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Dear Ruby

Planning permit Application No. PA2101261**Mentone Grammar School – 75 – 77 Naples Road, Mentone – Eastern Playground
S.50 Amendment Application**

We continue to act on the behalf of Mentone Grammar School and enclose an application to amend the above planning permit application pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

In support of the application, please find enclosed the following documents:

- Architectural Plans prepared by McIlldowie Partners;
- A Statement of Changes prepared by McIlldowie Partners;
- Landscape Plans prepared by Craig Eldrige Design;
- A Statement of Changes prepared by Craig Eldrige Design;
- A Swept Path Layout Plan prepared by One Mile Grid; and
- An approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

We refer to the comments received on 22 February, 2024, from the City of Kingston's Vegetation officers, which included the following advice:

The main concern relates to the proposed changes to Council's road reserve including the removal of street trees. Whilst the original permit allows the removal of 1 tree subject to the payment of a fee, this amendment seeks the removal of additional trees and physical alterations to the road reserve that would require separate council approval.

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Further clarification from the City of Kingston was sought for the purpose of understanding the above advice in relation to the retention of street trees.



Further to our recent meeting with the City of Kingston on 9 May, 2024, and the Council's most recent correspondence dated 14 May, 2024, we have reviewed:

- the proposed bus parking spaces along Naples Road with a view to retaining some of the existing street trees; and
- the Landscape Plan to respond to the recommendations outlined in Council's Vegetation referral comments.

The enclosed architectural and landscape plans have been amended to include the following changes:

- An additional seven trees to grow to 12 metres in height at maturity, increasing the total number of tall trees to fourteen.
- The inclusion of annotations on the landscape plans about the locations and species of trees, shrubs and grasses.
- Additional garden beds and grassed areas around the proposed concrete areas (including the ball-play areas and driveway).
- Additional small trees around the perimeter of the grassed play space area, and throughout the site.
- Reconfiguration of the bus parking layout on the north side of Naples Road. This reconfiguration includes the retention of Tree No. 10, the removal of Tree Nos. 11–15 and 59, alterations to the grassed nature strips and the retention and removal of crossovers.

Please refer to the enclosed Statement of Changes prepared by McIlldowie Partners and Craig Eldrige Design for further information in relation to the amendments to plans.

In our view, the proposed amended plans provide for an appropriate landscape and streetscape response which balances the operational requirements of the school. The additional tree planting throughout the site is sufficient to offset the removal of the street trees in terms of landscaping outcomes, acknowledging that there is a separate process for financial compensation arising from street tree removal.

We trust that the information provided is to your satisfaction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, or Patrick Brennan of this office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Karakiklas', with a period at the end.

Felicity Karakiklas
Senior Planner

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