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Dear Jill,

Updated Acoustic Comment and Advice Proposed Preschool & Community School – 1 Rosemead Road, Hornsby, NSW

Introduction

I refer to our recent communications regarding the above matter.

The most recent update of my acoustic assessment report in relation to the new Blue Gum Preschool & Community School proposed for 1 Rosemead Road, Hornsby, NSW is presented in the document:

Acoustic Assessment Report: Proposed Preschool & Community School – 1 Rosemead Road, Hornsby, NSW (NG Child & Associates; Version 5; May 6th, 2020.

Since the preparation of the May 6th, 2020 report, some relatively minor changes have been made to the plan for the outdoor areas of the development, including in particular aspects of proposed car parking arrangements.

The original and modified proposals are summarised in Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

The modified proposal as presented in Attachment 2 includes the following changes:

- Changed Car Park Layout: Transfer of the proposed car parking spaces from the 1A Rosemead Road boundary of the car park to the opposite side of the car park, adjacent to the outdoor play area, coupled with a proposed reduction in the height of the boundary acoustic fence between the car park area and the 1A Rosemead Road property from 2100 mm to 1800 mm.
- Gradual Reduction in Height of Side Fence: A gradual reduction in the height of the proposed 1800 mm side fence between the development and the 1A Rosemead Road property near the front or Rosemead Road site boundary where the side fence will intersect the 1200 mm nonacoustic front property fence.
- 3. Change in Fence Style on William Street Boundary: Replacement of the proposed 1800 mm lap and cap timber acoustic fence with a more open noon-acoustic fence along the rear or William Street site boundary.

Acoustic Advice

My acoustic advice regarding the three issues summarised above is as follows:

1. Changed Car Park Layout

Version 5 of my acoustic report involved an increase in the recommended height of the acoustic fence proposed for the boundary between the car park area and the adjacent residential property at 1A Rosemead Road from 1800 mm to 2100 mm.

This recommended increase in fence height was intended to ensure that wheel on pavement and other noise from vehicles parking immediately adjacent to the residential property boundary could be contained in a manner that would ensure no undue or non-compliant noise impacts at the adjoining residential boundary.

In my opinion, the transfer of car spaces to the opposite side of the car park overcomes the need for additional fence height by introducing greater distance between the actual car parking activities and the affected residential boundary.

On this basis, it is my opinion that given the revised car park layout reflected in the diagram provided at Attachment 2, a solid form 1800 mm double lapped and capped timber acoustic fence will along the boundary between the proposed car park and the adjoining residential property at 1A Rosemead Road will provide sufficient acoustic protection to ensure that no undue or non-compliance acoustic impacts due to motor vehicle noise emissions are experienced at the 1A Rosemead Road residential boundary in this area.

It is also noted that limitation of the boundary fence height to 1800 mm may be more in keeping with existing fence heights in the general vicinity of the development site.

2. Gradual Reduction in Height of Side Fence

Version 5 of my acoustic report included an 1800 mm high double lapped and capped timber acoustic fence along the south-western boundary fence section between the development site and the adjoining property at 1A Rosemead Road, which is the fence section between the car park area and the front or Rosemead Road boundary.

What is proposed is a gradual reduction in the height of this fence from 1800 mm to 1200 mm over the relatively short fence section between the storage shed and associated waste storage area shown on this boundary (refer Attachment 2) and the front or Rosemead Road fence line, so that the timber fence aligns in height with the 1200 mm non-acoustic front fence.

This short fence section is not acoustically sensitive, and the proposed gradual reduction or "rake-down" in fence height is not considered to involve any risk in terms of acoustic amenity for the neighbouring 1A Rosemead Road property, while offering what would appear to be an overall improvement in terms of design and visual amenity.

