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Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attention: Aditi Coomar

Dear Mr Betts,

INTERNATIONAL CHINESE SCHOOL – SSD 10260 DECELLARATION LANE CONSTRUCTION REQUEST

We are writing to request that the proposed deceleration lane be required prior to the School's 2021 start in January 2021. The reason for this is that the School will be opening in July 2020 with a much-reduced school population (63 students), with more students joining the school from 2021 (90-100) and beyond.

Should the deceleration lane be required prior to operation, the school will not be able to open in July 2021 as the deceleration lane will require construction in coordination with TfNSW, which will take some months to carry out.

We believe this is a suitable arrangement for the following reasons:

- The school population between July-December 2020 is 63 students, far fewer than the maximum population of 160 students that TfNSW recommendation for the deceleration lane is based on.
- The school has already committed to staggered start times at 8:45, 9:00, 9:15 and close times 3:00, 3:15, 3:30
- The staggered start and finish times will result in ~7 students arriving in each 5-minute block ensuring there will not be traffic congestion
- The existing car park has a capacity of 40 vehicles and operated without a deceleration lane
- Surveys of the car park carried out for the SSD application (see traffic Report) showed the peak period for use of the car park was lunch time and not during school pick up or drop off, meaning there is capacity for the very low number of vehicle movements that would occur until the deceleration lane was installed.

The school is committed to installation of the deceleration lane and request the imposition of a condition requiring the lane to be installed prior to the commencement of the school year in January 2021.

Should you have any queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0411047748 or cmcgillick@ethosurban.com.

Yours sincerely,



Chris McGillick
Principal, Planning