

28th September 2018

Director North West Land Release
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Your Reference:
Our Reference: DOC18/723278

Dear Mr McVittie

Re: West Schofields Precinct Draft Masterplan - Exhibition Paper - Blacktown LGA

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

GSNSW previously provided advice (our ref: OUT17/23859) relating to Sydney's North West Priority Growth Area – Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan. The advice was provided in June 2017 to the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Relations Team for Infrastructure, Housing and Employment.

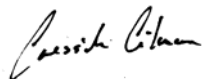
The West Schofields Precinct is located within Sydney's North West Priority Growth Area. The draft masterplan proposes a range of new homes, local parks, playing fields, potential school and a local centre.

GSNSW note that the subject area contains an identified clay resource area known as Schofields Quarry with an associated brick manufacturing facility located within Lot 3 DP 232574. GSNSW note that this quarry is no longer in operation with the Private Mining Agreement for the site being terminated and the quarry now rehabilitated.

GSNSW have no concerns to raise in relation to existing identified construction material resources within the West Schofields Precinct area however as transport is a significant component of the cost of raw materials for housing, consideration should be given to the location of suitable alternative sources of construction materials (including clay, sand and gravel) to enable housing affordability targets to be met.

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

Cressida Gilmore
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