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Dear Mr Roberts

RE: Response to modification to amend the approved landscape masterplan and signage strategy for the Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh (SSD 7317 MOD 12)

I refer to your email of 23 July 2017 inviting the Heritage Council to provide comments on the Modification for the above development consent.

The modification seeks to make amendments to previously approved SSD 7317. These works occur within the broader Eveleigh Railway Workshops site, which is listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR No. 01140).

Modifications include the following amendments.

- Changes to the approved landscape masterplan
- Approval for the proposed Public Domain Signage and External Signage Strategy •

Based on a review of the documentation provided, we make the following comments and recommendations.

Amendment to approved Landscape Masterplan

Indigenous Garden

The inclusion of the additional parcel of land proposed to be converted into an Indigenous Garden is generally supported. We understand the detailed design for this area will be developed as part of the Stage 2 Heritage Interpretation Plan. It is recommended that this is undertaken in consultation with the Heritage Council.

Wellness Precinct

It is understood that a Wellness Precinct, which includes a junior scooter park, is proposed adjacent to the existing sports courts along the south-east boundary of ATP. Whilst the proposed location, on the edge of the site and a clear distance from the Locomotive Workshops, is considered supportable, it is unclear what level of excavation will take place, and what the potential impact to any archaeological relics will be. It is therefore recommended that the following condition be provided:

The applicant must ensure that if unexpected archaeological deposits or relics not identified and considered in the supporting documents for this approval are discovered,

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work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

In addition, it is noted that interpretation elements are being developed as part of the Stage 2 Heritage Interpretation Plan. It is recommended that this is undertaken in consultation with the Heritage Council.

Eveleigh Green

The proposed change to the brick pathway around the oval is supported as it is required to avoid impacting on tree roots of the existing trees.

Feature Lighting

It is understood the detailed design of the landscape feature lighting is currently being developed. Concept designs provided indicate discrete integration of lighting within handrails, landscape walls and seating, and are generally supported. It is recommended that feature lighting also be investigated for moveable heritage items. This should be developed as part of the Stage 2 Interpretation Plan and provided to the Heritage Council for comment.

Public Domain Signage and External Signage Strategy

We are generally supportive of the provided Signage Strategy. It is noted that the proposed signage performs both identification and wayfinding signage functions. In addition, many of the signs incorporate interpretation as part of the design. It is recommended that the final interpretative design of the signage be provided to the Heritage Council for comment.

It is understood the proposed signage utilises the City of Sydney wayfinding system in an attempt to integrate the ATP precinct into the wider City of Sydney (CoS) area. Whilst this is considered reasonable, it should also be noted that ATP is part of the State Heritage Register (SHR) listed Eveleigh Railway Workshops site. It is therefore recommended that a defining design element be incorporated into the signage which situates the ATP site within the broader SHR curtilage, and which speaks to the industrial heritage of the site. This should be separate to the interpretive elements of the signs.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact David Nix, Senior Heritage Officer, Major Projects at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, on (02) 9895 6523 or at david.nix@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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