

5 December 2022

Mr Steve Rubie
 Director
 Digital Place Solutions

Dear Mr Rubie,

Re: Heritage impact of signage proposed for M2 on Windsor Road Overpass

The Area

The Windsor Road overpass of the M2 is located adjacent on the south to a listed heritage item on the Parramatta LEP – the former Baulkham Hills Public School. To the north lies the heritage listed Windsor Road on The Hills LEP. The M2 corridor is not heritage listed. The M2 in this area runs between high sound barriers, protecting residential and commercial development.

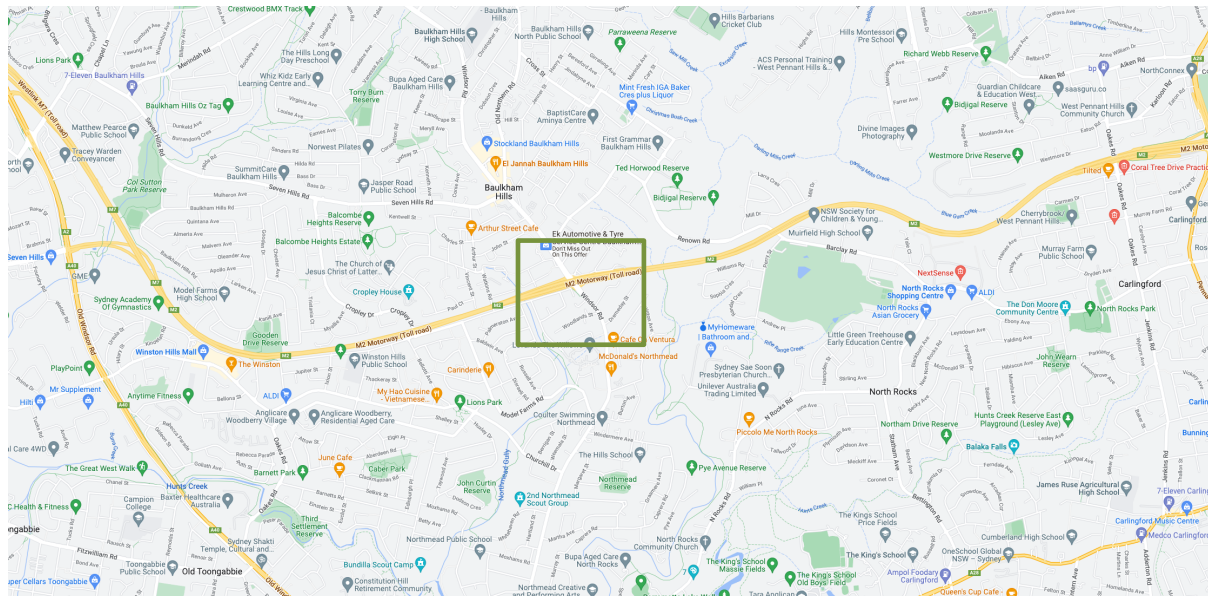


Figure 1: The Windsor Road M2 overpass on the M2. The sign will address east bound traffic. [Google Maps]

The Site

The signage is proposed to be attached to the overpass addressing east bound traffic. It will not be visible from the nearby heritage items, Windsor Road on the north or the former Baulkham Hills School or the farmhouse on the south. Nor will it impede views to these items, being well below site lines to these items.



Figure 2: The Windsor Road M2 overpass and environs is located within a commercial and residential area, views to and from the M2 are screened by barriers. [Six Maps]

