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Dear Mr Walsh

RE: FORMER KEW COTTAGES (KEW RESIDENTIAL SERVICES), PRINCESS STREET (H2073)

I write regarding your recent correspondence to Heritage Victoria raising concerns regarding trees at the Former Kew Cottages site, along with a complaint you sent in May 2018.

Regarding your complaint dating to May 2018, unfortunately there is no record of this having been lodged in our system. As such I write now to outline the actions taken regarding the site since this time.

Heritage Victoria Permit Officers have had regular meetings with Walker Corporation and Boroondara City Council to discuss ongoing landscape management, along with fulfilling conditions of Permit P26760. These meetings have been productive, and we are satisfied that appropriate management processes are being put in place to ensure the viability of the Former Kew Cottages landscape. It is highlighted that the place has had a large amount of change in the last 10-15 years, and that landscapes can take time to recover, particularly when there are changes in land management. We are confident that through the permit conditions of the current Permit P26760, your concerns regarding trees on the island site between Main Drive and Oak Walk will be addressed. With management of most of the landscape now vested in Boroondara City Council, we expect that overall tree management will improve in the coming years.

Regarding the Bishop Pine (*Pinus muricata*) removal at the site in 2006, it is my understanding that all efforts were made to propagate a Bishop Pine specimen for replanting at the site, however this was not successful. Heritage Victoria accepts that Bishop Pine is a tree that is rare in cultivation in Victoria. You may wish to express your community group's aspiration to replant a Bishop Pine on the site to the Boroondara City Council, who are now the land managers of most of the public land in the site.

Please contact Emily McLean, Manager Statutory Approvals, on (03) 9412 4427 or email at heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au if you have further queries.

Yours sincerely

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