3. Change in Fence Style on William Street Boundary

Version 5 of my acoustic report included an 1800 mm high double lapped and capped timber acoustic fence along the southern or William Street property boundary. What is proposed is the replacement of this timber acoustic fence with some other form of more open style fencing. This property boundary adjoins a roadway (William Street) and is separated from potentially affected residential receivers by that roadway. On this basis, an acoustic fence is not strictly required on this property boundary, and in my opinion the more open style non-acoustic fence now proposed involves no risk of undue or non-compliant acoustic impacts on any nearby residential or other property.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions regarding the matters raised in this letter, or if you require any further or more detailed information

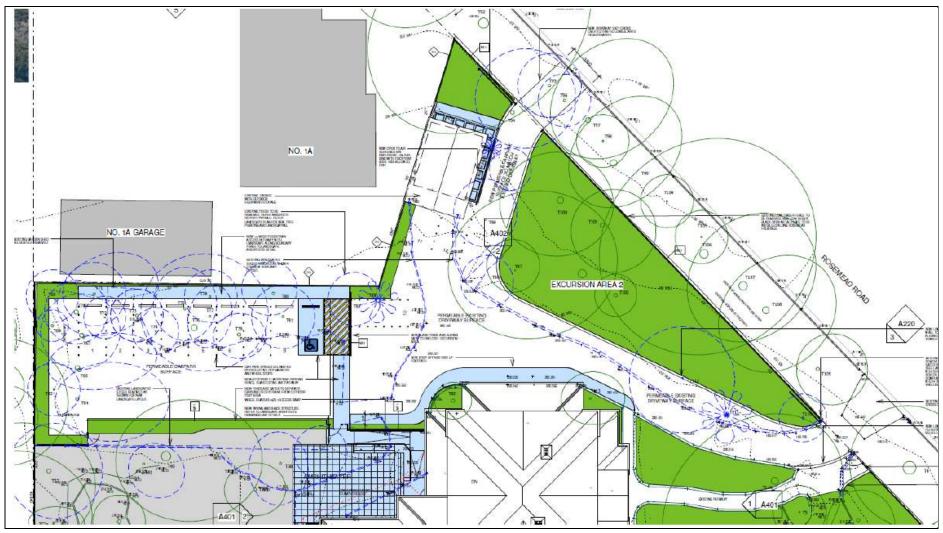
Yours Very Truly

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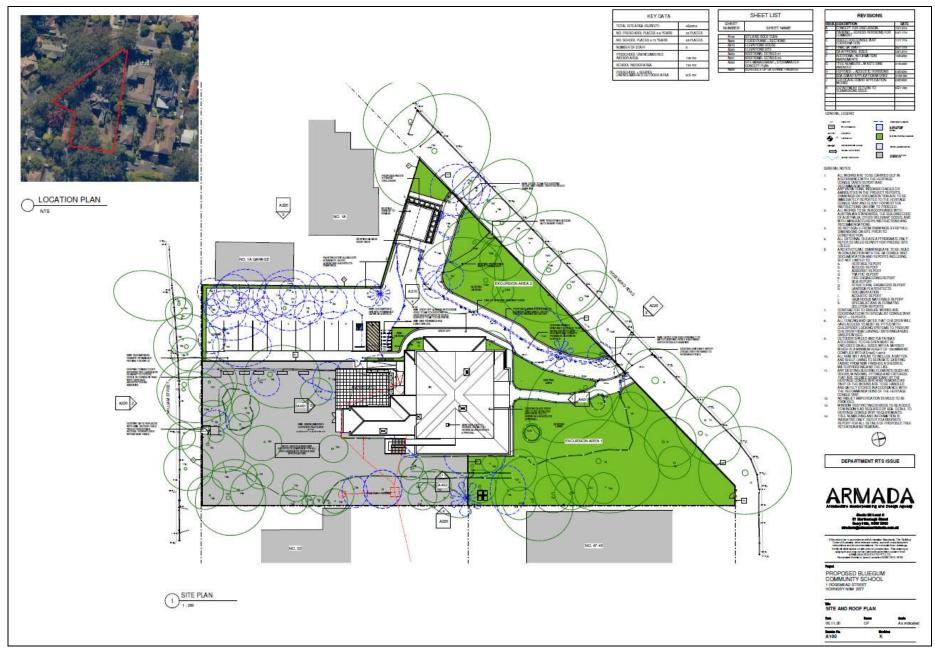
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Attachment 1 – Proposal as Lodged



Attachment 2 - Modified Proposal