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Mr Matthew Stewart
General Manager
Canterbury-Bankstown City Council
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Bankstown NSW 1885

By email: council@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Stewart,

Request for an Interim Heritage Order (IHO)

Item: St. Paul's Anglican Church Group,
Address: 459 Chapel Road, Bankstown

This letter is to inform Council that Heritage NSW has received a request to place an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) on the above item.

Heritage NSW notes Bankstown City Council placed a local IHO on the site in 2015, to allow time to undertake assessment of its potential heritage values. Consultants Sue Rosen & Associates prepared a report identifying that it has local heritage values for the range of criteria, including historic, associative, aesthetic, social, representative and rarity values. We also understand the local IHO expired after a period of six months and Council did not progress to amend its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to list this as a local heritage item.

I note that the amalgamated Canterbury-Bankstown City Council adopted a draft Masterplan for Bankstown in 2021 and has submitted this to the NSW Department of Planning seeking gateway determination to progress this to public exhibition.

This letter asks Council to reconsider the documents for this proposed exhibition, to ensure it includes the Sue Rosen & Associates report identifying the claimed heritage values of St. Paul's Anglican Church group, as a local heritage item.

Any community attachment to or support for local heritage listing of this item should be considered in submissions as part of any Masterplan for its wider context. This would demonstrate wholistic planning, balancing the range of issues, including heritage.

Under the *Heritage Act 1977*, the Minister can make an interim heritage order if the Minister considers that, on further investigation, the item may be found to have local significance. The Heritage Council of NSW or its delegate advises the Minister on making an order. Heritage NSW requests Council reconsiders the matter of adding this item to the Local Environmental Plan, given it clearly has a range of local heritage values.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Stuart Read, Senior Heritage Officer, Heritage Programs, South, Heritage NSW, Department of Planning and Environment via email at stuart.read@environment.nsw.gov.au or telephone 6022 0602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Meredith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Meredith

Director, Heritage Programs

Heritage NSW

Department of Planning and Environment

11 July 2022