

33 Cross St Double Bay (Stamford Plaza Hotel)









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ASHINGTON

- Special developments in special places
- Residential :
 - fewer apartments per floor
 - higher ceiling heights
 - large outdoor areas
 - carefully resolved finish
- Developments which contribute to the community
- Best practice environmental sustainability
- Example : The Post, Potts Point



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- Architects, urban designers and town planners
- Core values : Environmental sensitivity and sustainability
- Over 60 awards
- Offices: Auckland, Brisbane, Melbourne, Shanghai, Sydney

• Example : Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane





Aerial view of site context







The existing building





View from corner of Cross St & Transvaal Ave

- Poor presentation to public domain

View from Transvaal Ave
- Poor interface





The existing building





View from Cross St looking East

- Existing trees largely screen building bulk

Podium presentation to the North

- Poor interface to townhouses





The existing building (arcade)

Entry to arcade Internal view of arcade

- Hidden and unwelcome arcade entrance

- Long and narrow corridor, arcade has never performed well





Double Bay & Bondi Junction DOUBLE BAY VILLAGE



- Limited opportunity for large scale development
- Scale : fine urban grain village
- Boutique retail precinct
- Outdoor retail environment street edge
- Centralised & active night life (Knox St) cafes, restaurants & lounges
- Mixed retail presentation
- Moderate access to public transport bus & ferry
- Metered street parking
- Limited range of services
 - No cinemas
 - 1 supermarket
 - Limited retail range
 - Limited restaurants and eateries
- Generally lacklustre buildings
- Limited high end retail and dining co-existence reputation declining.

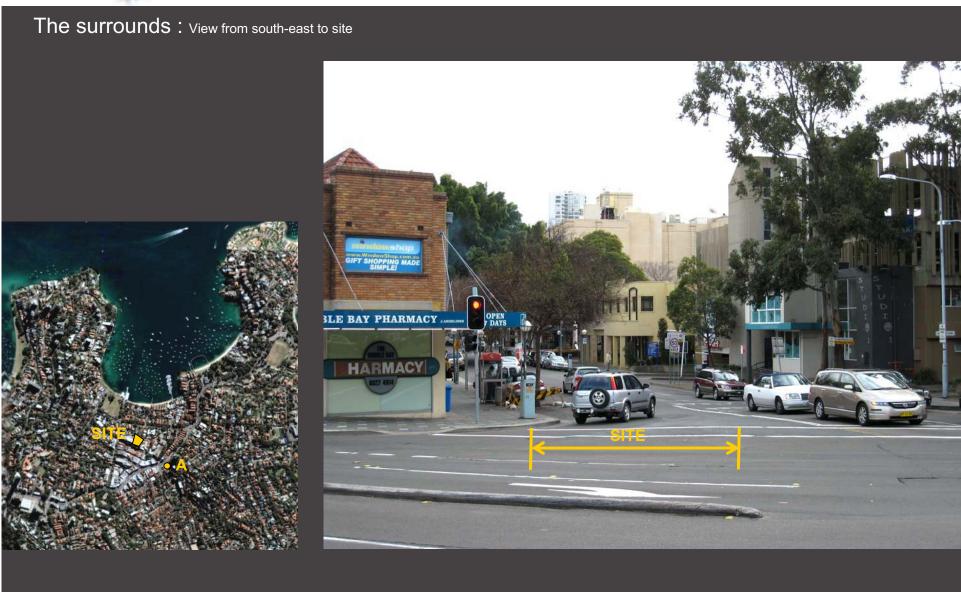
BONDI JUNCTION WESTFIELD



- Revitalised by large, high quality development encouraging further investment
- Regional retail & commercial centre
- Commercial (mass market) retail
- · Internal retail mall environment
- Uniform retail presentation
- Night life hidden from public
- Centralised management
- High access to public transport train & bus
- Extensive range of services
 - Cinemas
 - Multiple supermarkets
 - Produce
 - Fashion
 - Technology
- Medium/high end fashion outlets
- Protection from the elements







