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Ms Janet Wahlquist
President
The Glebe Society
By email president@glebesociety.org.au

Dear Ms Wahlquist,

St Phillips heritage conservation area

I refer to your email to the Lord Mayor regarding the City's proposal to remove 2A-2D Wentworth Park Road and 17-31 Cowper Street from the St Phillips heritage conservation area. The Lord Mayor has asked me to respond on her behalf.

I note your objection to this proposal, and your concern it will erode the historical character of Glebe for a small increase in social housing residences.

The planning proposal is on public exhibition until 7 December. Siobhan Fox Roberts, the Senior Specialist Planner coordinating the assessment of this proposal, will consider your comments and contact you if she needs to discuss the issues you have raised.

City staff reported this proposal to Council's Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee meeting on 20 July 2020. The City's report notes an independent heritage impact assessment has been prepared for NSW Land and Housing Corporation. That assessment concludes that demolishing the existing buildings will have a negligible impact on the significance of the heritage conservation area, and that the proposal to remove the subject site from the conservation area would be an acceptable heritage outcome.

The heritage assessment considered that the existing buildings can potentially confuse interpretation of the mostly Victorian architectural values of the conservation area. It also noted that the site is at the outer edges of the conservation area where its qualities and architectural values are not as obvious as at the centre. You can read the heritage assessment and the City's report to Council online at <https://bit.ly/3p95yZR>.

You can read more about the proposal and give further feedback at <https://bit.ly/32rOX9Y>.

Yours sincerely,



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