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Ms Teresa Gizzi

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Dear Ms Gizzi,

SSD-26876801- Mod-4 - The New Forest High School

Thank you for your correspondence requesting Northern Beaches Council's advice on the Exhibition of SSD-26876801- MOD-4 for The New Forest High School.

Council has reviewed the modifications related to the road network and traffic arrangements and provides comments in Appendix 1.

Council raises concern with the modifications for the reasons outlined by Council's Transport Network Manager in Appendix 1.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please contact Mr Tom Prosser Principal Planner on 8495 6499.

Yours faithfully,



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Acting Director, Planning & Place Division

APPENDIX 1 - DETAILED TRAFFIC COMMENTS FOR SSD-26876801-MOD-4 NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

The following comments have been provided by Council's manager for transport network in relation to this modification:

Council previously met with the proponent (SINSW) last week and noted concerns around the proposed changes, which also requires an additional MOD application to enable the applicant to deliver the required infrastructure.

Whilst staff note that the safest option for management of traffic at the intersection and the interaction between vehicles and pedestrians would be the provision of traffic control signals, the option proposed in this modification is generally acceptable with current volumes.

Council still believes that the proponent should progress the signal design as a long-term solution to the safety concerns raised by the community and Council staff. The design change was endorsed at the former Northern Beaches Council Local Traffic Committee meeting in April 2025 as detailed below in the extract of the LTC approval.

"3. Endorses the concept plan (Attachment 1 – Option 6 Design Layout Plans 12 March 2025) to upgrade of the Aquatic Drive and Allambie Road Roundabout and the provision of the raised pedestrian crossing on Aquatic Drive, subject to the provision of detailed design and supporting streetlighting design and Road Safety Audit for consideration of Council and TfNSW prior to approval under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 by the relevant Roads Authority.

11. Endorses the designs for traffic control signals for the intersection of Allambie Road and Aquatic Drive be progressed in parallel to the design for the roundabout improvements at the intersection."

Further, Council's position is that all these safety upgrade works in the public domain need to be completed prior to the site opening in Term 1 2026 (noting the change in opening from Term 4 2025 as this is not achievable.)

Council notes that the proposed opening date of Term 1 2026 requires a large amount of work to be completed in a relatively short time, however it is also noted that the construction has been underway for a considerable amount of time (SSD consent issued 23 November 2023).