right through to Hamner Street that would lose their light."
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FIRST STEEL CUT FOR LHD 02 AMPHIBIOUS SHIP

Thursday, 18 February 2010

Department of Navy Press Release

Greg Combet, Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science today announced that Navantia of Spain has commenced construction of Australia's second Landing Helicopter Dock hull (LHD 02) at Navantia's shipbuilding yard in Ferrol, Spain.

"This is a great achievement with the steel being cut by Navantia 7 weeks ahead of schedule," said Mr Combet.

"The Commonwealth has contracted BAE Systems Australia to provide two large Amphibious Ships (LHDs) that will form part of the ADF's broader amphibious deployment and sustainment system.

“Under the project the Spanish shipbuilder Navantia is the design authority and is subcontracted to BAE Systems Australia to construct and fit out the hulls of two large Amphibious Ships for the ADF.

“I am pleased to report that the LHD project is on schedule, with whole of ship design reviews completed and the keel laying of LHD 01 taking place exactly one year to the day from first steel being cut.

“After completion of LHD 01 and 02, both hulls will be transported to Australia.”

The superstructures will then be constructed, fitted out and integrated with the hulls at BAE Systems Australia’s Williamstown dockyard.

“Once the hull arrives at Williamstown dockyard, the combat system will be installed by SAAB Systems Australia, which will also integrate the combat management system. The communications system will be supplied by L-3 Communications,” said Mr Combet.

The next milestone will be the launch of LHD 01 in Spain in March 2011. LHD 01 will arrive at Williamstown dockyard in 2012, with LHD 02 arriving in 2014.

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Government email reveals plans to deceive

Friday, 26 February 2010

ABC News

By Ryan Sheales

“The Victorian Government has been embarrassed by the accidental release of a secret media strategy document written for the state's Planning Minister, Justin Madden. The document's most damaging revelation is a government plan to halt a big development in central Melbourne and use a sham consultation process to justify the move. Usually when journalists receive an email from within a government media unit, it is full of carefully refined language and spin.

But an email mistakenly sent to the ABC this week by Victorian Government press secretary Peta Duke is direct and without finesse.

The email contains a document entitled "Minister for

Planning Justin Madden Media Plan", which includes a strategy for stopping the planned redevelopment of Melbourne's heritage-listed Windsor Hotel.

"Windsor Advisory Committee report is expected to recommend that development go ahead," the email read. "Strategy at this stage is to release it for public comment, as this affects the entire community, and then use those responses as reason to halt it, as we have listened to community views."

The document also reveals plans to stop a development in the coastal town of Port Fairy because of rising sea levels, and to seek a world heritage listing for the MCG....."

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