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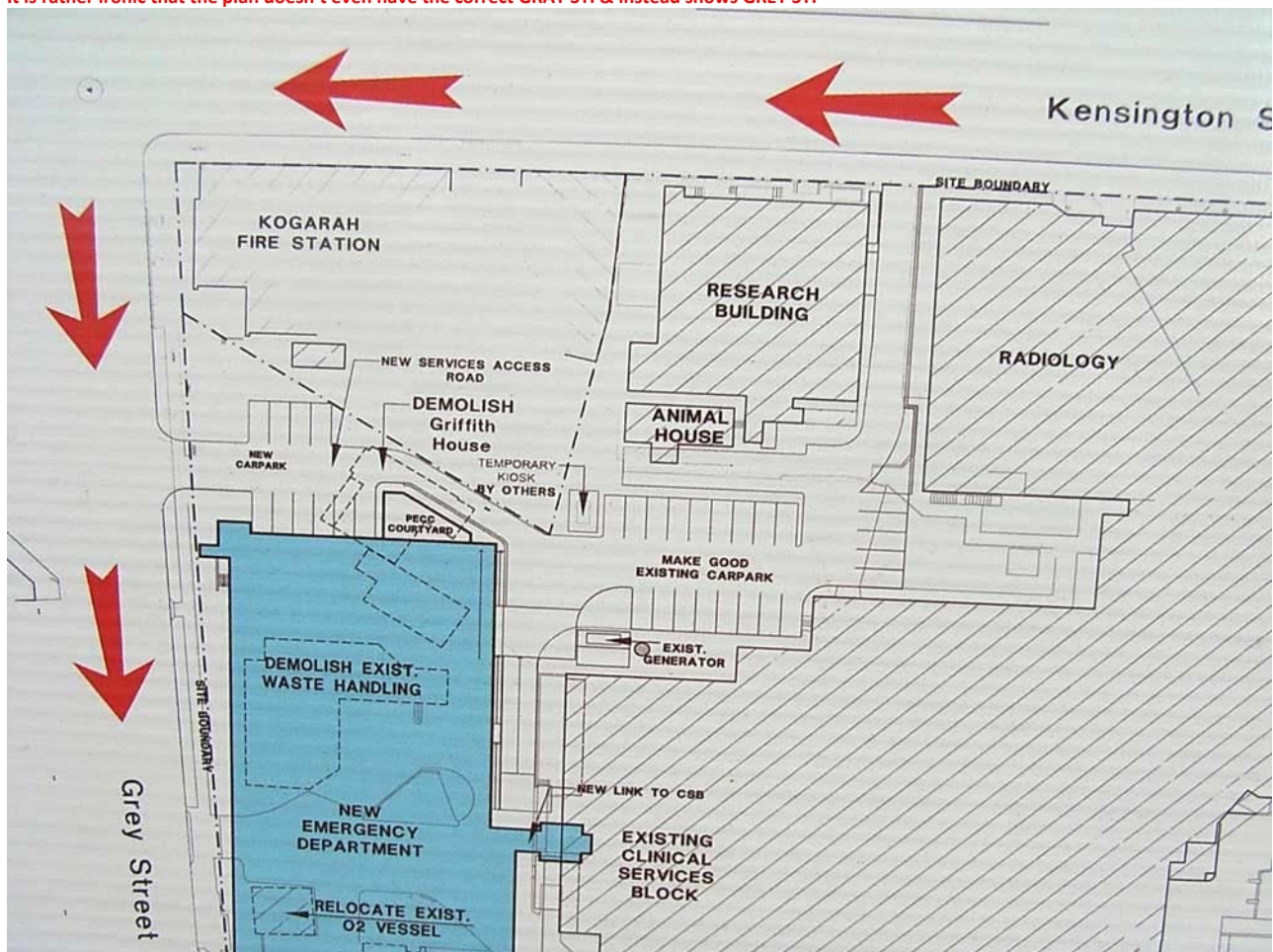
Hopefully we haven't bothered you unnecessarily but we were given your name & email as the appropriate person to send the attached to? I sincerely hope this is correct & that you are able to help save this magnificent 122 year old historic building at Kogarah.

The details are explained in the attached word document & we have attached below some photographs taken yesterday 7-10-2012.

With thanks & kind regards.

