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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Wallgrove Business Hub

Major Project reference: SSD-50972718

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Dear Thomas,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. The application includes a concept proposal for two industrial warehouse and distribution building footprints, and Stage 1 DA for site preparation including bulk earthworks, the establishment of services and an access road to connect to Wallgrove Road.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of *Environmental Impact Statement State Significant Development Application (SSD 50972718) Wallgrove Business Hub 97-151 Wallgrove Road, Cecil Park*, prepared by Keylan, dated 4 July 2024.
- *Wallgrove Business Hub Archaeological Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR)*, prepared by Artefact, dated 7 June 2024.

Following the review of the above documents, Heritage NSW requests additional information to inform its advice to the Department on whether the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report adequately addresses the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project, including the associated recommendations for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Our comments are provided in **Attachment A**.

It is understood from a review of the ACHAR that the study area overlaps with areas investigated as a part of the M12 Motorway Upgrade and includes two sites listed on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System as a part of the M12 project. Section 4.2.3 of the ACHAR also references a number of reports undertaken for the M12 project.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A – Heritage NSW comments on the Environmental Impact Statement

AHIMS 45-5-5738 / Wallgrove Business Hub PAD01

1. Please clarify the location and extent of AHIMS 45-5-5738 / Wallgrove Business Hub PAD01. Mapping presented in Figure 5 of the ACHAR differs from the information available in the AHIMS site card for this site. The AHIMS site card shows the site extending across the entire western boundary of the study area, which may bring it within the impact area. It is noted that the latest update to the AHIMS site card was undertaken after the production of the clearance memo referenced in Section 4.2.3 and Figure 5 of the ACHAR.
2. Table 10 of the ACHAR states that the scientific value of the site is unknown. Please provide further information on the constraints to assessing the scientific value of AHIMS 45-5-5738 / Wallgrove Business Hub PAD01.

AHIMS 45-5-5739 / Wallgrove Business Hub PAD02

3. Section 4.1 of the ACHAR states that '*AHIMS ID 45-5-5739 was initially identified as an area of PAD, however subsequent investigation determined that it was not a site*'. Please provide further information, where available, on the nature of the subsequent investigation undertaken in relation to AHIMS 45-5-5739 / Wallgrove Business Hub PAD02 and its results.

Consultation

4. The consultation log and records in the appendix to the report do not include the review of the Draft ACHAR by Aboriginal stakeholders. Please update the appendix to include this information to ensure compliance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DECCW 2010).

AHIMS search

5. It is noted that the AHIMS search undertaken for the project is greater than 12 months old. As per Requirement 1b of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010), Heritage NSW generally requires that AHIMS searches are less than 12 months old. An updated AHIMS search should be included in the ACHAR and attached as an appendix to the report.