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Director, Housing & Infrastructure Policy Department of Planning and Environment PO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

Strathfield Council Submission – Proposed Amendment to Parking Provisions for Boarding Houses: ARHSEPP

Thank you for advising Council of the exhibition of the draft amendment to the parking provisions for boarding houses under the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP (ARHSEPP) and the opportunity to provide comment.

Strathfield Council supports any increases in the requirements for on-site parking for boarding houses under the ARHSEPP and requests that consideration be given to further increasing the parking standards to 1 space per boarding room, particularly for boarding houses not in an accessible area.

In assessing a number of applications for boarding houses under the ARHSEPP, Council has identified that one of the key issues relates to the lack of on-site parking provided for the residents and the impact that this has with respect to the overflow of vehicles parking on local streets, particularly in areas identifies as not being an "accessible area".

Council considers that where the boarding house is proposed in an accessible area the requirement of 0.5 spaces per boarding room may be acceptable, however in those areas where the boarding house is not in an accessible area, then the on-site parking requirements should be increased to a minimum one (1) car space per boarding room.

Should you require any further information on boarding houses that have been assessed and determined within the Strathfield Municipality, Council would be happy to provide documentation. For clarification you can contact Council's Principal Strategic Planner, Ms Rita Vella on 9748 9995

Yours faithfully

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