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HD Owners want out in care project

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A 77-BED **residential** care development at 149-157 Rocky Point Road, Beverley **Park**, has been deferred so that two nearby residents can sell their blocks to the facility developer and owner — if they want to **buy** them.

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The applicant is the Boffa Robertson Group and the owner is the Sisters of Our Lady of China Health Care, which has acquired the 5018.32 square metre rectangular site just south of Weeney Street over a period of time.

It comprises five **residential** allotments of about 1003 square metres each.

The existing dwellings are to be demolished and replaced by a one- and two-storey **residential** care facility.

But the owners of No. 147 Rocky Point Road, on the corner of Weeney Street, and No. 2 Weeney Street, say their properties should have been included in the **buy**-up.

They fear that they will now lose all their privacy and that their homes will be dwarfed and isolated by the new nursing home, particularly if the proposed Darrell Lea redevelopment across the road goes ahead as well.

At its February 24 meeting, Kogarah Council resolved to defer the development application so a meeting could be arranged between the applicant and the owner of 147 Rocky Point Road and 2 Weeney Street regarding possible acquisition of their properties.

The original motion referred only to 147 Rocky Point Road, but 2 Weeney Street was included after the resident objected to being left out.

If successful, the new acquisitions could be used to create an alternative car access point off Weeney Street, considered a better planning outcome by the council than an entry and exit on Rocky Point Road

A further report on the outcome will be submitted to a future council meeting.

The proposed development will comprise:

- Basement level services including plant, storage, kitchen, staff room and other utility areas.
- Ground floor parking for 18 cars, ambulance bay, loading dock, porte cochere (entrance large enough for vehicles to pass through), waste storage and landscaping, 30 high-care bed spaces (28 in double rooms) and 18 standard care bed spaces in single rooms. Other ground floor facilities include administration rooms, salon, reception, waiting, chapel and dining rooms.

- 29 standard care beds in single rooms on the first floor, plus a dining room, sitting areas and lounge rooms.
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