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Specialist residential care home for the aged homeless in inner Sydney gets green light

Leading health and aged care provider, HammondCare, has welcomed last night's decision by City of Sydney (CoS) to approve its development application (DA) for a 42 bed residential aged care home for the homeless in Sydney's inner city.

Chief Executive of HammondCare, Dr Stephen Judd said this was a significant project that would fill a major need in service provision in the Darlinghurst area.

"Great cities are about providing essential services for all – and with a green light given to this project last night, we will now be able to help provide a long term home and care for some of inner Sydney's most disadvantaged people," Dr Judd said.

The aged care home will be built at 118A Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, adjacent to St John's Anglican Church. The site, currently a car wash, will accommodate a five storey building, with underground parking, and provide accommodation in private rooms for both men and women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It will incorporate specialist services for people with high care needs.

"Homelessness for older people in inner Sydney remains a significant issue and this project will provide a much needed service for older people who are in dire need and help them regain some independence and stability with dignity in their lives," Dr Judd said.

HammondCare has leased the site on a long-term basis from St John's Church. Rector of St John's, Edward Vaughan also welcomed Sydney City's decision to proceed with the project: "St John's has been supporting homeless men and women for almost 30 years through programs like Rough Edges, so we are very pleased that this project will now go ahead," Rev Vaughan said.

Dr Judd said he was hopeful construction would begin as soon as possible with the home operational by mid 2018. The approved DA also includes a public walkway between Darlinghurst Road and Victoria Street, and extensive landscaping.

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