

Pilar Aberasturi - RE: MP 09_0051 MOD 1 - S75W for Centre for Obesity, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease

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Dear Pilar,

As you know, the City met with Audrey Chee from Urbis and Richard Francis-Jones from FJMT on 6 February to discuss the above s75w application.

The amended plans have been reviewed and were discussed at the meeting.

As per our advice to the applicant at the meeting, in relation to the northern facade, the City prefers the architectural expression of the original design. The original design being the scheme the City provided comments on by letter dated 5 January.

The original design is considered to better respond to its context through its proportions, the delineation and balance of horizontal and vertical divisions, and its solid to void relationship. The amended scheme is considered to diminish the strength and originality of the original design by its (different) proportions, the reduction in the size of the openings and the reduced use of sandstone. Despite the length of the building and the solid facade, the original design successfully reduced the apparent bulk through its simplicity, the repetitiveness of the design and materials which emphasised the horizontal, and the clear break about mid-way through the facade.

Overall, the original design is considered more successful because of its uniqueness and strength. The building's setting is rare, offering uninterrupted views of the entire northern facade from the north and west, across St John's oval and even potentially from Parramatta Road. The original design is considered a more distinct response to this setting and is also considered more sympathetic to St John's College.

Regards,

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Dear Silvia,

Thank you

Regards