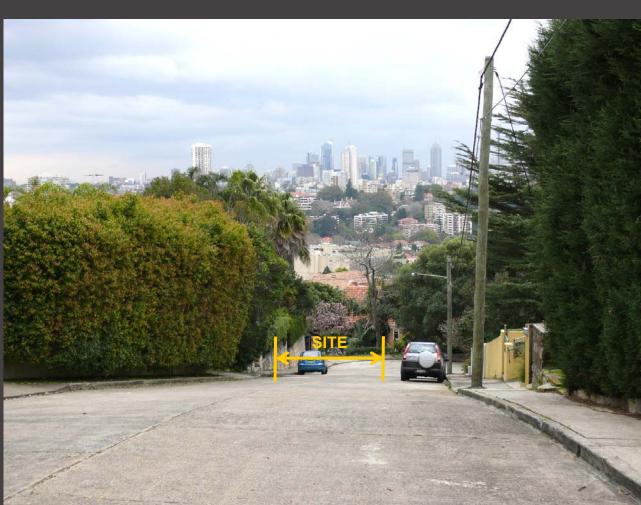
View A – From New South Head Road towards Cross Street





The surrounds: View from east to site

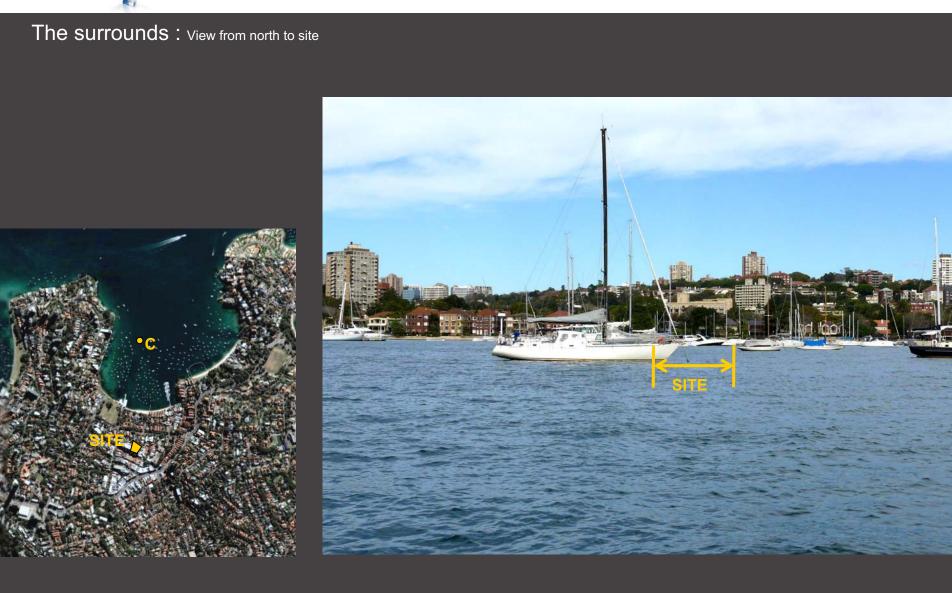




View B – From Kambala Road looking towards Sydney CBD



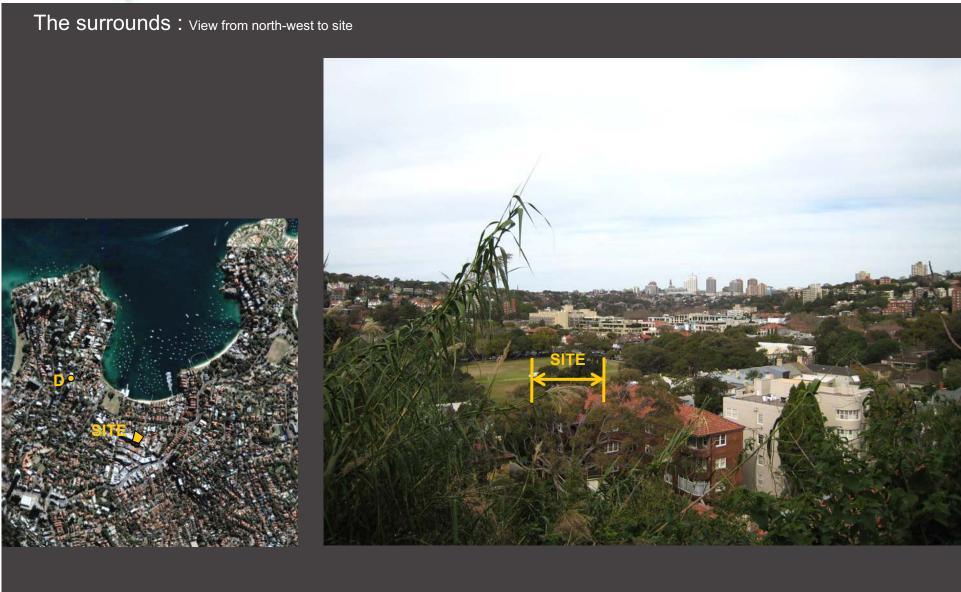




View C – Looking South from the Harbour to Double Bay



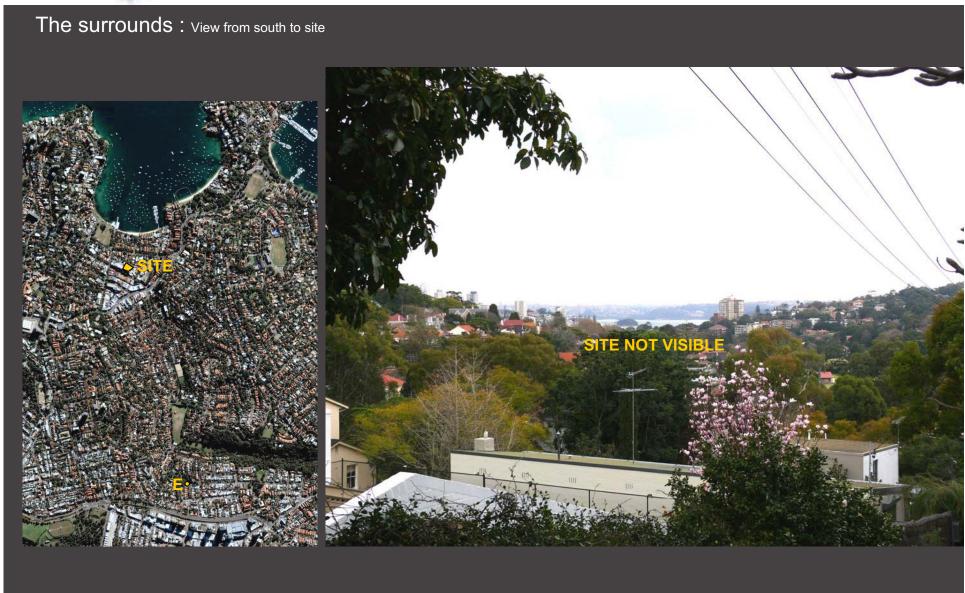




View D – From Mt Adelaide St looking East across Double Bay towards Bondi Junction







View E – From Harkness St looking North towards Double Bay from Bondi Junction



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Double Bay Centre Development Control Plan

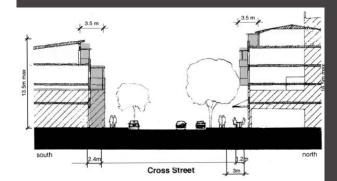
Existing LEP/DCP Controls

FSR 4.06:1 2.5:1

Height 28.5 metres 16.5 metres

Envelope limits activation and special amenity

MISMATCH: NO INCENTIVE TO CHANGE



Proposed cross section of Cross St



DCP envelope controls



Existing view down Cross St



DCP envelope controls



Potential view down Cross St



International examples of similar developments

40 Bond, New York

- Prestige residential development in Noho village, New York.
- 24/7 hotel services shared with Gramercy Park Hotel
- Iconic world leading design.







