

Mr Peter Jamieson Principal International Chinese School 211 Pacific Highway St Leonards NSW 2060

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Dear Mr Jamieson

Modification to the International Chinese School, St Leonards (SSD-10260-Mod-2) Request for Additional Information

I refer to your modification application to the International Chinese School in St Leonards (SSD-10260-Mod-2). The Department has completed a preliminary assessment of the proposal and received comments from Willoughby City Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

The Department requires additional information to be submitted for this application to progress. The requested information is provided in **Attachment 1**. Please ensure that a response to these matters is provided to the Department by Wednesday, 10 December 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Gavin Ho on (02) 9995 5215 or via email at gavin.ho@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment 1

1. Timeframe to Complete Stage 2 and 3 Works

The modification application seeks to delay the timing of Stage 2 completion by 12 months and Stage 3 completion by 15 months from the time of commencement of operation. The Department understands that the school commenced operation on 4 February 2021. The conditions of consent (as proposed to be modified) would therefore require Stage 2 to be completed by 4 February 2022 and Stage 3 to be completed by 4 May 2022.

As discussed in a meeting with the Department on 30 November 2021, construction of the Pacific Highway deceleration lane and associated roadworks (Stage 3 works) is unlikely to commence prior to January 2022 and would potentially have a construction timeframe of up to 18 weeks.

You must confirm whether the proposed 15-month delay to Stage 3 completion is sufficient timing for the associated road network infrastructure to be constructed and operational, or whether an extended timeframe is necessary.

Based on comments from TfNSW, the Department would like you to provide a realistic timeframe within which the works can be completed early next year.

2. Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up Location

Willoughby City Council (Council) advised in its submission that the existing drop-off and pick-up (DOPU) location at St Paul's Anglican Church at View St in Chatswood will soon cease, and that the school would need to locate a new DOPU location. The Department understands that this is due to the lodgement of a development application with Council (DA2021/318) for a new childcare centre and associated external alterations within the grounds of St Paul's Anglican Church.

The Department notes that Condition E6(a) of the consent requires parents to pick-up and drop-off students only from St Paul's Anglican Church in Chatswood. This is also a requirement of the endorsed Interim Student Transport Management Plan (June 2021).

You must confirm whether changes to the existing DOPU arrangement are sought as part of the subject modification application. If so, additional information must be provided (via the Planning Portal) to justify the proposed changes, including the identification of a new DOPU location and evidence that there would be no adverse traffic impacts or impacts on student safety.

Furthermore, the preparation of a Traffic Impact Assessment (prepared by a suitably qualified traffic consultant) would be required to assess the impact of up to 88 additional vehicle movements travelling to and from the new DOPU location during the morning and afternoon peak periods, and associated school bus movements to and from the school site in St Leonards.