



29 February 2012

Mr Sam Haddad
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Dear Mr Haddad

Determination of the Proposed Modification to the Monastery Building at 132-138 Killeaton Street, St Ives (MP10_0057 Mod 5)

I refer to the Deputy Director General's letter dated 22 February 2012 referring the above modification application to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination under Ministerial delegation.

I noted Ku-ring-gai Council's objection to the proposed modification and the application was subsequently amended to address issues raised in Council's submission. Notwithstanding the amendments, Council maintains its objection, particularly in relation to the small size of the balcony for the 4-bedroom unit.

The Commission sought Ku-ring-gai Council's view on whether a meeting is required to discuss Council's concerns. By email dated 23 February 2012 Council advised that a meeting is not required as its concerns have been adequately expressed in its submissions.

I have carefully considered Council's submissions, the amendments made to the application and the Department's assessment report and the recommendation. I agree with the Department's conclusion that the proposal is an adaptive reuse of a heritage building and provides acceptable amenity to future residents. Parking provision is also satisfactory. I consider the Department's recommendation that the application should be approved subject to the recommended conditions is reasonable. The application is approved with conditions.

The signed instrument of approval and file (11/20265 Part 1) are returned herewith.

Yours sincerely

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Chair
Planning Assessment Commission

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