

Green light for homeless aged care five-storey site

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THE City of Sydney has approved a proposal for a 42-bed aged care facility for the homeless in Darlinghurst.

The five-storey building is being delivered by HammondCare on the car wash site at 118A Darlinghurst Rd, next to St John's Church.

HammondCare chief executive Stephen Judd said the home would provide long-term care for some of Sydney's most disadvantaged people.

The City's Homelessness Unit found 15 per cent of people sleeping rough or in short-term accommodation were older than 55.

"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 after the council vote on Monday.

It would provide private rooms to men and women who are homeless or at risk

of homelessness. HammondCare has leased the site from St John's Church.

St John's rector, Edward Vaughan, hoped construction would start "as soon as possible" with the home (above) to be up and running by the middle of next year.