One Hyde Park, London

- Prestige residential in traditional retail area
- Located in Knightsbridge High Street
- High Quality Residential
- Boutique Retail
- Services shared with adjacent Mandarin Oriental Hotel
- Set new global benchmarks in quality and design





Double Bay – Urban Context

• Intrinsic advantage of Double Bay :

Pedestrian network and fine urban grain

• Existing hotel is out of character with Double Bay





Double Bay – Urban Context

• Intrinsic advantage of Double Bay :

Pedestrian network and fine urban grain

• Proposed development should enhance existing networks and urban grain







Design Philosophy



- Existing floor space area must be retained for development to be feasible
- Better distribution of floor space to open up ground plane
- Provide high quality public space and public activation
- Promote outdoor active space NOT internal malls
- Design must be world class
- Optimum development mix includes :
 - 5 star boutique hotel
 - High end street front retail
 - High quality residential





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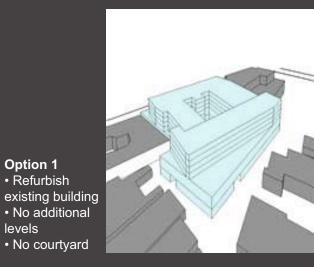


Activate the public ground plane



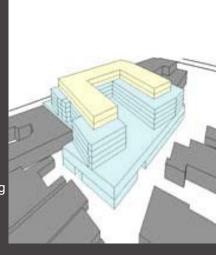


Study Options



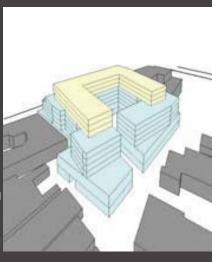
Option 2

- Refurbish existing building • 2 additional levels
- No courtyard



Option 3

- Refurbish existing building
- 3 additional levels
- With courtyard



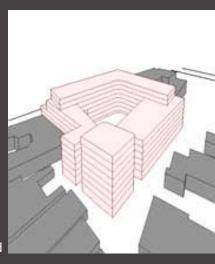
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No additional

Option 1

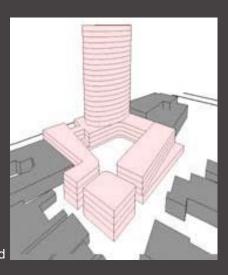
levels

• Refurbish



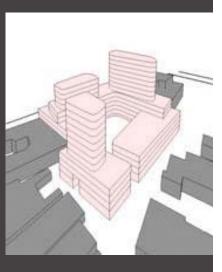
Option 5

- New development (4-24 levels)
- Single element above podium
- With courtyard



Option 6

- New development (4-14 levels)
- Three smaller elements above podium
- With courtyard



development (6-8 levels)

Option 4

• New

• Podium

With courtyard



New development







Evaluation Criteria							
	EXISTING BUILDING (6 levels)	OPTION 1 (6 levels) Refurbished existing building - No additional levels without courtyard	OPTION 2 (8 levels) Refurbished existing building + 2 new levels without courtyard	OPTION 3 (9 levels) Existing building + 3 new levels with courtyard	OPTION 4 (6-8 levels) New Development - 6-8 level podium with Courtyard	OPTION 5 (4-24 levels) New Development -Single building element over podium with courtyard	OPTION 6 (4-14 levels) New Development -Three building elements over podium with courtyard
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URBAN GRAIN							
PUBLIC GROUND PLANE	Х	Х	Х				
ACTIVATION							
LOCAL ECONOMIC BOOST (retail)							
HEIGHT/ BUILDING BULK							
VISUAL IMPACT							
OVER SHADOWING (surrounding)							
EVALUATION							





