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Barry Smith
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Dear Barry,

Proposed heritage amendments to LEP 2012

The Hunters Hill Trust fully supports all the proposed heritage amendments to the LEP and particularly the addition of the items to Schedule 5 of the LEP.

We welcome especially the addition of 10 Cowell St to Schedule 5. As noted in our submission on the withdrawn GSV proposal and on other occasions, we never understood why the upgrade of 10 Cowell St from a Schedule 7 Contributory Item that was proposed in the 2005 Paul Davies Heritage Assessment of the Gladesville Shops was never followed through with. We were also critical of Council because it appeared that it was failing to properly look after its own heritage.

The reasons for the prevarication surrounding the upgrade of No 10 Cowell Street have never been fully explained to the community and have led to rumours and innuendo. It is good that this tardiness has now been corrected and that Council can be seen to be properly acknowledging its own heritage.

Of course this is not the end of the story. It now behoves Council to follow through on its commitment to the preservation of 10 Cowell Street in its present location. As was also pointed out in our GSV submission:

The Trust believes the retention of 10 Cowell St must be part of any scheme to develop this part of Gladesville. It is a fine example of a timber-framed 19th century cottage and an important marker of the history of settlement of the Gladesville area.

As well, its position on the corner of Flagstaff and Cowell Streets makes for a much smoother and sympathetic transition from the low-density residential scale of the rest of the street to the higher density residential, commercial and retail scale of Victoria Road.

Similarly this important corner in the development would be softened by the retention of the trees and greenery that are part of the site.

The cottage could readily house a community use that would help to activate this part of the site.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Coote
President
The Hunters Hill Trust