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Dear Mr Sargent

Attention: Simon Truong (simon.truong@planning.nsw.gov.au)

RE: Comments and recommended conditions of consent for SSD 6724–18 storey Mixed Use Student Accommodation Development at 60-78 Regent Street, Redfern in vicinity of Redfern Railway Station Group, SHR No. 01234.

I refer to your letter dated 05 December 2014, requesting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW regarding the submitted proposal and exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above major project.

The comments are based on documentation, including Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by JBA Planning dated December 2014.

The proposal does not involve an item listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR). The proposal is in vicinity of Redfern Railway Station Group, listed on the SHR, No. 01234. However, it will not have an impact on the heritage item or its setting.

The proposal may have an impact on archaeological relics as defined under Section 4 of the *Heritage Act 1977*. The EIS does not satisfactorily address any potential impacts on archaeology or measures for their mitigation. Therefore, as delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council), I recommend that the following conditions of consent should be included in the approval:

1. The Applicant must ensure that a historical archaeological assessment which contains mitigation measures in the form of an archaeological programme is undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist prior to any demolition works commencing on site.
2. The historical archaeological mitigation program must be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist who meets the Heritage Council's

Excavation Director Criteria for salvage excavation after demolition but prior to site excavation.

3. The details of the nominated excavation director must be forwarded to the Heritage Council (or its Delegate) for approval prior to commencement of any archaeological programme on site.
4. The Applicant must ensure that the approved Excavation Director is present at the site supervising all archaeological fieldwork activity likely to expose significant relics.
5. The Applicant must ensure that the approved Excavation Director takes adequate steps to record in detail relics, structures and features discovered on the site during the archaeological works in accordance with current best practice. This work must be undertaken in accordance with relevant Heritage Council guidelines.
6. The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director briefs all personnel involved in the project about the requirements of the *Heritage Act 1977* in relation to the proposed archaeological program. This briefing should be undertaken prior to the commencement of on-site excavation works.
7. The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director and the excavation team is given adequate resources to allow full and detailed recording to be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Heritage Council.
8. The Applicant must ensure that the site under archaeological investigation is made secure and that the unexcavated artefacts, structures and features are not subject to deterioration, damage, destruction or theft during fieldwork.
9. The Applicant is responsible for the safe-keeping of all relics recovered from the site.
10. The Applicant must ensure that the approved Primary Excavation Director or an appropriate specialist, cleans, stabilises, labels, analyses, catalogues and stores any artefacts recovered from the site in a way that allows them to be retrieved according to both type and provenance.
11. The Applicant must ensure that a final excavation report is written by the approved Primary Excavation Director to publication standard, within one (1) year of the completion of the field based archaeological activity.
12. The Applicant must ensure that one (1) electronic copy of the final excavation report is submitted on CD to the Heritage Council of NSW together with two (2) printed copies of the final excavation report. The Applicant must also ensure that further copies are lodged with the local library and/or another appropriate local repository in the area in which the site is located. It is also required that all digital resources (including reports, context and artefact data, scanned field notes, other datasets and documentation) should be lodged with a sustainable, online and open-access repository.
13. The Applicant must ensure that the information presented in a final excavation report includes the following:
 - a. An executive summary of the archaeological programme;
 - b. Due credit to the client paying for the excavation, on the title page;
 - c. An accurate site location and site plan (with scale and north arrow) and including geo-reference data;
 - d. Historical research, references, and bibliography;
 - e. Detailed information on the excavation including the aim, the context for the excavation, procedures, treatment of artefacts (cleaning, conserving, sorting, cataloguing, labelling, scale photographs and/or drawings, location of repository) and analysis of the information retrieved;
 - f. Nominated repository for the items;
 - g. Detailed response to research questions (at minimum those stated in the Heritage Council approved Research Design);

- h. Conclusions from the archaeological programme- This information must include a reassessment of the site's heritage significance; statement(s) on how archaeological investigations at this site have contributed to the community's understanding of the site; recommendations for the future management of the site and how much of the site remains undisturbed;
- i. Details of how this information about this excavation has been publicly disseminated (for example, provide details about Public Open Days and include copies of press releases, public brochures and information signs produced to explain the archaeological significance of the site).

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Rajat Chaudhary, Heritage Architect Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9873 8521.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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