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Dear Gavin,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL HOUSING – 15-17 CECILY STREET, BELFIELD AND 97-99 PUNCHBOWL ROAD, BELFIELD

Thank you for notifying Council of the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) proposals at 15-17 Cecily Street, Belfield and 97-99 Punchbowl Road, Belfield.

Council has reviewed the documentation submitted and provides the following comments for the LAHC'S consideration:

15-17 Cecily Street

- Tree removal – Council's Arborist has reviewed the submitted Arborist report and raised no concerns in relation to the proposed street tree removal. We encourage LAHC to refer to Council's tree planting web page for a list of trees preferred by Council if LAHC are proposing a replacement street tree.
<https://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/live/trees/selecting-and-planting-trees/>

Included as an attachment to this letter are a number of standard Strathfield Council conditions of consent that LAHC may want to consider in preparing the Identified Requirements. Relevant conditions relating to tree removal, compliance with the submitted arborist report and tree pruning are among these conditions.

- It is noted that the proposed vehicle crossing is consistent with Council's driveway crossing width standards, being 3m. The attachment to this letter includes a number of conditions relating to driveway crossovers for LAHC'S reference.
- It is noted that the southern setback is approximately 3m to the building façade line, which is considered adequate. However, the courtyard areas for Units 3, 4, 7 and 8 are close to the side boundary and typically Council encourages such areas to be at the rear. Noting the site constraints, Council encourages LAHC to introduce landscaping embellishments that will create a visual buffer for the southern neighbor to these spaces. The imagined outcome is similar to the outcome proposed for the eastern boundary at 97-99 Punchbowl Road, with feature trees and dense planting.

97-99 Punchbowl Road

- Council has no comments regarding the development at 97-99 Punchbowl Road. Please refer to the attached standard conditions of consent as a reference in preparing the Identified Requirements.

If you require any clarification on the above questions or the attached standard conditions of consent, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

JOE GILLIES
SENIOR PLANNER

Section 138 Roads Act 1993 and Section 68 Local Government Act 1993

Unless otherwise specified by a condition of this consent, this Development Consent does not give any approval to undertake works on public infrastructure.

Separate approval is required under Section 138 of the [Roads Act 1993](#) and/or Section 68 of the [Local Government Act 1993](#) for any of the following activities carried out in, on or over a public road (including the footpath) listed below.

An application is required to be lodged and approved prior to the commencement of any of the following works or activities;

- (a) Placing or storing materials or equipment;
- (b) Placing or storing waste containers or skip bins;
- (c) Erecting a structure or carrying out work
- (d) Swinging or hoisting goods over any part of a public road by means of a lift, crane or the like;
- (e) Pumping concrete from a public road;
- (f) Pumping water from the site into the public road;
- (g) Constructing a vehicular crossing or footpath;
- (h) Establishing a "works zone";
- (i) Digging up or disturbing the surface of a public road (e.g. Opening the road for the purpose of connections to utility providers);
- (j) Stormwater & ancillary works in the road reserve; and
- (k) Stormwater & ancillary to public infrastructure on private land
- (l) If any excavation is to be supported by the use of below ground (cable) anchors that are constructed under Council's roadways/footways.

These separate activity approvals must be obtained and evidence of the approval provided to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

The relevant Application Forms for these activities can be downloaded from Council's website www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au. For further information, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 9748 9999.

Vehicular Crossing - Minor Development

Constructing a vehicular crossing and/or footpath requires a separate approval under Section 138 of the [Roads Act 1993](#) prior to the commencement of those works.

To apply for approval, complete the *Works Permit Application Form* which can be downloaded from Strathfield Council's Website at www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au. Lodge the application form, together with the associated fees at Council's Customer Service Centre, during business hours. Refer to Civic & Urban Services Section in Council's adopted *Fees and Charges* for the administrative and inspection charges associated with *Works Permit* applications.

An approval for a new or modified vehicular crossing will contain the approved access and/or alignment levels which will be required to construct the crossing and/or footpath.

Once approved, all work shall be carried out in accordance with Council's specifications applicable at the time, prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate.

Road Opening Permit

A Road Opening Permit must be obtained from Council, in the case of local or regional roads, or from TfNSW, in the case of State roads, for every opening of a public road reserve to access services including sewer, stormwater drains, water mains, gas mains, and telecommunications before the commencement of work in the road.

