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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Tempus Street Rouse Hill Mixed Use BTR Development

Major Project reference: SSD-76190964

Received: 17 July 2025

Dear Ms Craig,

Thank you for your referral dated 17 July 2025 inviting the Heritage Council of NSW to provide advice on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Relevant parts of *Environmental Impact Statement SSD-76190964 2 Tempus Street Rouse Hill, Urbis*, 16 June 2025, including the following appendices;
- Appendix II: *Statement of Heritage Impact*, AMAC Archaeological, 11 April 2025 (the SoHI);
- Appendix JJ: *Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment*, AMAC Archaeological, 11 April 2025 (the HAA); and
- Appendix M: *Visual Impact Assessment*, Keylan, April 2025 (the VIA).

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, we provide the following comments:

- The SoHI identifies two State Heritage Register (SHR) listed items that are within the wider visual context of the SSD site. These items are Royal Oak Inn (SHR 00698) and Merriville House and Gardens (SHR 00091).
- Heritage NSW considers that the SSD would have no impact on the significance of the Royal Oak Inn.

- Heritage NSW considers that the SSD could impact on views to the north-east from Merriville House and Gardens, but this impact would not likely be significant. We note that this view was not assessed as part of the VIA.
- The HAA assesses that the SSD site would have low potential for historical archaeology and recommends an unexpected finds procedure be implemented during construction. Heritage NSW agrees with HAA assessment.

Please refer to Attachment A for recommended consent conditions.

As there are locally listed heritage items in the vicinity of the SSD site, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Anna Simanowsky, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A - Tempus Street Rouse Hill Mixed Use BTR Development (SSD-76190964)

Recommended consent conditions for environmental heritage

1. A procedure for the management of unexpected relics and human remains must be developed in consultation with Heritage NSW. This procedure must:
 - a) be prepared in accordance with Heritage NSW guidelines and codes of practice.
 - b) include a hold point requiring the development of a revised historical archaeological assessment in the event an unexpected relic is identified.
 - i. The Archaeological Assessment must be prepared in accordance with the guideline *Archaeological Assessments* (1996) and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* (2009) to inform and guide archaeological mitigation measures.
 - ii. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology (ARDEM) with a nominated Excavation Director should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage program.
 - iii. The Archaeological Assessment must be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for approval in consultation with Heritage NSW.
 - c) must be implemented for the duration of the project.