

6 September 2012

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Our Ref: 12-0387tr2

Re: Jordan Springs Village 4: Aboriginal Heritage Assessment—Letter

Dear Ms Rasmussen,

We refer to your email dated 23 July 2012 regarding the proposed works within the area formerly known as the Western Precinct of the St Marys Development Area (now Jordan Springs), the comments from Penrith City Council forwarded via email on 6 August 2012, and the revised Village 4 boundary provided via email on 9 August 2012. Godden Mackay Logan Pty Ltd + Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd (GML + JMcDCHM) provide the following Aboriginal archaeological assessment in respect to the proposed Village 4 development.

We confirm that the development proposal will impact on identified surface archaeological sites.

A detailed management strategy for the Western Precinct (Jordan Springs) was outlined JMcDCHM 2008 report *Archaeological assessment of Indigenous Heritage values in the Western Precinct of the St Marys Site, St Marys.* This report recommended (JMcDCHM 2008:50) that:

- There is a significant conservation outcome in this western part of the St Marys Site, with more than 60% of the total land area and more than 98% of the land with high archaeological sensitivity being excluded from the developable lands.
- The basic precepts of the strategic management model are achieved by the planning process with this Precinct.
- Seven areas within the Western Precinct and the fauna fenceline along the road between the West and Central Precincts are identified as requiring archaeological salvage prior to development taking place (Table 9).
- 4. ...the Proponent should apply to the DECC NSW for a s87 / s90 Consent with Salvage for the entire Precinct to undertake these works.

This report was endorsed by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Aboriginal community. Based on this report, OEH (formerly DECC and DECCW), granted an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) for the Western Precinct (Jordan Springs Development Area). The permit number for this AHIP is #10996059; 13 February 2009).



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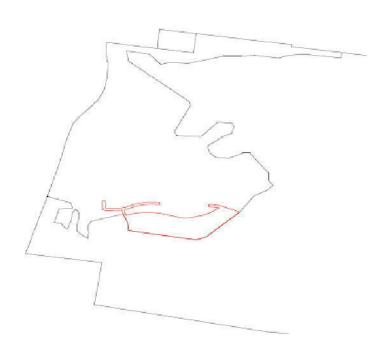
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We understand that this current development proposal will cover an area of around 16 hectares. The proposed location for Village Four is along the southern boundary of the Jordan Springs Development Area (Figure 1), and includes, or is in close proximity to, surface registered Aboriginal sites ADI-22, ADI-28 and ADI/FF-1 (Figure 2).



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Figure 1 Location of Proposed Jordan Springs Village 4. Jordan Springs boundary outlined in yellow. Boundary of proposed Jordan Springs Village 4 outlined in orange. (Source: Lend Lease 2012)

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**Figure 2** Registered Aboriginal sites and identified archaeological salvage areas within the Jordan Springs Development Area. Village 4 is located in the area of SA5 near the southern boundary. The red line indicates the area covered by AHIP #10996059. (Source: GML + JMcDCHM 2012)

AHIP #10996059 allows harm to all 39 identified Aboriginal sites within the Jordan Springs Development Area, on the condition that each of the seven identified salvage areas are subject to salvage excavation prior to development works commencing in those areas (Figure 2). We confirm that the Village 4 development works within the Jordan Springs Development Area will impact on one area of identified archaeological sensitivity: Salvage Area 5.

Salvage excavations have already taken place in Salvage Areas 2, 3, 4 and 6 (as documented in JMcDCHM 2009 Archaeological Subsurface Investigations at WP3 and WP4—Western Precinct, St Marys Development Site, and GML + JMcDCHM 2012 (in preparation) Jordan Springs WP2 and WP6, Excavation Report). These areas were the subjects of previous DA applications within the Jordan Springs Development Area.

GML + JMcDCHM provide the following advice in relation to the proposed development of Village 4:

- 1. The current AHIP (#10996059; 13 February 2009) covers the likely impacts to surface identified Aboriginal heritage across Village 4;
- 2. Salvage works will be required in Salvage Area 5 prior to the AHIP being activated for the area covered by proposed Village 4; and
- The salvage of Salvage Area 5 is required prior to construction commencing.

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Please contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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