

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT DECISION A WIN FOR RESIDENTS

Camden Council has had a massive win in the Land and Environment Court with Council's decision to oppose a multi-dwelling development in Main Street, Mount Annan being upheld.

The proposed 3 storey development consisting of 9 precincts, 17 buildings, 246 dwellings, 445 car parking spaces and site works, was considered at a Land and Environment Court hearing between 21 and 23 December 2015.

In the judgement handed down on 1 March 2016, the Court found that the applicant had not justified the variation to the height control and failed to demonstrate that compliance with the height control is unreasonable or unnecessary.

The Court agreed with Council's argument that the proposed development was not compatible with the height, bulk and scale of the existing character of the locality and that the development lacked variety.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak welcomed the Court's ruling and said she hopes the decision will provide relief for local residents.

'This development raised genuine concerns for Council and the community right from the start. It was a gross over-development of the site. Council listened to the concerns of residents and kept them informed throughout the application process. This included sending out 3000 notification letters to neighbouring residents and resulted in almost 600 submissions. This meant one in five residents responded with a written formal submission against the development. In all my time on Council, I have never seen such a united community response to a development proposal.

'Without the strong support of our community, Council may not have achieved this result. I am delighted with the ruling and sincerely thank local residents for their tireless efforts in attending community meetings, making submissions and providing evidence to the court.

'I appreciate the time taken by residents in making submissions numerous times against the development as this has been a long process with the applicant lodging three rounds of plans'.

'This is a great example of how Council, the State Member and the community work together as a team to achieve great outcomes for our area. I would also like to thank the State Member for Camden, Mr Chris Patterson MP for his fantastic support and representations throughout the process.' Cr Symkowiak said.

Further information can be found on Council's website.

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