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Please add these comments to the public consultation as those from the Warriewood Residents Association were not displayed in the public documents on the Council Website

The Warriewood Residents Association is making this submission on DA2020/11489 @ 8 Forest Road, Warriewood.

The Warriewood Residents Association understands that the issue with this application is the requested removal of the existing farmhouse that was occupied by settlers on the land that is now to be subdivided.

Application Mod2018/0019

Council reported in the Application for Modification Assessment Report that *"The applicant is silent on when the works associated with the existing dwelling to be retained is to occur"*

Drawings considered in LEC hearing

The original Consent Drawings show the outline of the existing dwelling with the notation that "EXISTING DWELLING TO BE RETAINED"

DA 2020/1489 asks the Northern Beaches to agree to demolition of the Existing Dwelling

The heritage report suggests that it is adequate to leave the foundations as reminder of the heritage associated with this place. This opinion fails to consider the impact of its removal outside the site because there are only a few buildings left to reflect on the way that the valley was settled and the farmhouse epitomises that.

Destruction of the farmhouse should be seen not in the context of a site specific issue but as a community issue as it was treated in the original submissions.

This original application in 2018 had it correct when it proudly proclaimed that, EXISTING DWELLING TO BE RETAINED.

Dilapidation of the farmhouse is the reason the applicant provides to justify the demolition of the farmhouse. It is the responsibility of the owners to maintain their property. The people of the Northern Beaches should not accept the loss of an important link with the valleys history. A failure to maintain a building is the owner's responsibility and its dilapidation should have no weight here in councils considerations.

Sadly nearly all traces of the history of the Warriewood Valley have been built over and therefore forgotten. The Warriewood Residents Association asks for this destruction to stop so that there remain some complete examples of the physical history of the valley for future generations to reflect upon.

It is to be hoped that the council will reject what is proposed for the farmhouse in this Development Application and refer to the original development application, the LEC case, and the wishes of the people of the Warriewood Valley and protect/guard this farmhouse from destruction.

Colour scheme of the new buildings

Can it be made a condition of the approval that any new buildings follow the colour scheme set out in the Warriewood Valley Master Plan as was a requirement under Pittwater Council.

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