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Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
School Infrastructure Assessments
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Attention: Brett Devine

**SEARS REQUEST – ALESCO SENIOR COLLEGE, 29 CHAPMAN STREET CHARLESTOWN
SSD 10478**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) advises that legislation to dissolve Roads and Maritime Services and transfer its assets, rights and liabilities to TfNSW came into effect on 1 December 2019. It is intended that the new structure will enable TfNSW to deliver more integrated transport services across modes and better outcomes to customers and communities across NSW.

For convenience, correspondence, advice or submissions made to or by Roads and Maritime Services prior to its dissolution, are referred to in this letter as having been made to or by 'TfNSW'.

On 03 July 2020 TfNSW accepted the referral by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) through the Major Projects Planning Portal regarding the abovementioned application. DPIE referred the application to TfNSW for comment.

TfNSW's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

TfNSW have reviewed Environmental Impact Assessment prepared by AvidPM and dated 16 September 2020. It is understood that the proposal be for the change of use of the existing church to an educational facility to accommodate approximately 60 secondary school students and 5 staff.

TfNSW Comments

The Transport Impact Assessment provides a framework for a Green Travel Plan, along with elements of a Travel Access Guide. These tools will help Alesco College to better manage

demand on the transport network. The Green Travel Plan requires additional information in order to meet the SEARS. The recommendations below are provided to encourage the use of sustainable transport to the site, which will help reduce the use of single vehicle trips.

TfNSW Recommendation

It is requested that prior to the issue of the first Occupation Certificate, the applicant be conditioned to prepare a Green Travel Plan in consultation with TfNSW for the proposed development which must be approved by the Consent Authority.

Additionally, the Traffic Impact Assessment provided as part of the EIS does not address TfNSW policies for integrating transport with land use regarding off-street bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for students and visitors, only staff. To encourage student and visitor mode shift to cycling, TfNSW recommends additional bicycle parking spaces should be installed and end of trip facilities provided. It is recommended that the travel plan is updated to include:

- A mode share commitment with emphasis towards high use of sustainable transport modes/ choices
- The appointment of a Travel Co-ordinator responsible for the implementation, evaluation and revision of the travel plan
- Assessment of existing sustainable transport opportunities such as walking/ cycle routes and public transport options
- Provide details on any increase in numbers of staff and students in relation to current employment and enrolment rates
- Conduct a survey of students within walking and cycling distance to school e.g. within the reasonable walking and cycling catchments
- Promote the SSTS scheme and encourage eligible students to sign up and use public transport
- Provide details of school operational hours, including extra-curricular activities
- Include details of end of trip facilities including location, number of bike parking spaces, storage facilities and e-charging stations;
- Identify targeted behaviour change strategies for staff, students and parents that respond to barriers to their making sustainable transport trips;
- Include details and samples of Travel Surveys, as well as proposed monitoring and evaluation; and
- Provide details of the proposed Travel Access Guide for students, staff and parents.

On determination of this matter, please forward a copy to TfNSW for record and / or action purposes. Should you require further information please contact Kate Leonard, Development Assessment Officer, on 0428 260 461 or by emailing development.hunter@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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