

Zac Derbyshire Planning Officer, School Infrastructure Assessments Department of Planning and Environment

17/1/2023

External Application -External/2022/0010 Trinity Grammar School (SSD-10371-Mod-5) 119 Prospect Road and 50-52 Seaview Street, Summer Hill

Dear Zac,

Innerwest Council thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the above modifications.

It is noted that, overall, the changes as proposed appear to be largely modest amendments to detail, intended to better align the approval with the operational needs of the school. Generally, Council raises no further concerns in regard to the proposed works, noting only that the scope of amended works should be assessed by the Department to ensure that no further traffic/student number impacts are inadvertently accommodated through these changes.

Council's Heritage Advisor has had an opportunity to review the documentation, having regard to the heritage provisions and protections contained in our planning controls. The following commentary is provided for the Department's assistance.

Heritage concerns:

Inner West Council sought that a Conservation Management Plan be prepared which would provide the necessary level of detail in regard to the surviving fabric against which the heritage impact of proposed changes could be assessed. To date no CMP has been submitted for review by Council.

The assessment of heritage impact provided with this MOD does not provide any detail as to the existing materials or building configurations proposed to be altered. No images have been provided of the areas noted as having significant fabric proposed to be changed. The materials are not shown on the plans, with the architectural drawings simply stating where an existing building is to be 'refurbished'. Unless the exact nature of the fabric that is proposed to be altered has been identified, the heritage impact cannot be fully assessed.

A more detailed assessment of heritage impact is required, that provides a higher level of information in regard to each proposed change to buildings and areas such as the quadrangle building identified as having heritage significance. Photographs of the areas proposed to be altered that are within buildings identified as being of heritage significance are to be provided. The materials of the fabric that is proposed to be altered is to be correctly identified, as is their age and integrity (ie original, early modification &c).

The names of the buildings on the architectural plans do not tally with the names utilised within the initial SOHI. Abbreviations utilised in the SOHI are not explained. The SOHI should be a stand alone document that contains sufficient information to assess the application and not rely on a previous document.

The proposed changes to the exterior of the new buildings need to be assessed in terms of views from the street and within the site.

Internal changes to the new buildings that do not result in the changes to the exterior are not relevant to the assessment of heritage impact.

Should you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me on02 93925085, or by emailing me at adele.cowie@innerwest.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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