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Mr and Mrs DeCean
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Dear Mr and Mrs DeCean

I refer to your letter of 16 March and the Mayor's reply of 21 March concerning Council land at the corner of Balfour and Bent Streets.

Council acquired what was then 19 Bent Street in March 1981 for road widening purposes to improve the horizontal and vertical alignment of the intersection. The original intention was to re-construct the road and to provide a residual alignment that would still enable it to be used as a building block. Council was unable to proceed with the reconstruction work and its priority is still relatively low.

It should be recognised that Council acquired the property to improve road conditions at this location and the problems of road layout that led to Council acquiring the land still exist. I am of the view that at some time in the future Council may need to reconstruct the intersection and that it is inappropriate to rezone the land at this time so that this option is not available.

Yours faithfully

E H Ralphs
SENIOR MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

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8th July 2000

The Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council
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For Att Mr. E.H.Ralphs.

Dear Sirs,

Re Bent and Balfour Street rezoning

We thank you for your letter of 9th June regarding the use of the "park" at the intersection of Bent and Balfour Streets Lindfield and have noted Mr Ralph's comments. Your letter appears to have crossed the twenty odd petition letters to the Council regarding the use of this land. Indeed my understanding is that these have been submitted to the council and the matter is being considered.

Whilst it is clear that these two streets are in need of some upgrading I am told that an earlier Council plan to build some form of roundabout was the subject of considerable community objection and was dropped some years ago. In these "green" days it would be a great pity to pass up an opportunity to improve the environment for those who live nearby.

Perhaps the best solution would be to improve the horizontal and vertical alignment so as to retain most of this small "park". The nearby residents may be happy to accept such a compromise and so preserve a piece of Ku-ring-gai which is very important to them. You will have noted that over twenty residents appear to hold similar views on this matter and I feel that this number could easily be extended to hundreds!

We await to hear of the elected council's views on this matter but meanwhile note that no reconstruction is planned for the immediate future.