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**Attention: Mr Gotsis**

Dear Sir

**SSD 23330227 – Upgrades to John Palmer Public School - 85 The Ponds Boulevard, The Ponds**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 October 2021 requesting our advice on the above matter.

We have reviewed the proposal and we object to it until our issues listed in the attachment to this letter have all been addressed.

We request that the information responding to these issues be referred back to us for consideration and the nomination of conditions, before any final determination of this application is made by the Department.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Judith Portelli, our Manager Development Assessment, on 9839 6228.

Yours faithfully

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Director City Planning and Development

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# Blacktown Council's submission to SSD 23330227 – Upgrades to John Palmer Public School

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## 1. Recreation Planning and Design issues

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- a. The Environmental Impact Statement on page 53 notes that there are no proposed changes to community use of the school facilities. There are opportunities to increase community use and access to the school facilities as outlined in the Schools Infrastructure NSW Share our Space program.
- Is John Palmer Public School currently on the list for the Share our Space program? If not, why not?
  - The upgrade for the school must not present a barrier to John Palmer Public School being considered and included in the Share our Space list for the future.
- b. Figure 44 of page 53 shows the area of the school dedicated to wider community use. Is there any reason that the sports field has not been included? There are potential activation opportunities that can take place through the Share our Space program on the field as well as the sports court.

More information is to be provided to Council to respond to these issues.

## 2. Building comments

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- a. The Access Report prepared by Philip Chun Accessibility references Glenwood High School. An Access Report specifically for this proposed development is required to be submitted to Council for comment.

## 3. Traffic issues

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- a. **Parking Provision:** The car park provision will cover only 60% of staff car parking needs whereas it is reported that 99% staff use private vehicle as their mode of travel. This travel pattern by the staff is not expected to change in the near future and can still be a cause of concern to Council as 40% staff will park on surrounding streets. Parking provision will not comply with Blacktown Development Control Plan 2015. While this is addressed in the Traffic Report these concerns are not addressed satisfactorily. This significant shortfall in onsite parking will impact on the amenity of surrounding residential area.
- b. **Splay:** A pedestrian safety issue has been identified due to not having splay at the north-east boundary of the school with The Ponds Shopping Centre vehicular access along The Ponds Boulevard. It is necessary that a splay be provided by removing a few panels of the fence and landscaping to improve the line of sight for pedestrians at The Ponds Shopping Centre vehicular access. This will need to be reflected on an amended plan.

- c. **On-road parking:** On-road parking demand by parents and staff will increase as a result of the upgrade. It is to be noted that with the introduction of a new wombat crossing on Jetty St there will some loss of on-street parking in the vicinity of the school. A development cannot solely rely on on-street parking as the on-street parking can be changed with time and demand of the surrounding land uses. While this is addressed in the Traffic Report these concerns are not addressed satisfactorily. These upgrades will see a greater dependence on on-street parking which will result in complaints from surrounding residents to Council.