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Dear Marcus

Notice of Exhibition of application for Powerhouse Parramatta – SSD 10416

Thank you for your referral (9 June 2020) inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal. I apologise for the delay in response and note that this referral was issued prior to the Government's updated position on Powerhouse relocation matters tabled on 4 July 2020.

The following documents were considered in our assessment:

- *Powerhouse Parramatta Environmental Impact Statement*, Ethos Urban, 2 June 2020;
- *Powerhouse Parramatta, Appendix B Architectural Plans and Design Report*, Moreau Kusunoki with Genton, 1 April 2020;
- *Powerhouse Parramatta, Appendix C Landscape Architectural Plans and Design Report*, McGregor Coxall, 20 May 2020;
- *Powerhouse Parramatta, Appendix G Statement of Heritage Impact*, Advisian, 27 April 2020;
- *Powerhouse Parramatta, Appendix I Archaeological Research Design*, Curio Projects, 23 April 2020;
- *Powerhouse Parramatta, Appendix V Visual and View Impact Assessment*, Ethos Urban, 2 May 2020;

In relation to the broader setting and site values, the Heritage Council notes that a connection ramp from the State Heritage Register-listed Lennox Bridge will potentially be part of the scoped works. Further details should be provided to enable assessment of potential impacts the works may have to this key heritage item and to ensure the appropriate integration within the setting is achieved.

It is noted that the proposed works also include the demolition of the art deco substation No. 16 (42 Phillip Street). The Statement of Heritage Impact identifies existing buildings on the site however it is unclear what consideration was given to this building being of potential heritage significance. Further detail should be provided.

The Heritage Council notes its previous submission at SEAR's regarding the properties' Willow Grove and St George's Terrace and their status as local heritage items appropriately managed within the controls of the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2011.

Historical Archaeology

The following comments are informed by the report *Powerhouse Parramatta, Appendix I Archaeological Research Design*, Curio Projects, 23 April 2020.

The proposed development site includes three Archaeological Management Units (AMU) of the PHALMS archaeological study: AMU 2882 - 42-56 Phillip Street, Parramatta; AMU 3083 - Church Street, Parramatta, and AMU 3092 - Church Street, Parramatta. Along the southern and eastern boundaries of the site, Colonial occupation occurred from 1804 with potential archaeology of State significance. The center of the site and its northern and western boundaries had less historic occupation.

Curio Projects has assessed the development to require physical impacts to areas containing potential archaeology of both State and Local heritage significance. These include excavations for the support columns, service corridors and mature tree plantings. We note the statement by Curio Projects that if possible, elements of the construction should be redesigned to avoid impacts on archaeology. The Heritage Council supports this general approach.

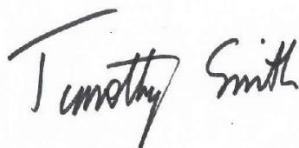
If avoidance is not possible, then Curio Projects has recommended a program of archaeological investigation and recording as a mitigation. That archaeological program would commence with test trenching to investigate the level of survival of the potential archaeology. Open area 'salvage' excavation may then be required based on the results of the testing phase.

The Heritage Council agrees that salvage excavation would most likely be required if significant archaeology would otherwise be removed through construction. The Curio report provided a list of preliminary archaeological research questions. Whilst those would be sufficient to support archaeological testing, it is recommended that should salvage archaeology be required then more detailed and comprehensive Archaeological Research Design (ARD) questions should be prepared ahead of that phase.

The development location is likely to contain sites and objects of importance to the heritage of established Aboriginal occupation of the River valley through the Parramatta Sand Sheet interface. Appropriate assessment and controls for ACH values should be required under the *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974*.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact me on 0419 648 933 or at tim.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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