

BRICK PIT'S PITCH



Towering ambition: (From left) Bettina Hoffman, Tony Mills, Cr Phil Blight, Kevin Jeffries and Mark Stapleton view the model for the Kirrawee brick pit site.

Picture: Chris Lane

By Jim Gainsford

THE revised plan for the \$220 million Kirrawee brick pit development which almost doubles the size of the original proposal has gone on exhibition.

Sutherland Shire mayor Phil Blight is urging all residents to comment on it before the February 11 deadline for submissions.

Developer Hemroth Investments Development has submitted the plan for eight high-rise towers ranging from four to 17 levels, with 495 units, 13,450 square metres of retail space, including two

supermarkets, 9000 square metres of parkland, and parking for 1349 cars.

The final decision is out of the hands of the council and will be made by the Planning Department under its controversial Section 3a legislation.

Shire business owners viewed a new model of the development last week.

Bettina Hoffman from Kirrawee Chamber of Commerce said the developer had completely disregarded zoning requirements for the site.

The Land and Environment Court rejected (Hemroth's) original proposal completely and they had very

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Residents can see the plan on the council website at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au or go to the council's administration centre at Eton Street to see the plans and a model.

good reason to," she said.

Sutherland Shire Chamber of Commerce president Tony Mills is concerned about the effects of the development on the shopping centres of Kirrawee, Gymea and Sutherland.

Mark Stapleton from Gymea Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the increase in traffic and the threat to local businesses.

Carol Stubbs, who runs a business near the site, is con-

cerned at the volume of traffic from the development passing the nearby Angel Long Day Care Centre and Kirrawee Primary School.

She is also worried the proposed lake on the site would not be fenced off to prevent access by local children.

Sutherland Shire mayor Phil Blight urged residents to put their comments to the planning assessment committee, part of the Department of Planning, which will make the final decision.

"Because members of the committee are not locals, it is more important than ever to get local comment on

this," councillor Blight said.

The previous development application was rejected by the Land and Environment Court, now this development has come back considerably bigger than the last one.

"It appears they haven't taken into account the reasons why they were refused."

"I don't oppose development on this site, but there needs to be something in keeping with the plans developed by the council in conjunction with the community in 2006."

The developer did not respond to the Leader's inquiries.



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