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Subject: Support for New Life Baptist Church Development (DA number DA2020/1167)

To whom it may concern,

As a church leader I would like to commend New Life Baptist Church and the Northern Beaches Council for facilitating such a community focused, social purpose development. I am confident that providing socially responsible accommodation in accordance with the Church's mandate to love and care for others in practical ways will be of great benefit to the Northern Beaches community.

We note that the latest amended plans offer a range of excellent initiatives that have helped the development proposal, including the following –

- The numbers of Boarding House rooms have been reduced from 80 down to 70 (plus a full-time manager for the centre). This impacts particularly at the Francis St end of the site and has reduced the bulk and scale of the development.
- The modelling of the buildings has been greatly enhanced to respond better to council suggestions and I believe that the building will be an excellent contribution to the area.
- The Francis St end of the site illustrates an excellent pedestrian entry and great landscape spaces between neighbouring properties.
- The street facades have been made cleaner and more contemporary with no balconies for overlooking any neighbour.
- Privacy screening at all windows and the walkway has been achieved with required treatment to a minimum of 1700mm above adjacent floor level.
- Street setbacks and central space setback between the buildings has been provided to council requirements.
- Excellent landscaping will enhance the environment, particularly around the Francis Street end of the development
- Roof landscaping is focused at the Fisher St commercial end of the development only and has setback, privacy and acoustic treatment.
- The provided basement car parking will reduce noise, minimise street parking and will increase security for the occupants. The numbers provided are in excess of the requirements for the centre.

I look forward to the speedy completion of this exemplary project. May it motivate other churches in the Northern Beaches and further afield to bless the local community in tangible and practical ways.

Regards,

Andrew Cowell