Heritage Status

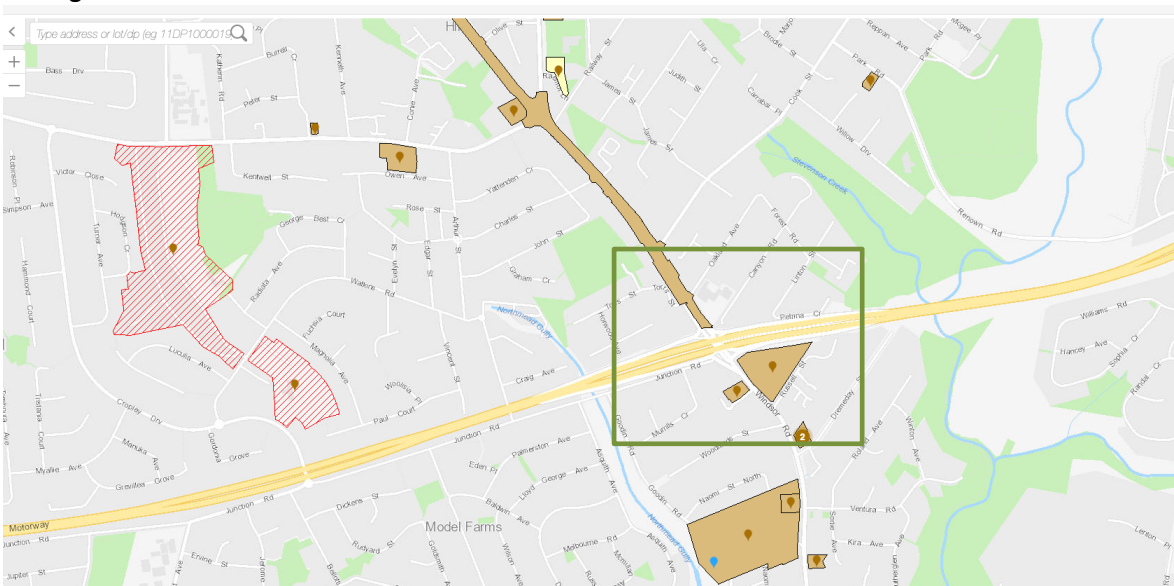


Figure 3: This extract from the NSW Heritage Inventory shows that the site is not heritage listed.
[\[https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/App/Item/SearchHeritageItems?_ga=2.165972984.714120821.1658117920-344545924.1656901875\]](https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/App/Item/SearchHeritageItems?_ga=2.165972984.714120821.1658117920-344545924.1656901875)

Nearby Heritage Items

There are three items of local significance in the immediate area:

The former Baulkham Hills Public School, No. I29 on The Parramatta LEP located to the immediate south of the M2 corridor [<https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/App/Item/ViewItem?itemId=1090076>]

Farmhouse Cottage, No. I646 on The Parramatta LEP located to the immediate south of the M2 corridor. [https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/App/Item/SearchHeritageItems?_ga=2.165972984.714120821.1658117920-344545924.1656901875]

Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill No. I28 on The Hills LEP located to the immediate north of the M2 corridor [<https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/App/Item/ViewItem?itemId=1090232>]

No site will be impacted by the sign as it is directed away from the items and neither the sign or associated lighting will be visible from the items.

Approach on the M2 to Windsor Road Overpass from the West

The M2 motorway east bound through Baulkham Hill Beecroft (northern side) and Northmead (southern side) is fringed by sound barriers and for the most part is cut into the topography. **Figures 4 – 7.**



Figure 4: View east from M2 near Cropley Drive Overpass.



Figure 5: View east toward Vincent Street overpass, showing the depth of the road cutting.



Figure 6: View east toward Windsor Road turn off overpass.



Figure 7: The sign will be attached to the overpass. There can be no impact of heritage items in the vicinity due to barriers.

Site Photos



Figure 8: Approach to the overpass from south eastern (Parramatta) side.



Figure 9: View of the rear of the Former Baulkham Hills Public School, now incorporated into a housing complex.



Figure 10: View of the heavily screened former Baulkham Hills Public School from the M2 overpass.



Figure 11: View of overpass.



Figure 12: View north-west along the heritage listed portion of Windsor Road from overpass.



Figure 13: View of walls adjacent to proposed site of signage.



Figure 14: View east from side of the off ramp showing the proposed location of the sign and the extent of barriers that will shield the sign from the view of heritage items - the farm cottage and former Baulkham Hills school on the right and Windsor Road on the left.



Figure 15: View west from the overpass. The sign will be hung on the right and will be below the height of the barrier walls. See figures 7, 14 and 16.

The Proposal



Figure 16: Indicative sign design and proportions in relation to the overpass. Note that the sign is in line with the screening on the eastern façade and below the handrail. Views from the overpass and nearby heritage items will not be impacted by its construction.

Heritage Impacts

The site for the proposed signage is not a heritage item, but is within the vicinity of three items – the former Baulkham Hills Public School and Farmhouse cottage on the south, with Windsor Road to the north. The sign will not obscure views to these heritage items because it will be shielded from view by noise barriers along the M2 and because the sign will be directed along the motorway to the west.

It is my opinion that there will be no negative heritage impacts and that approval should not be withheld on heritage grounds.

Yours sincerely

Sue Rosen

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 Director
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