

Subject: Tree removal 50 and 51
Date: Monday, 27 September 2021 at 11:02:25 am Australian Eastern Standard Time
From: Aldo Donato
To: Anna Johnston
CC: John Green, Benjamin Wilderink
Attachments: 180128-LETTER-Sirius Building-Tree Removal - 23.09.27(Dedico).docx, image001.png, image002.png

Hi Anna,

We received the below email from Council regarding the application for the removal of tree 50 and 51.

From: Marie Burge <MBurge@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 September 2021 3:11 PM
To: John Green <jgreen@dedico.com.au>
Cc: Andrew Rees <arees@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Sirius, 2-60 Cumberland Street, The Rocks - SSD10834 Modification

Hi John,

I have received feedback from Council's Tree Management Unit regarding the proposed SSD modification relating to tree removal.

Overall, the removal of these High Landscape Value trees is not supported and it is recommended that you investigate alternative construction methods and designs to ensure the retention of these trees with input from a qualified AQF5 Arborist.

Trees 50 and 51 are considered to be High Landscape Value plane trees within Gloucester walk. It is Council's understanding that Trees 50 and 51 are located on Place Management NSW land and are not owned by the applicant.

The Arborist Report provided as part of original SSD submission states that "*The proposed building works will not be of any disturbance of significance to tree numbers 50 and 51 as the existing masonry wall at the boundary is being retained in situ. There is a proposal to replace the existing paving in these trees' TPZs/SRZs – any works to replace the existing paving will need to be done with care and at a finished level that allows for protection and retention of the roots under the existing paving.*"

It is understood that the removal of the trees are now recommended by your Arborist due to the removal of the retained material within the structural root zone of these tree. The Arborist has not provided any recommendations to allow for the retention of these trees. Relying on the fact that these works are within the theoretical Structural Root Zone and that they are affecting nearby paving as justification.

If this soil/retaining wall can be retained and the works conducted in a tree sensitive manner these trees can be retained.

If you have any questions or need any clarification on the advice above, please let me know.

Kind regards,

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Please find attached letter from SCP responding to councils note.

We are also getting a letter from the Arborist to support the structural note and referring to the tree roots blocking the adjacent stormwater line.

Refer videos below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vsrb16uqh048f5g/AAB1fa90mqHErplJif-dnKhda?dl=0>

Can you please prepare a summary of Council comment and our response in preparation to submission to council later today please?

Regards,
Aldo Donato

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