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The General Manager
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By Email: Mark Raymundo [mraymundo@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au]

Dear Mark,

**RE: DA2018/0039 PEAKHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PENSURST BUS HUB**

In reply to our meeting on 2 November 2018 and Council's subsequent email advice received 8 November 2018, School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) has decided that the immediate solution to organising students at the Penshurst-end of the bus operations requires the use of the Penshurst Public School (PS) site, with the long-term solution (to be resolved in early 2019) requiring an off-site location.

This additional information is being submitted to Council to provide staff and the Local Planning Panel (LPP) with information to assist in the final determination of the above DA, having regard to this arrangement.

For the initial period of the school year, SINSW will utilise the existing school site and its facilities for students to arrive and be marshalled in the mornings, and then students will be dropped back at the school site at the end of the day, to be picked up or walk as per current arrangements (herein referred to as the "arrangement").

There will be no conflict between these movements and any demolition/construction works as SINSW will not be commencing any works under an approval from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) until an off-site solution is found for the daily transportation of students.

Council and the LPP can be confident of this outcome, as SINSW has this week proposed to DPE that if a consent is to be issued, a condition be included which prevents the commencement of any works authorised under the consent "*until such time as student and staff activities have been removed from the Penshurst Public School site, including the use of the site for any student transportation.*"

SINSW has adjusted the project program for the demolition and construction works at Penshurst PS to facilitate this arrangement and will work to resolve an off-site solution for the daily transportation of students.

In regard to the planning considerations of this arrangement, no approvals are required as the proposal simply seeks to continue the approved use of the site is for an "*educational establishment*". Notwithstanding, this use is permissible with consent in the SP2 Special Uses

Zone under Hurstville Local Environmental Plan 2012. The proposal does not represent an intensification of the use of the site and will not require the carrying out of any physical works. The operational arrangements are all consistent with the established operating hours of the current Peshurst PS. Accordingly the arrangement will not trigger any additional planning considerations such that certainty cannot be achieved in the determination of DA2018/0039.

In regard to traffic and pedestrian considerations, Parking and Traffic Consultants (PTC) has prepared a Temporary Peshurst PS Bus Hub Assessment (refer **Attachment 1**) which:

- Provides an assessment of the proposed bus hub location at Peshurst PS;
- Provides an assessment of the bus routes and operations;
- Identifies parking control modifications;
- Assesses parent pick-up/drop-off movements;
- Establishes arrangements for student marshalling;
- Identifies additional parking management considerations;
- Assesses traffic operation in Arcadia Street; and
- Recommends ongoing monitoring and enforcement of proposed arrangements.

The Bus Hub Assessment provides the following summary:

- *38m of existing unrestricted parking is proposed to be converted to a Bus Zone (7:30-8:30am, 3:15-4:15pm School Days Only) along Arcadia Street*
- *Buses will arrive and depart from this Bus Zone, with students walking between the school and the buses using an existing gate on Arcadia Street. This requires no crossing of streets or driveways*
- *BlueFit, operator of Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, will coordinate the bus transfer service and are familiar with the locality, currently operating buses along Arcadia Street and are accustomed to the management and transportation of large numbers of students*
- *No changes are proposed in relation to the existing pick-up/drop-off provision*
- *The operational time of the morning kiss-and-ride spaces is proposed to be modified from 8:00am- 9:30am to 7:30am-8:30am to align with the bus transfer service operation*
- *No changes are proposed in relation to the afternoon timing of the kiss-and-ride spaces*
- *The operation of the bus service results in an earlier morning peak and later afternoon peak at PPS, providing greater separation with the peak traffic and parking period of the nearby St Declan's Primary School*

Therefore, in reply to our meeting on 2 November 2018 and Council's subsequent email advice received 8 November 2018, the above and attached information has been provided to assist Council in determining DA2018/0039. The arrangement will not trigger any additional considerations such that certainty cannot be achieved in the determination of DA2018/0039.

SINSW requests that Council now expedite the assessment of DA2018/0039 on the basis of the information provided to Council to date and arrange for this Crown development application to be considered at the earliest possible LPP meeting. Specifically, SINSW requests that if an earlier/additional meeting of the LPP can be arranged, that due consideration be given to this in the interests of the public, SINSW and the local communities of Peshurst and Peakhurst West.



Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact the undersigned on 9980 6933.

Yours faithfully

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Earp', written over a light grey background.

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Attachment 1 – Temporary Penshurst Public School Bus Hub Assessment