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Att: Anna Johnstone

Dear Ms Johnstone

SUBJECT: DRAFT VPA FOR CARTER ST PRIORITY PRECINCT

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for the Carter Street Priority Precinct.

The draft VPA is seen as a positive step in the provision of key services and facilities for the community of Carter St. However, there are concerns that this could be undermined by clause 5.2 which states that the contributions are not required to be spent for any particular purpose. Access to state government level facilities and services must be adequately provided for, to support the future Carter St precinct community. This includes upgrades to public transport, an improved road network, and access to local schools and health services. The funding from the contributions should be spent to support these, as identified in the objectives of the VPA.

Landholder remediation of the school site prior to dedication is strongly supported. However, Council has serious concerns about the timing of the dedication for the school. The government primary schools at Newington and North Auburn already fully utilise their permanent classrooms, and rely on supplementary temporary classrooms. While Wentworth Point Primary School is targeted to come on line in 2017, Council is concerned that the increasing residential growth in Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park will result in this school also having reached capacity well before 2027 when the land dedication is proposed.

While recognising the limitations of dealing with existing leaseholds, provision for school facilities should clearly be made much earlier in the development, either through the VPA or by other means. These may be temporary facilities, or permanent structures that are adaptable and converted for other uses once the school comes on line.

Council understands that current or future Auburn Council S94/S94A Contributions Plan will apply to all future development within the Carter Street Priority Precinct to fund local community infrastructure. This is strongly supported as the provision of local facilities will also be critical for the new community.

If you have any queries about the comments above, please contact Terri Southwell, Senior Strategic Planner,

Yours faithfully,



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