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A copy of a plan illustrating the location of the significant trees affected by the CSELR project and a further plan focussing on Wansey Road are attached for your information. These plans will assist in highlighting concerns outlined in this letter.

Further to Council's submission, I would like to emphasise specific concerns raised in the submission, in particular the impact of the proposal on identified significant trees on Randwick Racecourse land generally and specifically those adjoining Wansey Road. Council's submission puts forward an option of distancing the light rail vehicles and catenary from the significant trees by means of locating the shared pedestrian cycle path on Wansey Road along the edge of the Randwick Racecourse land. The drawings in the PIR are illustrative in nature and do not plot the property boundary, however given the spaces involved it can be estimated that the light rail catenary will impact on the trees and require the removal of boughs and likely a large number of trees. This impact can be reduced by the minor design modification suggested by Council.

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The proposed mitigation measures contained Submissions Report are also of concern in this regard. Your attention is drawn to No.C.1 on page 8-5 which refers to recreating the lost tree canopy on Wansey Road, as if their removal is a fait accompli. The mitigation measure should focus on their protection rather than assume their removal.

The significant trees identified in the attached plans are worthy of some additional designed refinement to ensure their protection. Their landscape and environmental values are such that Council requests a clear role during the detailed design and construction phase to ensure their protection.

I am happy to meet with you to discuss this issue further and to assist in any way possible to ensure the best possible outcome for this project.

