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RE: REV2024/0016 - 6 Nield Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

We are writing to express our strong objection to the development application currently under consideration for the demolition of the residence at 6 Nield Avenue, Balgowlah.

We believe this building possesses significant architectural heritage that should be preserved. The unique character of the residence contributes to the historical and cultural fabric of Balgowlah. Demolishing this structure would result in the loss of a valuable piece of our local heritage.

Reasons for Objection:

Rare Architectural Heritage: We have reason to believe the residence at 6 Nield Avenue exhibits rare architectural heritage specific to the area and era of construction. The demolition of this building would represent a significant loss to the architectural diversity of Balgowlah.

Unique Character with European Influences: The residence contributes to the unique streetscape of Balgowlah. Its design, featuring an A-frame roof structure, draws on classic European settlement design features. This element, along with others, contributes to the aesthetic and cultural identity of the neighbourhood.

Inadequate Homage in New Development: The proposed facade of the new development does not pay homage to the existing building's architectural style, including the aforementioned A-frame roof structure. A new development that incorporates elements reflecting the heritage of the original structure would be a more respectful approach to the site's history.

We urge the council to reject the current development application and encourage the applicant to consider alternative plans that preserve the existing residence at 6 Nield Avenue. Renovating the building or incorporating its design elements, such as the A-frame roof structure, into a new development would be preferable to complete demolition.

We are confident that retaining this significant piece of Balgowlah's heritage can be achieved while still allowing for a thoughtful and respectful development of the site.