

27 February 2014

Ms Felicity Greenway
Manager Infrastructure Projects
Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Greenway,

**North West Rail Link, Stage 2: Windsor Road Bridge Modification
(SSI5414 MOD1)**

I refer to your correspondence dated 11 February 2014 inviting Council to comment on the abovementioned proposed modification to the North West Rail Link.

We think that the visual impact of the proposal would be better appreciated if an analysis was undertaken in the context of planned densities (bulk and scale) of development in the immediate vicinity.

In particular, concern is raised with the impact of the bridge on views from Rouse Hill House and Farm. Views from Rouse Hill House and Farm to the south-east were a key factor in the planning of the Area 20 Precinct in the North West Growth Centre.

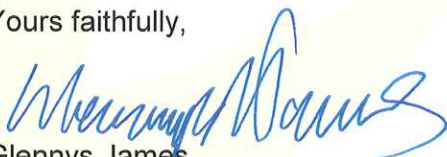
We would prefer to see a more visually appealing design, with structures that are reduced in height. We would therefore like to be part of discussions around the detailed architectural design of the bridge.

The longer bridge span may require longitudinal drainage pipes. These should also be considered when preparing the final designs in order to minimise their visual impact.

The proposed western end span of 60m is supported as it should provide sufficient space to permit a local road connection underneath and maintain access within the Area 20 Precinct. This is an important link for the south-east corner of the Precinct and needs to be maintained.

We look forward to working with you in designing a bridge to a very high architectural quality. Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Chris Shannon, Manager Strategic and Precinct Planning on 9839 6229.

Yours faithfully,



Glennys James
Director City Strategy and Development