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Sent by email to Megan.Fu@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Fu

RE: Heritage Council comments for the University of Technology, Sydney Broadway, Environmental Impact Statement for UTS SSD 7382.

I refer to your email dated 11 May 2016 inviting the Heritage Council of NSW (Heritage Council) to comment and provide recommended conditions of consent on the above SSD.

It is understood that the SSD proposes the following:

- extension of Building 1 podium (CB01) and
- redevelopment of Building 2 (CB02) at the City Campus, Broadway Precinct (UTS Central).

Specifically these activities will involve the following components:

- Site preparation works, including demolition and clearance of existing Building 2 down to approximately ground level and associated tree removal;
- Retention and re-use for educational purposes of existing basement Level 1 and Level 2;
- Construction and use of a new podium building fronting Broadway (Building 1 extension and new Building 2);
- Construction and use of new floors above new Building 2 podium;
- Public domain improvements surrounding the site;
- Landscaping works to roof levels;
- Retention of existing vehicle access and parking arrangements; and
- Extension and augmentation of physical infrastructure / utilities as required.

The following comments and recommended conditions of consent based on review of the EIS and Annexure N (historical heritage impact statement prepared by GML Heritage).

Built Heritage

Several items are locally heritage listed relevant to the study area and immediately adjacent to this site. However the proposal does not involve physical modifications to state listed heritage items. The Statement of Heritage Impact indicates there will be some impacts to the locally listed heritage items in the vicinity of the development and as a result of the works here.

To ensure proposed impacts are appropriately mitigated to manage impact to these locally listed items during this project and in the design of the new elements proposed, it is recommended that you seek comment on the heritage impacts of the development from the City of Sydney Council.

It is recommended that if approved, SSD 7382 is subject to the following recommended conditions of consent to manage the heritage issues as outlined above. It is recommended these should cover matters such as the following:

1. Vibration monitoring, performed by a suitably qualified vibration consultant, is to be performed on all heritage items in the vicinity of the proposed works during demolition and construction. In the event that harm to heritage items is identified, vibratory activities are to cease and alternative work methods are to be implemented.
2. Significant building fabric and elements are to be protected during the works from potential damage. Protection systems must ensure historic fabric is not damaged or removed. All tradesmen and workers on site shall be made aware of the significant fabric on site.

Historical Archaeology

The original impact to CB01 and CB02 was assessed in the Archaeological Assessment prepared by GML Heritage in 2009 to support the original application as MP08_116. The current Statement of Heritage Impact also prepared by GML Heritage to support SSD 7382 refers to this earlier 2009 archaeological assessment.

The proposed modification to MP08_116 discussed in the current application indicates there may be potential for locally significant archaeological relics associated with occupation with dates to the early-mid-19th century. However more recent 20th century use of the land proposed for re-development area understood to have affected the survivability and integrity of these deposits.

It is unclear from the current application where previous testing has occurred since 2009 and where areas of archaeological potential for relics of local and potential state significance may still remain. The Heritage Council recommends that where evidence for continuing potential for local and potential state significant archaeological deposits may remain, they should be appropriately mitigated prior to harm occurring through the development proposed under SSD 7382.

The following conditions are recommended within any the project approval issued by the Department of Planning and Environment to ensure appropriate mitigation to surviving areas of historical archaeological potential:

1. Areas which have been previously identified as having historical archaeological potential for relics of local/state significance and which may be harmed by the proposed works should be archaeologically investigated and recorded prior to works commencing;
2. This work should be undertaken prior to the construction phase of works and undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced excavation director who satisfies the Heritage Council's Excavation Director criteria for open area excavation at a local level;
3. The excavation works should be guided by an excavation methodology and archaeological research design which has been prepared by the Excavation director nominated for the project. The document should be provided to the Heritage Council of NSW for review and comment prior to commencement of works; and

4. The results of any archaeological investigation and recording should be documented in a final excavation report. This document should be prepared to Heritage Council standards within 12 months of the completion of the archaeological works on site. A copy should be provided to the Department of Environment and Planning; the Heritage Council of NSW and the local Council local studies library.

Please note that these comments do not relate to Indigenous archaeology because it is understood that the project has been separately referred to relevant sections of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for specific review.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Felicity Barry, Senior Archaeologist at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at felicity.barry@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9995 6914.

Yours sincerely



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