



PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT
Planning Unit

27 October 2023

Brendan Metcalfe
Director, North District Eastern Harbour City
Department of Planning and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
Parramatta NSW 2124

Re: Planning Proposal 2023/3 - 43 Donnelly Road, Naremburn

Dear Brendan,

Please find attached, a Planning Proposal prepared by Council seeking to amend Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012 by expansion of the existing local heritage item No. 160, presently described in Schedule 5 of the Willoughby LEP as '*St Leonard's Catholic Church (including original interiors)*' at 43 Donnelly Road, Naremburn.

The amendment would expand the heritage listing of item No. 160 to acknowledge that, in addition to the St Leonard's Catholic Church, an extant presbytery and buildings associated with the former St Leonard's Catholic School are of local heritage significance.

The Planning Proposal was referred to the Willoughby Local Planning Panel on 10 October 2023. The Panel supported the planning proposal being forwarded to the Department of Planning & Environment for a Gateway consideration having considered the findings of the heritage expert Vanessa Holtham that the presbytery and school buildings have local historical significance as a complex and meets the threshold for listing as a local heritage item in the Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012.

At its Meeting of 23 October 2023, Council resolved to forward the attached Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning & Environment for a Gateway Determination. Council is also requesting to exercise its plan making delegation. The Council report and resolution are also attached.

It would be appreciated if the Gateway Determination for 43 Donnelly Road could be treated as urgent, in order to progress to exhibition as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Jane Liang on 9777 7627 or Jane.Liang@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

Willoughby City Council

Yours Sincerely



Dyalan Govender
STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM LEADER

Attachments:

1. Draft Planning Proposal
2. Appendix 1 to the Planning Proposal – Interim Heritage Order
3. Appendix 2 to the Planning Proposal – Heritage Assessment
4. Council Report 23 October 2023
5. Council Resolution 23 October 2023
6. Willoughby Local Planning Panel Advice 10 October 2023