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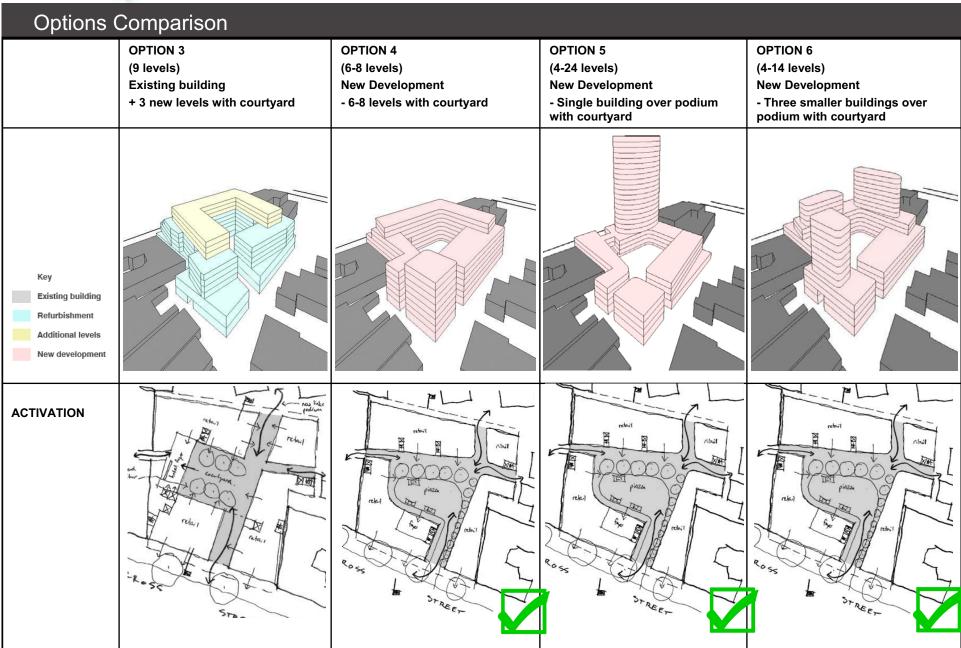
















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LOCAL ECONOMIC BOOST (retail)	-Moderate increase in retail exposure and activity due to courtyard/atrium -Introverted form limits contribution to special amenity -Minor boost to surrounding developments	-Larger courtyard area will promote increased retail exposure and activity -Courtyard quality is impacted by height of surrounding buildingsIntroverted form limits contribution to special amenity -No landmark/iconic value as a development	-Large courtyard and low podium promote retail exposure activity and connection with Cross St -Landmark form will attract local and broader community attention -Boutique 'branded' hotel will add prestige to area -Building form engages with surrounding streets and public spaces	-Large courtyard and low podium promote retail exposure activity and connection with Cross St -Landmark form will attract local and broader community attention -Boutique 'branded' hotel will adoprestige to area -Building form engages with surrounding streets and public spaces			

