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Mr Brian Walsh President Kew Cottages Coalition PO Box 2317 KEW VIC 3101

Dear Mr Walsh

KEW COTTAGES COALITION OBJECTION TO PLANNING PERMIT NO. 20070638

I refer to your emails to Genevieve Overell regarding the above and draw your attention to the Department's letter to you, dated 14 March 2008. The letter made reference to the provisions of Clause 43.04-2 of the Boroondara Planning Scheme that do not provide for third party involvement in the consideration of the subject application. The Planning Scheme provisions do not allow for third party objections to be considered.

However, the matters raised of relevance to the assessment of the subject application have been considered prior to the issue of the Planning Permit. In particular, your concerns regarding adequate protection for the heritage listed trees along Main Drive are addressed by the *Main Drive*, *Kew – Stage 2 Tree Identification Plan* and appropriate conditions in the Planning Permit issued on 11 April 2008.

In regard to the section 173 Agreement that you have referred to, I wish to advise that this agreement does not apply to the Kew Residential Services site. The Agreement covers properties in Wills Street and places restrictions on these properties to preserve the trees.

It is considered that the court proceeding regarding an alleged breach of the heritage permit in regard to the Stage 1 development is not a matter that was required to have been considered in the assessment of the Stage 2 subdivision and removal of vegetation application.



I am aware that you have made a number of submissions in relation to this project. I have asked the Group Manager, Metropolitan Planning Services, Mr Jason Close to meet with you if you wish to discuss your concerns further. Mr Close can be contacted on 9637 9711 to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

SUE WILKINSON

Director

State Planning Services