

26 February 2020

The General Manager  
Strathfield Municipal Council  
PO Box 120  
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**ATTENTION: KANDACE LINDEBERG**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (INFRASTRUCTURE) 2007  
CONCURRENCE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – DA 2019/143  
11-17 COLUMBIA LANE, HOMEBUSH**

I refer to Council's letter requesting concurrence for the above development application in accordance with Clause 86 of the above SEPP.

Council is advised that Sydney Trains, via Instruments of Delegation, has been delegated to act as the rail authority for the Sydney Trains heavy rail corridor including infrastructure and to process the concurrence for this development application.

As such, Sydney Trains now advises that the proposed development is being assessed in accordance with the requirements of Clause 86(4) being:

- a) the potential effects of the development (whether alone or cumulatively with other development or proposed development) on:
  - i) the safety or structural integrity of existing or proposed rail infrastructure facilities in the rail corridor, and
  - ii) the safe and effective operation of existing or proposed rail infrastructure facilities in the rail corridor, and
- b) what measures are proposed, or could reasonably be taken, to avoid or minimise those potential effects.

In this regard, Sydney Trains has taken the above matters into consideration and has decided to grant its concurrence to the development proposed in development application **DA-2019/143** subject to Council imposing the operational conditions provided in Attachment A.

Should Council choose not to impose the conditions provided in Attachment A (as written), then concurrence from Sydney Trains has not been granted to the proposed development.

In the event that this development proposal is the subject of a Land and Environment Court appeal, Council's attention is drawn to Section 8.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which requires Council to give notice of that appeal to a concurrence authority. Sydney Trains therefore requests that Council comply with this requirements should such an event occur.

Council is also advised that the Sydney Trains concurrence is not to be amended, replaced or superseded by any concurrence issued by any other rail authority, without the further agreement from Sydney Trains.

Please contact Sydney Trains Town Planning Unit via [DA\\_sydneytrains@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DA_sydneytrains@transport.nsw.gov.au) should you wish to discuss this matter.

Finally, Sydney Trains requests that a copy of the Notice of Determination and conditions of consent be forwarded to Sydney Trains.

Yours sincerely,

**Anthony Moeller**  
**Associate Director, Property & Revenue**  
**Sydney Trains**

**ATTACHMENT A**

1. *Unless amendments are required in order to obtain approval/certification/ compliance from Sydney Trains in relation to any of the Sydney Trains related conditions of consent, all excavation and construction works are to be undertaken in accordance with the details, methodology, advice, undertakings and recommendations as detailed in the following documents:*
  - *Geotechnical Investigation for Columbia Lane Development Pty Limited, Report No: 19/2509A, Project No: 21024/2566D-G, prepared by STS GeoEnvironmental Pty Ltd dated October 2019.*
  - *Structural Report for RailCorp, Project #18121 11-17 Columbia Lane, Homebush NSW, prepared by ABC Consultants Structural & Civil Engineers, Report No. 18121-001-r, dated 7 September 2019*

*The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming which of the documentation listed in this condition are to now apply or are superseded as a result of the compliance with the Sydney Trains related conditions of consent. The measures detailed in the documents approved/ certified by Sydney Trains under this Condition are to be incorporated into the construction drawings and specifications prior to the issuing of the Construction Certificate. Prior to the commencement of works the Principal Certifying Authority is to provide verification to Sydney Trains that this condition has been complied with.*

2. *If required by Sydney Trains, prior to the commencement of works or at any time during the excavation and construction period deemed necessary by Sydney Trains, a joint inspection of the rail infrastructure and property in the vicinity of the project is to be carried out by representatives from Sydney Trains and the Applicant. These dilapidation surveys will establish the extent of any existing damage and enable any deterioration during construction to be observed. The submission of a detailed dilapidation report will be required within 10 days following the undertaking of the inspection, unless otherwise notified by Sydney Trains.*
3. *If required by Sydney Trains, prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate, or at any time during the excavation and construction period deemed necessary by Sydney Trains, a joint inspection of the rail infrastructure and property in the vicinity of the project is to be carried out by representatives from Sydney Trains and the Applicant. These dilapidation surveys will establish the extent of any existing damage and enable any deterioration during construction to be observed. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the final Occupation Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*

4. *The Applicant shall prepare an acoustic assessment demonstrating how the proposed development will comply with the Department of Planning's document titled "Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads- Interim Guidelines". The Applicant must incorporate in the development all the measures recommended in the report. A copy of the report is to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority and Council prior to the issuing of a Construction Certificate. The Principal Certifying Authority must ensure that the recommendations of the acoustic assessment are incorporated in the construction drawings and documentation prior to the issuing of the relevant Construction Certificate.*
5. *Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate (whether an interim or final Occupation Certificate), a report must be prepared and submitted to the Certifying Authority, Council and Sydney Trains certifying that the completed development meets the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 and with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Development Assessment Guideline titled "Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads - Interim Guidelines" as set down in the subject condition of this consent. Such a report must include external and internal noise levels to ensure that the external noise levels during the test are representative of the typical maximum levels that may occur at this development, and that internal noise levels meet the required dB(A) levels. Where it is found that internal noise levels are greater than the required dB(A) level, necessary corrective measures must be carried out to ensure that internal noise levels are compliant with the requirements of this consent.*
6. *Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate the Applicant is to engage an Electrolysis Expert to prepare a report on the Electrolysis Risk to the development from stray currents. The Applicant must incorporate in the development all the measures recommended in the report to control that risk. A copy of the report is to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority with the application for a Construction Certificate. The Principal Certifying Authority must ensure that the recommendations of the electrolysis report are incorporated in the construction drawings and documentation prior to the issuing of the relevant Construction Certificate.*
7. *Prior to the issuing of a Construction Certificate the Applicant must submit to Sydney Trains a plan showing all craneage and other aerial operations for the development and must comply with all Sydney Trains requirements. If required by Sydney Trains, the Applicant must amend the plan showing all craneage and other aerial operations to comply with all Sydney Trains requirements. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from the Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*

