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Via Email

Dear Annitia,

Former Kew Cottages – Main Drive Kew Summary of Site Works

I refer to your recent request for information with respect to works at the Main Drive Kew site and advise as follows.

The site has undergone considerable redevelopment with the following works noted in Table 1 currently underway in accordance with the relevant cited approvals:

Table 1 – Current Works

Stage	Approval	Description of Works
3A	Planning Permit 201004598	The construction of 14 dwellings has been approved and is underway.
3B	Planning Permit 201015737 & Heritage Permit P15955	Civil works are underway with significant volumes of soil being removed from the site and area and stock piled within the balance of site.
Spine Park	Heritage Permit P16912	Re-levelling of land between stage 3A and 3B.

Further detail regarding the key areas of concern are further noted below.

Stage 3B

Bulk earthworks have been undertaken in accordance with the approved Civil Engineering Plans endorsed by Boroondara Council, Department of Planning & Community Development (Planning Permit 2010014737) & Heritage Victoria (7 April 2011- P15955). We confirm the excavation works have been carried out in accordance with the endorsed plans.

The approved Civil Drawings provide "Tree Protection Notes" which set out the requirement to protect all trees earmarked for retention. All contractors undertaking work on the site are provided with the attached Tree Control document and as such we take seriously the security and health of any vegetation within the construction zone. Additionally all works are carried out under the management and supervision of our project Arborist Rob Galbraith & Associates to accord with the Arboricultural Management Plan which forms part of Permit P15955.



Works carried out under the Demolition Approval

A Building Permit was obtained to undertake the demolition of all former KRS buildings and existing structures. These works included removal of services and sub-surface structure up to a depth of 1.5 metres. A substantial amount of the services removed were located in open space between buildings. Some vegetation from the former garden settings surrounding the buildings were removed however this did not include any heritage listed, VPO or Native tree/vegetation.

Removal of Trees/Tree Protection Fencing - Works Exempt from a Heritage/ Planning Permit

Selected tree removal has recently been undertaken throughout the area known as the balance of the site. This involved the removal of vegetation under strict supervision by our site Arborist and Site Manager. No vegetation removed triggered a Planning or Heritage Permit. (Eg. Vegetation removed was not native to Victoria, nor protected by the Boroondara Planning Scheme (Vegetation Protection Overlay) or afforded protection under the *Heritage Act 1995*).

General Site Works – Soil stockpiling

Stock piling of soil from various stages of development has been consistently undertaken over the past 4 years. We aim to retain all soil removed from construction zones on the site to minimise traffic movements to the surrounding street network and also reduce carbon emissions through unnecessary vehicle movements.

P17156 – Balance of Site Subdivision Application

An application for a Heritage Permit is currently under consideration by Heritage Victoria, having just completed the public notice period.

The proposal is limited to land subdivision and the removal of one heritage listed tree (tree 610). The proposal is supported by a Heritage Impact Statement (May 2011) prepared by Lovell Chen Heritage Consultants. Contrary to the allegations made by the complainant the report confirms the subdivision has been designed to recognise the heritage values and elements of the place and importantly affirms the proposal is not a threat to the historical fabric of the site.

We recognise further earthworks and fill will be required in this area (the balance of site) to re-shape the land in parts where original buildings and retaining walls once stood. Currently spoil and soils from the area known as stage 3B (Which was approved under Heritage Permit P15955) has been stockpiled throughout the site to prevent double handling of the soil etc.

We trust this correspondence clarifies your concerns, however please do not hesitate to contact myself should you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

Kew Development Corporation Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Evans', written over a white background.

Brad Evans
Manager Planning