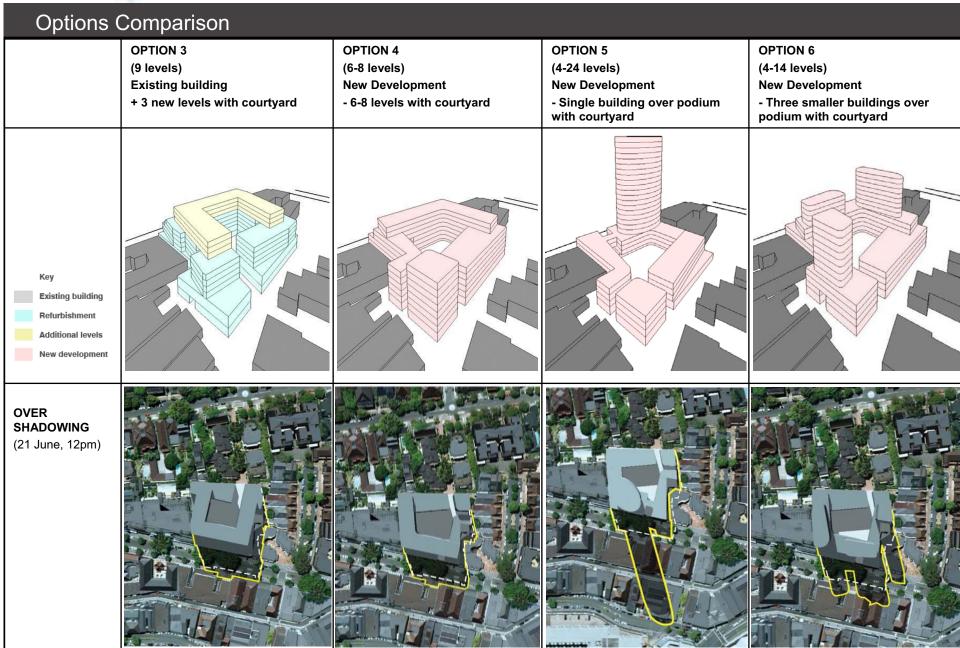




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VISUAL IMPACT						











Evaluation Summary (ranking lowest 1 and highest 3)							
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PUBLIC GROUND PLANE	1	1	1	2	3	3	3
ACTIVATION	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
LOCAL ECONOMIC BOOST (retail)	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
HEIGHT/ BUILDING BULK	1	1	2	2	1	1	3
VISUAL IMPACT	3	3	2	2	2	1	1
OVER SHADOWING (surrounding)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
EVALUATION	10	10	10	14	15	16	18 PREFFERED



Preferred Option – Option 6 Community Benefits



• Open air public access to site :

Existing = 0 m²

Option $6 = 1,550 \text{ m}^2$

• Sunlight penetration to ground plane (12 noon 21st June) :

Existing = 0 m^2

Option $6 = 285 \text{ m}^2$

• High quality retail frontage :

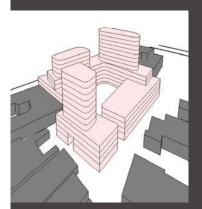
Existing = 40 m

Option 6 = 250 m





Preferred Option - Option 6 Bulk/View Analysis



Option 6

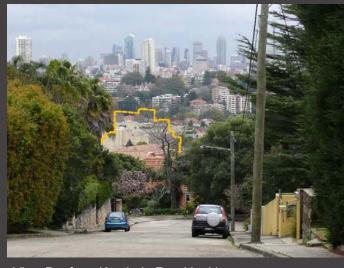




View A – from Edgecliff Road looking north



View C – from Sydney Harbour looking south



View B – from Kambala Road looking west



View D – from Mount Adelaide St looking south east





Preferred Option – Option 6





Existing view

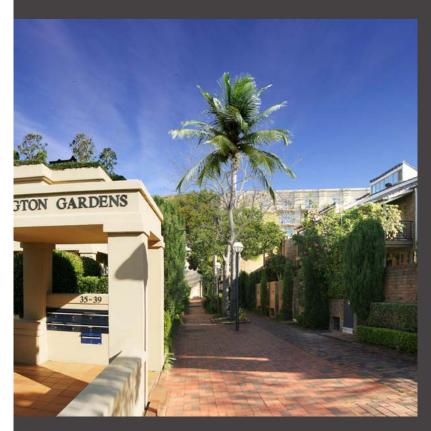
Proposed view

with potential adjacent development envelope

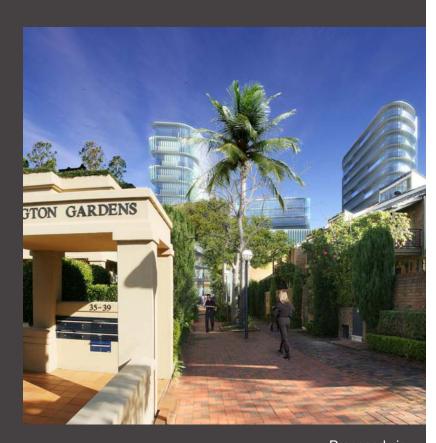




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Proposed view





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