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Dear Ms Sedghi,

Major Project 05_0086, Major Project 08_0258, Major Project 10_0107, Major Project 10_0158 – 61 Mobbs Lane, Epping - Channel 7 Site (Epping Park)

I refer to the proposal seeking approval to modify the conditions relating to the timing of the installation of the traffic signals within the above four (4) Major Project Approvals.

Please be advised that Council considered this proposed modification at its recent council meeting and resolved to strongly oppose any modification that will delay the construction of these traffic signals.

Traffic and Parking

The application to modify the conditions relating to the timing of the traffic signals includes a report by GTA in support of the application. The report states that the site is currently occupied by 148 dwellings, provides information on the number of 1, 2, 3, 3+ bedroom apartments and states that the site includes 24 one-bedroom apartments. However, the suggested modification does not indicate what the mix of 1, 2, 3, and 3+ bedroom for future apartments would be. This mix will have a significant effect on traffic generation.

The report also states that the site is occupied by 148 apartments, but it does not say how many of these apartments are occupied by residents and how many are vacant. Furthermore, for the apartments that are occupied, the tenants may change in future, which could affect the measured traffic generation.

The report does not indicate the date, or the day of the week, or the hours. This is important because if the counts were done on a Friday or Monday, then they would

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be lower than a mid-week count. If they only did a count for 8am to 9am in the morning, they may miss the actual peak, which may be 7.30am to 8.30 am, for example. The report also repeatedly makes use of the afternoon peak period when the morning peak period has the higher traffic generation.

There is currently a significant amount of traffic generated by construction workers related to this site. Much of this parking occurs in Edenlee Street and Valley Road. The traffic counts undertaken for the report did not include this traffic. Time restricted parking has been installed on public streets within the development site without advising Council or obtaining through the Local Traffic Committee process. It is assumed that these restrictions are intended to relocate parking by construction workers to adjacent residential streets. Council is pursuing this matter further.

The report goes into excessive detail regarding the safety implications of deferring the installation of the traffic signals. It is considered a straightforward matter that deferring the traffic signals would have an adverse effect on safety.

Voluntary Planning Agreement

The works relating to the traffic signals and timing of the installation of the traffic signals are identified in the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) which was signed and dated 16 March 2011. The VPA was required under Condition B5 of the approval for the Concept Plan (MP05_0086).

Item 4 of Schedule 1 (Development Contributions) requires signalisation and associated road works at the intersection of Marsden Road /Mobbs Lane where:

- an Occupation Certificate has been issued for a child care centre within the development, prior to the issuing of an Occupation Certificate for the 150th dwelling in the development.
- an Occupation Certificate has not been issued for a child care centre within the development, prior to the issuing of an Occupation certificate for the 225th dwelling in the development.

The traffic signals are a key deliverable under the planning agreement and any modifications to the conditions in MP05_0086, MP08_0258, MP10_0107 and MP10_0158 to delay the installation of the Traffic Signals would result in inconsistencies with Schedule 1 of the VPA.

The VPA was the subject of public exhibition and is registered to the property title. Any modification to this VPA would require Council's acquiescence to this request as well as re-exhibition and consideration of any public submissions received. Council does not agree to this change.

Council does not support the proposed changes and strongly encourages the applicant to adhere to the VPA agreed to in 2011 and install the traffic lights on the

corner of Mobbs Lane and Marsden Road, Carlingford prior to the issue of Occupation Certificate of the 225th dwelling.

Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above application and looks forward to further consultation on this matter.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above matters, please contact Council's Development Assessment Officer, Ashleigh Matta on 9806 5637.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer