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Subject: **PUBLIC MEETING: PPSSCC-447 - DA2023/0130 – 109A Church Street, Lidcombe**

Dear General Manager

Thank you for your correspondence and Council's submission regarding development application **PPSSCC-447 - DA2023/0130 – 109A Church Street, Lidcombe** dated 23 February 2024.

With regard to the public meeting scheduled for 7 March 2024, the Panel is keenly aware of the community interest in this matter, and happy to assist in enabling attendance. We note that the format of the meeting has been discussed extensively since last year with Council's staff. In addition, the Panel Secretariat have already provided Council staff with the extensive support in relation to the logistical arrangements for the meeting.

With regard to the public meeting:

- The Panel places an absolute priority on safety and has been informed by Council staff that Council was required to engage extra security measures when public meetings regarding this matter have been held. To this end, an online forum offers a far more secure space for all.
- Moreover, with regard to meeting timing we recognise that it is very difficult to satisfy the needs of everyone and we do in fact find that many participants (including parents with young families, the elderly, people with disabilities, carers and even working people who find it easier to dial-in rather than take time off work) welcome the day-time scheduling.

With regard to interpretation services, we wish to reiterate our invitation to Council to make a room available at Council offices where people can dial-in to the meeting and where you may provide interpreters and any other assistance needed for people wishing to present to the Panel. This has already been discussed with Council staff. Council could advertise the availability of such a space and the Panel would also be able to provide notice of such a room being made available by Council.

Planning Panels Secretariat

Should you wish to proceed in this way or should you have any other questions, Kate McKinnon, Senior Case Manager at the department may be contacted on 02 9821 9666.

Yours sincerely



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