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Independent Planning Commission

SITE INSPECTION AND NEIGHBOUR VISIT NOTES		
Project:	Opal St Ives Community Care Seniors Housing – 285, 287, 287A, 289 Mona Vale Road and 1 Flinders Avenue, St Ives (SSD-48028209)	
Meeting location:	The project site and surrounding area	
Date:	9 July 2025	
Time:	10:00am (site inspection) 11:15am (neighbour visit)	
ATTENDEES		
Commissioners:	Janett Milligan	Panel Chair
	Ken Kanofski	Panel Member
Office of the IPC:	Kendall Clydsdale	Principal Case Manager
	Tahlia Hutchinson	Senior Planning Officer
	Callum Firth	Planning Officer
Applicant:	John Cole-Clark	Head of Property Development, Opal Healthcare
	Mohammad Ashari	Senior Development Manager, Opal Healthcare
	Daniel West	Director – Planning, Ethos Urban
	Renee Stavroulakis	Senior Urbanist, Ethos Urban
	Lisa-Maree Carrigan	Director, Group GSA
	Noura Thaha	Associate Director, Group GSA
	Anika Hoffman	Associate Director, Group GSA
	Martin Peacock	Tree-IQ
	Onofrio Marzulli	Senior Project Manager, Midson Group

LOCATIONS AND KEY OBSERVATIONS (REFER TO SITE INSPECTION MAP)

A) Meeting Point

• Introductions and Commission Panel Chair Opening statement

B) 287 and 287A Mona Vale Road

• Panel observed the front, side and rear of 287 and 287A Mona Vale Road, including the northern boundary of the project site.

C) 285 Mona Vale Road - Driveway

- Panel walked the length of the driveway of 285 Mona Vale Road, noting the southern project site boundary, neighbouring dwellings at 283 Mona Vale Road and existing vegetation.
- Panel observed the proposed location of an acoustic wall.

D) 289 Mona Vale Road

- Panel observed the northern most north-east boundary of the project site.
- Panel walked the length of the northern project site boundary, observing the boundary interface with 295 Mona Vale Road.
- Panel observed an existing cedar tree to be retained and its surrounding context.

E) 285 Mona Vale Road

- Panel walked along the boundary between the project site and the southern end of 293 Mona Vale Road, observing the project's proposed setbacks.
- Panel reached the rear of 285 Mona Vale Road, observing the eastern boundary of the project site and existing boundary fence with 6 Flinders Road
- An existing pool area was observed.

F) 1 Flinders Avenue

 Panel observed the rear yard, taking note of the existing fence and vegetation between the site and neighbouring dwellings.

G) Flinders Avenue Cul-de-Sac

- Panel observed the eastern frontage of the site.
- Applicant pointed out an existing liquid amber tree to be retained.

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Conclusion of Inspection

• Panel walked west along the southern boundary of the project site back to Mona Vale Road and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at: 11:05am

NEIGHBOUR VISIT

- With the permission of the landowners the Panel observed the project site from the rear of an adjoining property.
- Commissioners and Office of the Independent Planning Commission staff only attended the neighbour visit.

Meeting closed at: 11:45am

LOCALITY TOUR

• Commissioners observed the streets and existing developments surrounding the project site and within the general locality.

SITE INSPECTION MAP



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SITE INSPECTION PHOTOS (REFER TO SITE INSPECTION MAP)



Figure 1: Looking north from point A along the project site western frontage



Figure 3: Looking south from within the rear yard of 285 Mona Vale Road, St Ives towards boundary with 1 Flinders Avenue, St Ives



Figure 2: Looking east from point A along the existing driveway of 285 Mona Vale Road, St Ives



Figure 4: Looking north-west at the eastern frontage of the project site from the cul-de-sac of Flinders Avenue.