Damage Deposit – Minor Works (CC8008)

In order to insure against damage to Council property the following is required:

- (a) Pay Council, before the issue of the Construction Certificate, a damage security deposit for the cost of making good any damage caused to any Council property as a result of the development: \$(Refer Fees and Charges).
- (b) Pay Council, before the issue of the Construction Certificate, a non-refundable administration fee to enable assessment of any damage and repairs where required: \$(Refer Fees and Charges)
- (c) Submit to Council, before the commencement of work, a photographic record of the condition of the Council nature strip, footpath and driveway crossing, or any area likely to be affected by the proposal.

At the completion of work Council will inspect the public works, and the damage deposit will be refunded in full upon completion of work where no damage occurs. Otherwise the amount will be either forfeited or partly refunded according to the amount of damage.

Tree Bond

A tree bond of \$(Refer Fees and Charges) shall be paid to Council, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

The deposit is required as security against any damage to existing trees to be retained on Council's road reserve, during works on the site. The applicant must bear the cost of all restoration works to Council's property damaged during the course of this development.

Payment may be accepted in the form of cash, bank guarantee, cheque or credit card (financial transactions fees apply). Note: Additional fees apply for the lodgement of a bank guarantee in lieu of cash bond applies in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges.

A request for refund of the Tree Bond must be made in writing.

Tree Bonds may be forfeited if a tree is dead, made dangerous or has been terminally damaged, or will be held until tree/s have fully recovered from the construction damage or were replacement/planted trees have become fully established and are over 6 metres in height.

Tree Removal/Pruning Prohibited

This consent does not approve the removal or pruning (branches or roots) of any trees on the subject property, Council's public footway, public reserves or on neighbouring properties.

Compliance with Submitted Arborist Report

The recommendations outlined in the Arborist's Report titled [INSERT] prepared by [INSERT] dated [INSERT] must be implemented throughout the relevant stages of construction. Details of tree protection measures to be implemented must be detailed and lodged with the Construction Certificate application for approval and shall be in accordance with Section 4 - *Australian Standard AS 4970-2009: Protection of trees on development sites*.

The tree/s to be protected are listed in the table below.

Tree No.	Tree Species	Location of Tree	Tree Protection Zone (metres)
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Tree Protection and Retention

The following trees shall be retained and protected:

Tree No.	Tree Species	Location of Tree	Tree Protection Zone (metres)
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Details of the trees to be retained must be included on the Construction Certificate plans.

General Tree Protection Measures

- All trees to be retained shall be protected and maintained during demolition, excavation and construction of the site.
- The tree protection measures must be undertaken in accordance *AS4970 -2009 Protection of trees on development sites*.
- Details of the tree protection measures to be implemented must be provided with the application for a Construction Certificate by a suitably qualified Arborist (AQF Level 5 or above in Arboriculture).
- The Arborist must be present on-site during the stages of construction when works are being undertaken that could impact on the tree canopy or root zone within the tree protection zone to implement the tree protection measures as required.
- Unless otherwise specified in AS 4970-2009, a protective fence consisting of 1.8 metres high, fully supported chainmesh fence shall be erected around the base of the tree. The distance of the fence from the base of each tree is to be in accordance with the TPZ listed in the table above. A layer of organic mulch 100 millimetres thick shall be placed over the protected area and no soil or fill should be placed within the protection area.
- No services shall be installed within the TPZ of the tree unless approved by Council. This fence shall be kept in place during demolition, construction and also have a sign displaying 'Tree Protection Zone' attached to the fence and must also include the name and contact details of the Project Arborist.

Specific Street Tree Protection Measures

- A sound protection barrier anchored firmly into the ground 1.8m in height x 2 metres clear of the base of the tree at any one point and that the fence is to extend up to the back of the kerb and to the edge of the footpath.

Excavation works near tree to be retained

- (h) Excavations around the trees to be retained on site or the adjoining properties shall be supervised by the Project Arborist to ensure that the root system will not adversely be affected.
- (i) Where the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) of trees on site or adjoining sites become compromised by any excavation works, the Project arborist shall be consulted to establish the position of any major roots and determine the necessary measures to protect these roots. The recommendations of the Arborist shall be submitted to Council prior to any further demolition or construction works taking place.
- (j) Tree Protection Zone around the trees to be retained are not to have soil level changes or services installed in this area. Any structures proposed to be built in this area of the trees are to utilise pier and beam or cantilevered slab construction.

