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Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2019 11:20 AM
To: Prity Cleary
Subject: Wilkinson House Proposed Redevelopment

Objection SSD17 8993 SCEGGS Darlinghurst, Concept DA & Stage 1 DA

Dear Ms Prity

Please accept my objections to the above Proposal.

Having attended the architects/developers meeting last October and listened to HM Miss Allum's objectives, I proffer my thoughts and objections on the following issues:

Cost/benefit analysis, demolition vs modification, what are the results?

No increase in student numbers, they are to remain constant, as stated by Miss Allum.

Having flexible class sizes is Miss Allum's stated objective. Surely this can be achieved more economically and less intrusively with internal modifications. It is done regularly.

Ms Wilkinson, after whom Wilkinson House is named, introduced the House System in 1926 "to help generate school spirit". Where is that spirit now???? Is there no sense of their own history, that they can without conscience obliterate the very fibre of their being?

From an accounting point of view, surely it is a folly to pursue such a significant outlay for such modest requirements, ie, that of flexible room size.

Traffic management is in lip service only. The girls straggle across the road in fits and starts now therefore stopping traffic flow. Buses stand with engines running, vibrating road and terraces in the Horizon complex, polluting air with carbon monoxide. Despite promises it won't happen, it does happen every day. Why don't the buses park down St Peters Lane now? If this were an application for a fast food outlet for example, it would not be allowed because of: lack of approach, parking off street, and drop off and pick up facilities. Yet the principle is the same, ie delivery and pick up.

Review Building Design. It appears to have no architectural merit, looking gaol like and only adding to the lack of consistency with current facilities, therefore other contenders should be considered.

Impact of Construction. The road struggles today with drop off and pick up, plus buses daily parking. The volume exceeds its capacity now, therefore it will be horrendous with construction vehicles vibrating the road and the building known as Forbes Terrace, creating dust, noise, working outside hours as per Water Board recently, starting early and finishing late daily.

Therefore, I implore you to retain the significant heritage listed Wilkinson House, and update with internal modifications.

Sincerely

