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Dear Ms Tahlia Alexander,

Subject: Catherine Field Public School Modification 1 - Operational Readiness and retaining wall SSD-9477-Mod-1 - Request for Additional Information

Referring to the request for additional information sent through to Schools Infrastructure NSW on 15th October 2020 following Camden Council's comments to the Notice of Exhibition for Modification Request 1 Catherine Field Public School. This letter provides clarification to the points outlined by Council.

Operational Readiness Access

The council has highlighted the requirements around parking arrangements in the conditions of the consent:

"Parking arrangements to minimise impacts on the surrounding street network having regard to number of staff involved in operational readiness work on site at any one time and parking arrangements for construction workers on site will be provided."

Currently we are in the process of finalising the permanent car park earthworks within the school boundary. Alternative parking arrangements have been developed to ensure that the impact on the surrounding street network is minimal in the case that the permanent car park is not available for Operational Readiness.

This includes parking at nearby existing schools and utilising a taxi or rideshare to and from the school.

Retaining Wall – Ensure No Conflict with Mod 2

It should be noted that the retaining wall has previously been approved as part of SSDA 9477. The inclusion of the retaining wall in Modification Request 1 was to clarify the necessity of the retaining wall to ensure timely construction of the car park for D1T1 without the reliance on the Northern Road being completed. This retaining wall is temporary in nature and DA 568/2020 submitted by GDC indicates that the levels of the road will tie into the height of the retaining wall. For clarity, the details for the retaining wall in question is consistent in location, height and length across both Mod 1 and Mod 2.

Retaining Wall Design

The retaining wall will be built from concrete blocks that will be core-filled. It will not utilise any timber. The previously submitted drawing NHQC2-CF-CV-S-DDC205.22 indicates that the wall is a block retaining wall.

As mentioned above, the retaining wall is a temporary solution that will allow the car park to be built in time for D1T1. It is expected that the adjacent road will be complete to the level of the top of the retaining wall by the time the permanent Staff Car Park is completed and ready for use. Therefore, it is understood that a balustrade is not required.

Retaining Wall Conditions of Consent

It should be noted that the retaining wall is located entirely within the proposed site. The standard conditions of consent from Camden Council have/will be met as per the below:

Any retaining wall must comply with the following requirements:

- a) *retaining walls shall be designed and certified by a suitably qualified structural engineer*
The retaining wall is designed and will be certified by a suitably qualified structural engineer.
- b) *retaining walls in cut shall be constructed a minimum of 300mm from any property boundary to ensure all associated drainage and backfill remain wholly within the subject property*
The entirety of the retaining wall is to be established upon fill which has been built up from the natural level – refer to bulk earthworks cut, and fill plan as approved in SSD 9477. Therefore, this sub-condition is not relevant to the development.
- c) *retaining walls in fill shall be constructed to ensure all associated drainage and backfill remain wholly within the subject property:*
The property boundary is on the face of the wall and therefore the back fill and associated drainage is within the boundary of the site.
- d) *adequate provisions shall be made for surface and subsurface drainage of retaining walls and all water collected shall be diverted to, and connect to, a stormwater disposal system within the property boundaries.*
The property boundary is on the face of the wall and all associated drainage shall be connected to the stormwater disposal system as indicated in the plans submitted with the modification.
- e) *retaining walls shall not be erected within drainage easements.*
The property boundary is on the face of the wall and site stormwater requirement are as documented and approved in SSD 9477 and not within a drainage easement.
- f) *retaining walls shall not be erected in any other easement present on the land without the approval of the relevant authority benefited*
Noted
- g) *retaining walls are to be finished with anti-graffiti coating.*
As mentioned above, the retaining wall is a temporary solution that will allow the car park to be built in time for D1T1. It is expected that the adjacent road will be complete to the level of the top of the retaining wall by the time the permanent Staff Car Park is completed and ready for use. This condition is noted by the team, and anti-graffiti coating will be used on any surfaces that are permanently exposed.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned on (02) 9276 1400.

Yours faithfully,



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