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Dear Mr Zammit

**Darlington Public School Redevelopment (SSD-9914)
Request for Additional Information**

Thank you for the further information recently provided in relation to the Darlington Public School Redevelopment (SSD-9914).

The Department has reviewed the additional information provided and considers that insufficient justification has been provided to warrant the removal of trees proposed, particularly those located in the landscaped areas. Based on the information provided, the Department considers that the application does not give sufficient consideration to tree retention.

You are requested to submit the following additional information to enable the Department's assessment of the proposal:

- Amended landscape plans which retain existing trees wherever possible. Plans should be made based on root mapping and exploration of piling and hand excavation methods. Levels should be resolved to retain existing trees in outdoor play areas.
- An amended tree canopy plan which calculates canopy on the site to reflect additional retained trees.
- A full and complete Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report prepared by a qualified AQF Level 5 Arborist that includes all trees on the site (including within and without the SSD application boundary) and consider the cumulative impact of all tree removal proposed, including as part of other development intended to be undertaken on the site.

In addition, the Department notes that containment of contaminated materials is proposed as part of remediation of the site. Details of the location of the proposed containment cell(s) has not been provided to enable consideration of impacts on proposed landscaping, including tree planting. Further information is requested detailing the proposed location of containment on site and impacts of this on proposed landscaping and tree removal. This information should demonstrate that sufficient soil depth will be provided to support tree growth.

You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the Department by Friday 16 October 2020. If you are unable to provide the requested information within this timeframe, you are requested to provide a timeframe detailing the provision of this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Gunn, who can be contacted at Nicholas.gunn@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'J.M.L.', is positioned above the typed name.

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