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Dear Mr Flynn,

**Strathfield Council Submission to State Significant Development (SSD-39005127) –  
Alterations and Additions to Meriden Senior School – April 2023**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amended SSD – Alterations and Additions to Meriden Senior School. Strathfield Council provided a submission on the original scheme in October 2022 and the amended scheme in April 2023. We now provide comments on the further amended application. The main changes to the proposal are as follows:

- Retain four more trees (T46 – T48) along the frontage of 30-32 Redmyre Road.
- Remove an additional tree (T39) within the front setback of Redmyre Road. This results in the nett retainment of an additional three trees when compared to the original Amendment Application. A total of 10 trees are proposed to be removed and 6 trees to be retained at 30-32 Redmyre Road.
- Replant a total of 12 replacement trees along the frontage of the Design and Creative Arts Building (DaCA) building and 30-32 Redmyre Road.
- Amended Construction Management Plan.

The amended application addresses Council's previous concerns on the loss of open space at 30-32 Redmyre Road, built form and heritage. However, some concern remains regarding landscape design and construction. These are discussed below.

**Landscape Design**

A condition of consent should be included to retain the existing perimeter hedge planting between the interim open space area and the residential development at 19-21 Margaret Street, so that the existing landscape screening to the adjoining properties can be maintained.

The amended stormwater concept has been assessed by the Project Arborist as acceptable to the retention and protection of street trees. The Landscape Plan has been modified and assessed as acceptable by the Project Arborist for the retention and protection of existing trees (especially T44).

Tree 39 is now proposed for removal and compensated for by the retention of Trees 46-50. These are of mixed quality and are all exempt species under Strathfield Comprehensive Development Control Plan 2005.

Therefore, their retention does not secure canopy cover for the site and it would be preferable that new advanced stock of large canopy trees be incorporated into the design of the front corner of the site.

### **Construction**

Four mature street trees (Trees A, B, C & D) that contribute to the historic avenue along Redmyre Road are potentially impacted by the proposed temporary construction driveway. The Arboricultural Impact Assessment proposes the entire access road be installed above the existing grade with specific construction measures. The proposal is acceptable except that we request the driveway to be constructed outside the structural root zone of Tree B. This will also reduce the extent of canopy pruning required. The Project Arborist is requested to provide a pruning specification for Tree B accommodating required clearances for vehicle egress from the site. Tree bond and protection conditions should apply for Trees A, B, C and D.

In addition, the Construction Management Plan does not appear to address temporary pedestrian footpath access along Redmyre Road.

Finally, the proposed brick base with a palisade front boundary fence should be designed to incorporate pier and beam footings throughout the Tree Protection Zones of all trees to be retained.

### **Conclusion**

Should you wish to have any further correspondence to discuss Council's input, please contact Paul Bu - Place Planning Coordinator on 9748 9609 or [paul.bu@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:paul.bu@strathfield.nsw.gov.au). Please continue keeping us informed on the assessment progress.

Regards,



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