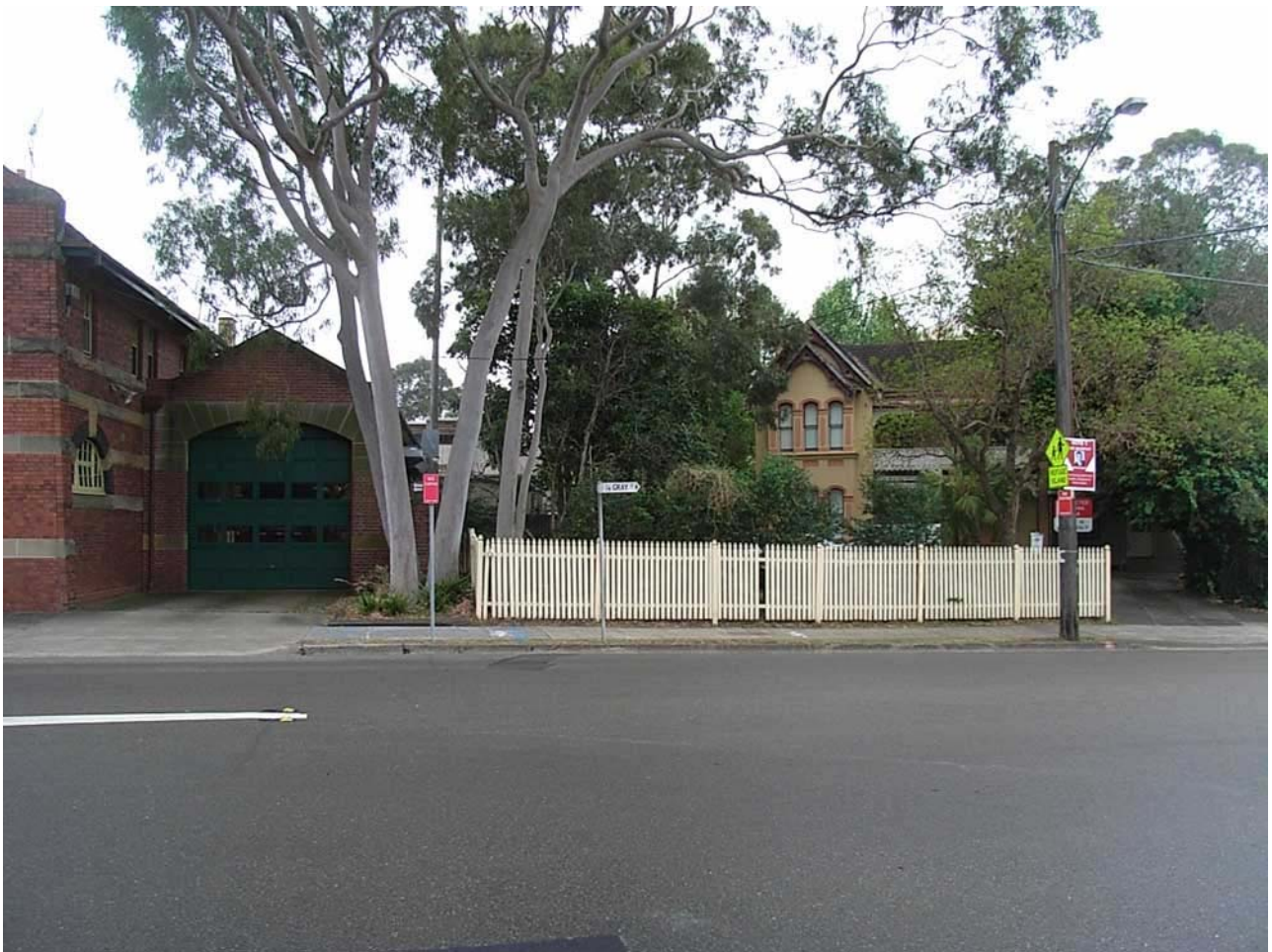
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It is rather ironic that the plan doesn't even have the correct GRAY ST. & instead shows GREY ST.









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Dear Megan,

We would like to raise our most serious concerns regarding the proposed demolition of the above property. Two weeks back when passing, we noticed a plan showing temporary alternate access due to building works at St. George Hospital. It was only then that we noticed the proposed building works in Gray Street that clearly showed the demolition of the 122 year old Griffith House!

To add insult to injury the proposed demolition makes way for around just nine (9) car parking spaces and a small garden. Only approximately 15% of the buildings floor space is actually used for the planned two story building. A small access road is also shown. It is clear that the minor gains by the demolition could easily be covered by minor amendments to the plans with little or no loss to the proposed building.

The travesty in this “development by stealth” would seem to exclude Health Services from having any obligation to consult with local authorities or residents. Had we not inadvertently seen this “plan” and raised it with others the building would have been demolished without any awareness of those most affected. It was only after I raised it that others who contacted the local paper that & it was finally publicized.

The demolition of Griffith House which is listed as “regional” significance it would appear needs no approval, yet our house which has a lower “local” significance can’t even be considered as twenty years back we unfortunately agreed to this listing. This devalues our property by around \$300,000 and we are now about to be totally surrounded by multi-story development. Our agreement for the listing was in the mistaken belief that it would protect the streetscape & thus our house. This certainly was not the case.

We call on you to intervene to force due process before any final decision on demolition of Griffith House is further considered. We were told that any submissions closed last week but I would ask that as no notification was ever forthcoming then how can there be a closing date.

Your serious consideration & assistance would be greatly appreciated! The building whilst in need of maintenance (intentional neglect) is certainly possible & the building is a major historic property which is largely original. The grounds also contain significant trees & the building compliments the adjoining fire station.

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