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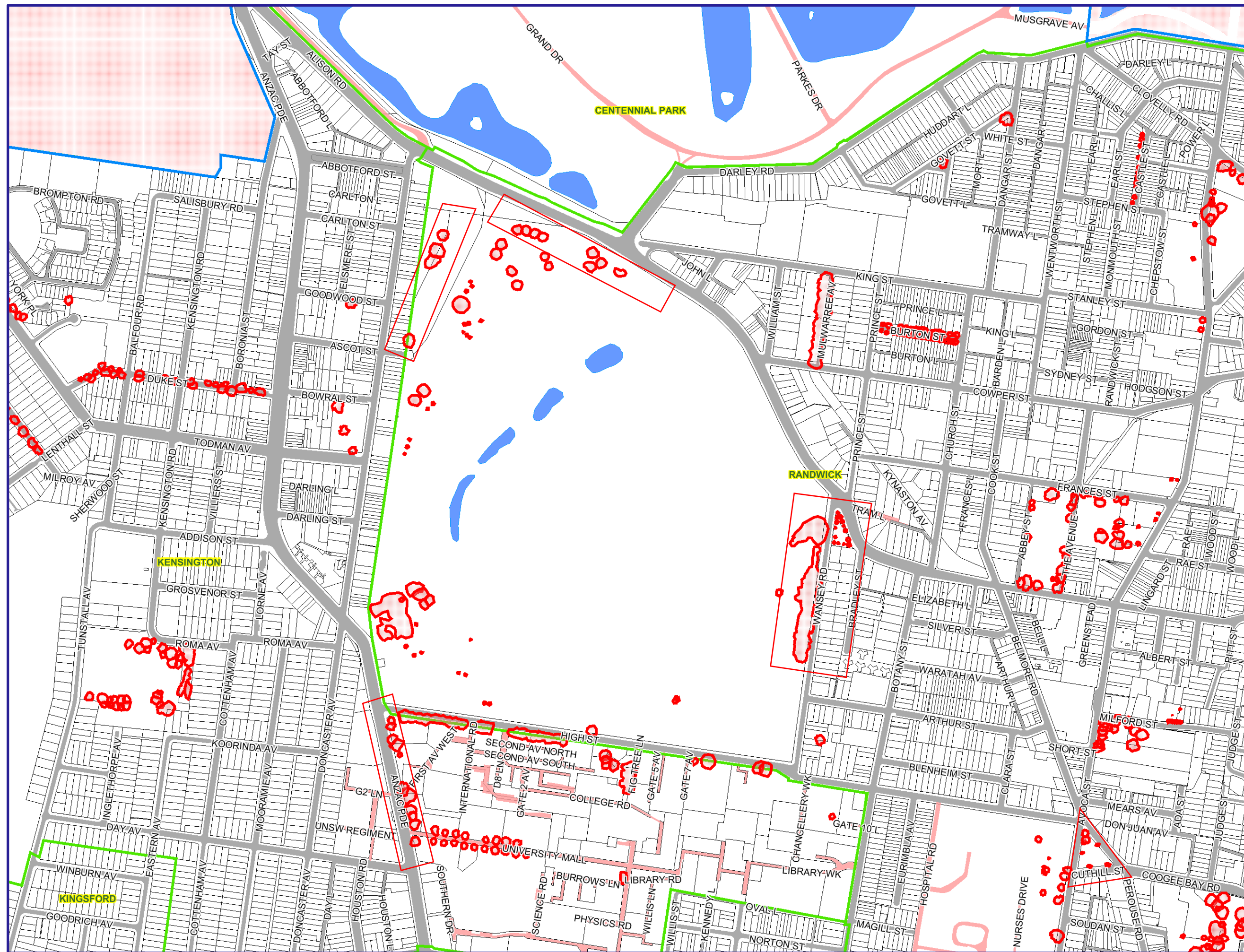
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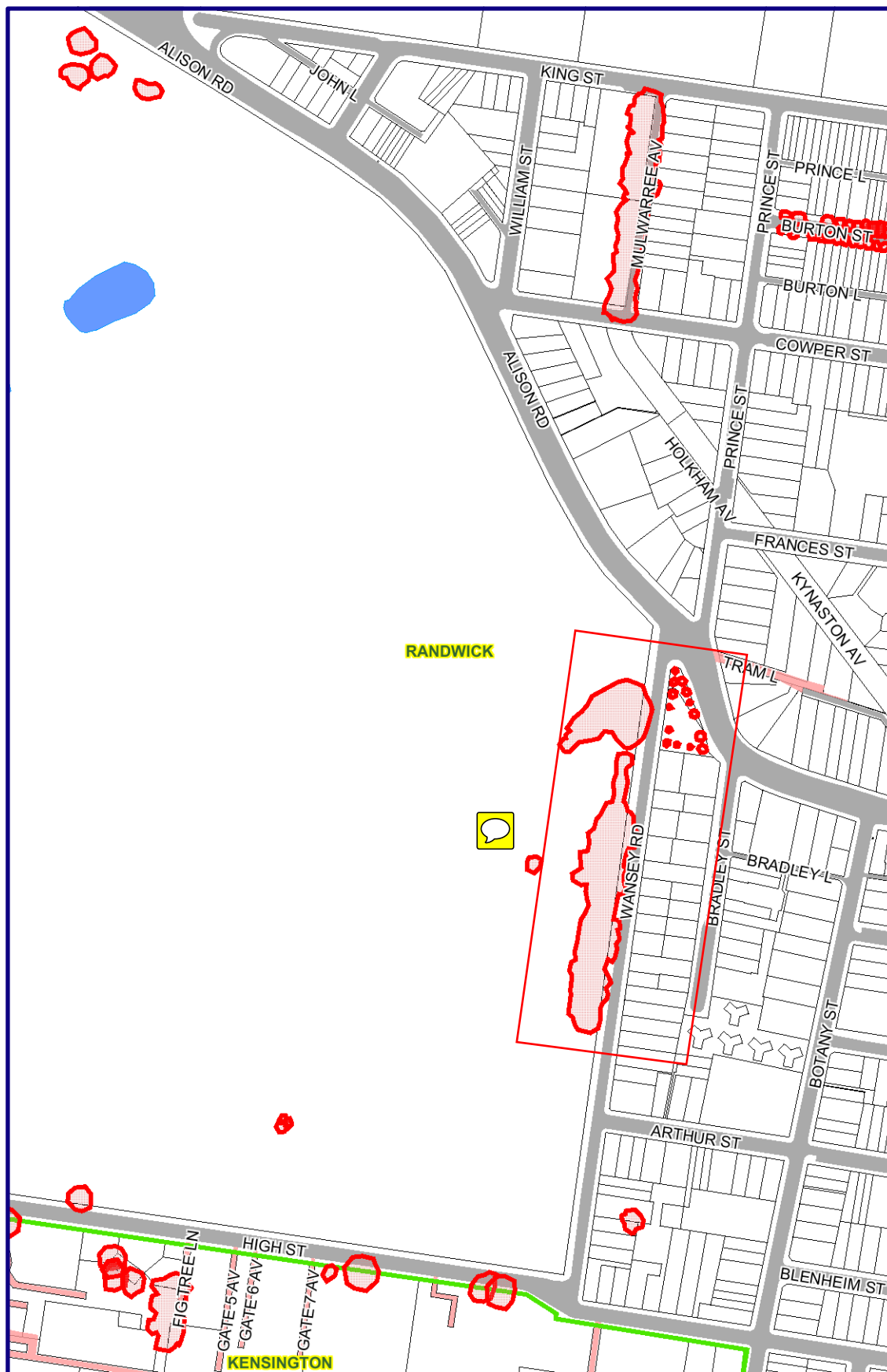
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