Details satisfying this condition shall be shown on the Construction Certificate plans.

Pier and Beams

To preserve the [INSERT TREE] as marked on [INSERT NAME OF PLAN] prepared by [INSERT] dated [INSERT], the footings of the proposed [INSERT STRUCTURE] shall be isolated pier and beam construction within a [INSERT] metre radius of the trunk. The piers shall be hand dug and located such that no roots of a diameter greater than 50mm are severed or injured in the process of any site works during the construction period. The beam shall be located on or above the existing soil levels.

Details of this construction method shall be shown on the Construction Certificate plans.

Tree Pruning

Approval is given for the following works to be undertaken to trees on the site:

Tree No.	Tree Species	Location of Tree	Approved Works
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Branches up to 30mm in diameter, and no more than 10% of the entire crown is to be pruned as part of this approval. The pruning shall not give the crown an unbalanced appearance. All pruning work must be undertaken by a minimum level 2 (AQF 3) qualified Arborist who is currently a member or eligible for membership to Arboriculture Australia (AA) or the Tree Contractors Association Australia (TCAA), in accordance with AS4373—Pruning of Amenity Trees.

Tree Removal & Replacement

Tree removal

Permission is granted for the removal of the following trees:

Tree No.	Tree species	Number of trees	Location
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General Tree Removal Requirements

All tree removal shall be carried out by a certified Tree Surgeon/Arborist to ensure that removal is undertaken in a safe manner and complies with the AS 4373-2007 - Pruning of Amenity Trees and Amenity Tree Industry Code of Practice (Safework NSW, August 1998).

Tree Replacement

All trees permitted to be removed by this consent shall be replaced [2 trees for each tree removed] by species selected from Council's Recommended Tree List and must have a minimum mature height of 10 metres.

Replacement trees shall be a minimum 50 litre container size. Trees are to conform to the NATSPEC guide and Guide for assessing the quality of and purchasing of landscape trees by Ross Clarke, 2003. Trees are to be true to type, healthy and vigorous at time of delivery and planting, shall be pest and disease free, free from injury and wounds and self-supporting; and shall be maintained until maturity.

All trees are to be staked and tied with a minimum of three (3) hardwood stakes. Ties are to be hessian and fixed firmly to the stakes, one tie at half the height of the main stem, others as necessary to stabilise the plant.

Root deflection barriers having a minimum depth of 600mm are to be installed adjacent to all footpaths and driveways.

Soil conditioner/fertilizer/moisture retention additive/s are to be applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, and mixed into the backfilling soil after planting tree/s.

A minimum 75mm depth of organic mulch shall be placed within an area 0.5m from the base of the tree.

Details demonstrating compliance shall be demonstrated to the Principal Certifying Authority, prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Obstruction of Road or Footpath

The use of the road or footpath for the storage of any building materials, waste materials, temporary toilets, waste or skip bins, or any other matter is not permitted unless separately approved by Council under Section 138 of the [Roads Act 1993](#) and/or under Section 68 of the [Local Government Act 1993](#). Penalty infringement Notices may be issued for any offences and severe penalties apply.

Excavation Works Near Tree to be Retained

Excavation around the tree/s to be retained on site or the adjoining properties shall be supervised by the Project Arborist to ensure that the root system will not be adversely affected.

Where the Tree Protection Zone of trees on site or adjoining sites become compromised by any excavation works, the Project Arborist shall be consulted to establish the position of any major roots and determine the necessary measures to protect these roots. The

recommendations of the Arborist shall be submitted to Council prior to any further demolition or construction works taking place.

Vehicular Crossing - Minor Development

The vehicular crossing and/or footpath works shall be constructed by a private contractor at the expense of the applicant, in accordance with the Works Permit Approval issued by Council's Civic & Urban Services and in accordance with Council's Driveway Specifications.

Any existing vehicular crossing and/or laybacks which are redundant must be removed. The kerb and gutter, any other footpath and turf areas shall be restored at the expense of the applicant and in accordance with Council's Driveway Specifications.

The work must be completed before the issue of an Occupation Certificate.