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Subject: Proposed SEPP 65 Amendments

Thankyou for the opportunity to review the draft Apartment Design Guidelines, which incorporates proposed changes to State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 – Design Quality of Residential Flat Buildings and succeeds the 2002 Residential Flat Design Code.

Council considered a report on the proposed amendments at the Council Meeting of 23 October 2014 and resolved:

That a submission be made objecting to the proposed amendment to SEPP 65 and the accompanying Apartment Design Guide in relation to the removal of a minimum standard for car parking provision within 400 metres of a train station within the City of Canterbury.

Whilst there are nine train stations located within the Canterbury local government area, only 20.8% travel to work by train and 58.7% people travel to work by car as driver or passenger (ABS Census 2011). These figures compare unfavourably with many of the inner Sydney Councils, where a higher percentage of people travel to work using public transport. The number of Canterbury Council residents working in the City of Sydney is only 11%, 15.2% within the local area and the remainder across the Sydney region.

The above statistics may indicate that the public transport system is not serving the needs of local residents. As a consequence,, the removable of the proposed parking standard has the potential to significantly increase the demand for on street parking in the local areas, with 85% of Canterbury Council households owning one or more cars.

Canterbury Council does not have a residents parking scheme in place and, even should Council support to implement one, this would be some time in the future given the requirements to undertake the necessary studies and community consultation. Therefore there would be no opportunity to limit on street parking for residents of new developments in the near future.

Should you have any enquiries on the matter please contact Ms Dawson on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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