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RE: DA2024/0081 - 21 A Warili Road FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

Re: DA2024/0081 - Demolition works at 49 Blackbutts Road

Dear Jordan,

Our house is a neighbouring property to 49 Blackbutts Road. Our concerns in relation to the proposal to demolish the existing buildings on the site are as follows:

Asbestos: The former Aruma buildings were built sometime in the 1960s-70s, as such, they are likely to contain asbestos. We expect appropriate measures will be taken during the demolition process to prevent dust from drifting over our property, such as enshrouding the buildings while demolition takes place.

House and pool: We expect appropriate measures be put in place to prevent damage, such as cracking, to our house and pool as result of the workings of heavy machinery during demolition. In particular, our pool is directly behind the boundary fence of the Aruma site. Please note that large trucks used by Aruma for their packaging business have already damaged the boundary fence in a number of places. Large trucks are likely to be used to carry away the demolished buildings and drivers will need to take care to ensure the boundary fence and our pool are not damaged during this process.

Vermin: We are already aware of rats crossing over to our property from the Aruma site. We expect that vermin control measures will be put in place prior to demolition taking place to prevent an exodus of vermin to our property when demolition commences.

Noise: We expect consideration of our amenity in relation to hours of work and noise levels while demolition takes place. In this respect, we both work from home a number of days a week and we have pets who are likely to be upset by excessive noise.

Trees: We are concerned to ensure canopy trees are retained on the site during demolition and future building works. These trees provide significant amenity to neighbouring properties and the area generally, by providing shade and blocking the western sun in summer. They are home to and feeding grounds for native birds such as kookaburras, lorikeets and cockatoos, as well as possums. All of this wildlife adds to the beauty and serenity of the area.

Climate change and the need to protect the established tree canopy and habitat makes their preservation increasingly important. Growing new trees is not always successful, as we know

from the many attempts by Council to grow trees on Lionel Watts oval and at the dog park. It has taken several iterations of plantings over a number of years to get the current mid-size trees in place and these still need a number of years of growth before they can provide shade and habitat. It is much better to preserve the existing canopy trees than to try to grow trees from scratch.

If the canopy trees are removed, it will not only leave native animals homeless, but also mean an increase in summer temperatures for new residents and existing neighbours.

Run-off: We request that run-off from the site be considered and managed, to prevent problems for neighbouring properties.

Kind Regards,

Paul and Samantha Gavel

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