- 8. The design, installation and use of lights, signs and reflective materials, whether permanent or temporary, which are (or from which reflected light might be) visible from the rail corridor must limit glare and reflectivity to the satisfaction of the rail operator. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*
- 9. Given the possible likelihood of objects being dropped or thrown onto the rail corridor from balconies, windows and other external features (eg roof terraces and external fire escapes) that are within 20 metres of, and face, the rail corridor, the development must have measures installed, to the satisfaction of Sydney Trains (eg awning windows, louvres, enclosed balconies, window restrictors etc) which prevent the throwing of objects onto the rail corridor. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*
- 10. No scaffolding is to be used facing the rail corridor unless prior written approval has been obtained from Sydney Trains. To obtain approval the Applicant will be required to submit details of the scaffolding, the means of erecting and securing this scaffolding, the material to be used, and the type of screening to be installed to prevent objects falling onto the rail corridor. Unless agreed to by Sydney Trains in writing, scaffolding shall not be erected without isolation and protection panels.*
- 11. No metal ladders, tapes, and plant, machinery, or conductive material are to be used within 6 horizontal metres of any live electrical equipment. This applies to the train pantographs and catenary, contact and pull-off wires of the adjacent tracks, and to any aerial power supplies within or adjacent to the rail corridor.*
- 12. No work is permitted within the rail corridor, or any easements which benefit Sydney Trains/RailCorp, at any time, unless the prior approval of, or an Agreement with, Sydney Trains/RailCorp has been obtained by the Applicant. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*
- 13. No rock anchors, rock bolts, ground anchors or rock ties, piles, foundations, rock pillars, transfer structures, basement walls, slabs, columns, beams, cut rock faces, are to be installed into RailCorp/Sydney Trains property or easements. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*



- 14.** *If required by Sydney Trains, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate a Risk Assessment/Management Plan and detailed Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) for the proposed works are to be submitted to Sydney Trains for review and comment on the impacts on rail corridor. The Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue the Construction Certificate until written confirmation has been received from Sydney Trains confirming that this condition has been satisfied.*
- 15.** *The Applicant/Developer shall not at any stage block rail related use of Columbia Lane and any associated corridor access gate, to ensure continuous provision for easy and ongoing 24/7 access by rail vehicles, plant and equipment to support maintenance and emergency activities:*
- *The Applicant/Developer must give Sydney Trains written notice at least 5 business days before any necessary closure or partial closure of Columbia Lane; and*
  - *The Applicant/Developer must, during demolition, excavation and construction works, consult in good faith with Sydney Trains in relation to the carrying out of the development works and must respond or provide documentation as soon as practicable to any queries raised by Sydney Trains in relation to the works.*
- 16.** *If required, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate the Applicant is to contact Sydney Trains Engineering & Maintenance Interface to determine the need for public liability insurance cover. If insurance cover is deemed necessary this insurance be for sum as determined by Sydney Trains and shall not contain any exclusion in relation to works on or near the rail corridor, rail infrastructure and must be maintained for the duration specified by Sydney Trains. The Applicant is to contact Sydney Trains Engineering & Maintenance Interface to obtain the level of insurance required for this particular proposal. Prior to issuing the Construction Certificate the Principal Certifying Authority must witness written proof of this insurance in conjunction with Sydney Trains written advice to the Applicant on the level of insurance required.*
- 17.** *During all stages of the development the Applicant must take extreme care to prevent any form of pollution entering the railway corridor. Any form of pollution that arises as a consequence of the development activities shall remain the full responsibility of the Applicant.*

- 18.** *The Applicant must ensure that at all times they have a representative (which has been notified to Sydney Trains in writing), who:*
- *oversees the carrying out of the Applicant's obligations under the conditions of this consent and in accordance with correspondence issued by Sydney Trains;*
  - *acts as the authorised representative of the Applicant; and*
  - *is available (or has a delegate notified in writing to Sydney Trains that is available) on a 7 day a week basis to liaise with the representative of Sydney Trains, as notified to the Applicant.*
- 19.** *Without in any way limiting the operation of any other condition of this consent, the Applicant must, during demolition, excavation and construction works, consult in good faith with Sydney Trains in relation to the carrying out of the development works and must respond or provide documentation as soon as practicable to any queries raised by Sydney Trains in relation to the works.*
- 20.** *Where a condition of consent requires consultation with Sydney Trains, the Applicant shall forward all requests and/or documentation to the relevant Sydney Trains external party interface team. In this instance the relevant interface team is Central and they can be contacted via email on [Central.Interface@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Central.Interface@transport.nsw.gov.au).*
- 21.** *Where a condition of consent requires Sydney Trains or Transport for NSW endorsement the Principal Certifying Authority is not to issue a Construction Certificate or Occupancy Certificate, as the case may be, until written confirmation has been received from those entities that the particular condition has been complied with. The issuing of staged Construction Certificates dealing with specific works and compliance conditions can be issued subject to written agreement from those entities to which the relevant conditions applies.*

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