

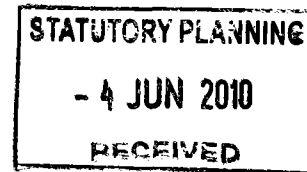


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Dear Mr Evans

**Re: Continued use of Main Drive for vehicular traffic, Kew Cottages site**

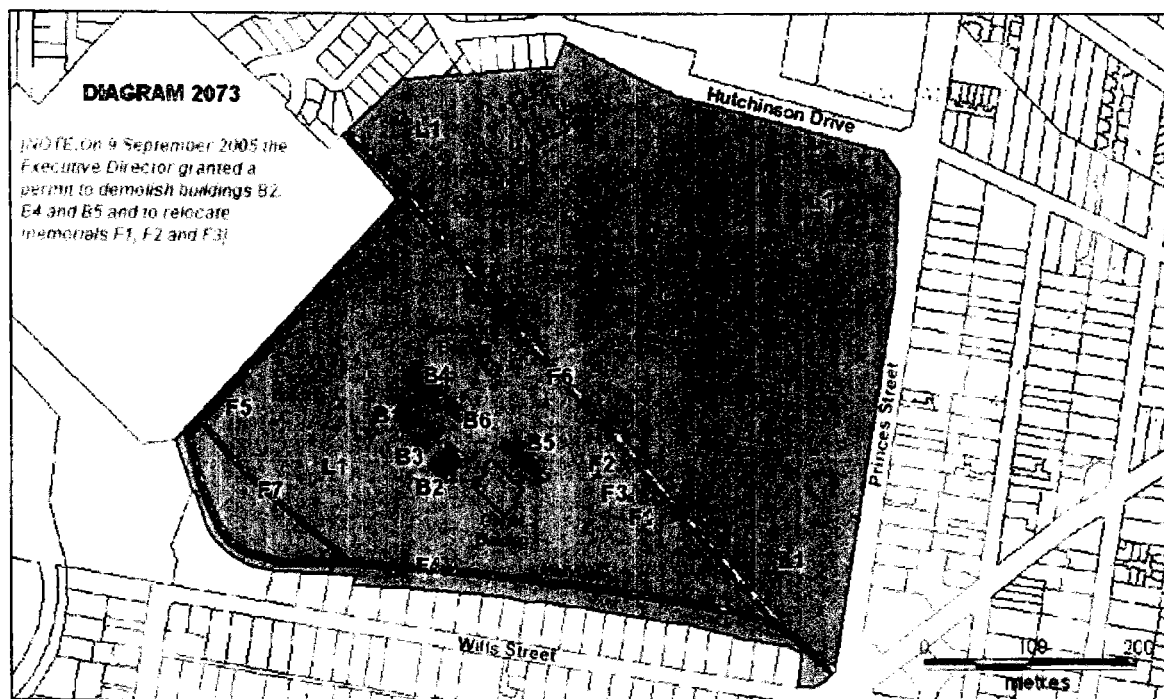
I refer to the recent discussions, and your email dated 30 June 2008 in relation to the above matter.

You will note from the entry on the Victorian Heritage Register that Main Drive [ F4] is an important part of the historic infrastructure of the site, as the following extracts demonstrate.

*The Kew Lunatic Asylum (Willsmere) had been constructed between 1868 and 1872. The principal access to the complex was from a drive from Princess Street culminating in an elliptical carriageway in front of the main building.*

*The Main Drive comprises an unusual double avenue of trees, the outer rows are planted with Algerian Oaks, and the inner avenue with English Elms. Towards the western end the avenue changes to alternating Elms and Moreton Bay Figs.*

*The Main Drive is of historical significance for its association with the Kew Lunatic Asylum (Willsmere), the largest nineteenth century mental institution in Victoria and later its use by the Kew Cottages complex*



Accordingly, from a heritage perspective the full retention and use of Main Drive as a vehicular access for the site would be welcomed, and encouraged.

If you wish to discuss this matter, do not hesitate to contact Ray Osborne, Director, Operations on 9637 9495 or [ray.osborne@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:ray.osborne@dpcd.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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