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Dear Mr Edgar

Planning proposal PP_2018_THILL_002_00 to amend The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2012

Thank you for submitting an updated planning proposal to amend The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2012 clause 4.1B exceptions to minimum lot sizes for certain residential development.

The Department has reviewed the updated planning proposal, having regard to the gateway determination conditions.

I note that Council has inserted a draft clause to address the requirement for a savings provision as per condition 1(d) of the Gateway determination. Prior to public exhibition, the Explanation of Provisions should be amended to remove the drafted clause, attach it as an appendix, and replace with a plain English explanation of the overall intent of the savings provision.

Subject to the above change being made, I am satisfied that the planning proposal provides sufficient detail for the community to have their say on the proposal through the required exhibition period and the proposal may proceed in the plan making process.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Angela Hynes of the Department of Planning and Environment's Sydney Region West team to assist you. Ms Hynes can be contacted on 9860 1558.

Yours sincerely

1/7/2019

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