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Attention – Mr Marcus Jennejohn
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By email – [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Jennejohn

Willow Grove Villa and St George's Terraces, Parramatta

I write on behalf of The King's School Old Boys' Union (OBU) to object to the proposed demolition of Willow Grove Villa and St George's Terraces, both located on Phillip Street, Parramatta.

The OBU owns Harrisford House, which is located at 182 George Street, Parramatta. Harrisford was built between 1823 and 1829 and is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Parramatta. The King's School is Australia's oldest school and opened at Harrisford on 13 February 1832. The OBU purchased and restored Harrisford in 1980 and has owned the property ever since.

As an owner of a significant heritage building, the OBU is concerned to see other heritage buildings in Parramatta being removed for development. The removal of heritage buildings sets a precedent that ignores the important role of Parramatta in the development of Australia's history. The intensity and pace of development in Parramatta should not overlook the heritage of Parramatta. The OBU believes that the demolition of Willow Grove Villa and St George's Terraces removes two examples of Parramatta's early history and this is detrimental to both current and future citizens of Parramatta.

The OBU urges the NSW Government to look at other options which could incorporate Willow Grove Villa and St George's Terraces into the proposed Powerhouse Museum Development.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Michael Thomas ('97)
President
The King's School Old Boys' Union