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Attention: Brad James, Planning, IPCN Urgent.

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23 April, 2020.

Dear Brad,

A quick note to say many residents are very upset with SCEGGS redevelopment especially those living in the Horizon, adjacent to this historic site with their modern architects and Professor and experts on the board failing the heritage significance of the Wilkinson building and are going to the media about it.

The disruption to so many in the street during the construction phase is one part.

Urbis state they are heritage architects, so why then did they push the school to demolish this elegant building which they could have re-purposed within, probably at a lower cost, than pull it down with all the disruption it will cause.?

The street is full of sandstone houses as well. SCEGGS have been given by Council the side lane access to Bourke St. They have expanded their school, now with almost 1,000 students from far and wide whose families perhaps are not familiar with the heritage aspect locally... from the North Shore and outer Eastern Suburbs to whom the street and its history would mean nothing!

I know residents in the Horizon are seriously concerned with the potential construction noise.

There are junior schools too, one along the road in Bourke, so why do they want an area for another 45 children child minding... other than income.

The school has been given much by the Sydney City Council in support and rights and locals given the school support too....

Upgrading the Wilkinson building as a heritage building seem the last thing that matters to these academic judges who dont have to live with the daily issues,

Using the academic push to modernise the facility is one thing, but what of the heritage. Next it will be the beautiful stone church secured by the school from St Johns.

People are depressed, yet feel once again they will be railroaded by idealistic academics...

How such a heritage building can be easily pulled down for one of their new age Modern buildings few understand... circles within circles.

Many living nearby have lost faith in the decision makers from the Greater Sydney Council whose judgements have not always been supported by the local populations.

Kind regards

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April 4, 2020

Thank you Brad James for your information on SCEGGS's planned redevelopment of the well loved Heritage listed Wilkinson Building on the corner of Forbes Street, filled with early Terraces, who with many in this high density area are against this indulgence now.

Locals are happy for Sceggs to "internally upgrade this historic building", but find it amazing that URBIS the designer/ developers boasts of having a " heritage department" to preserve this historic building, why not this, rather than

pushing the modern "education" need as a reason. This is nonsense and unfair.

SCEGGS already has almost 1,000 students.

It is surprising that they now state they want a Child Minding space for 45 children, when the Sydney City Council opened a building for this at the corner of Bourke and Liverpool Streets about 18 months ago down the road. It is not needed except for more income for the school, at the cost of local amenity in a very high density area.

It is felt that the locals have 'supported' the school in recent years. SCEGGS has also taken over the "rights" for an important local side access lane from Forbes to Bourke Street, a loss to the many residents living and paying rates in Forbes and adjacent streets unfairly.

It has also taken out a" parking and pick up area on Bourke Street", which is clogged with parents picking up their school children in our high density area daily as their right.

Residents have been "denied adequate street parking", despite paying for parking permits, yet SCEGGS have been allowed many, include a bus bay.

Increased traffic is an issue and many feel the indulgence of locals has been tested?

CONSTRUCTION PHASE.

Noise, dirt and disruption for all living adjacent and working on Saturday until 5pm is not fair in this high density area and where many also run home offices.

Promoting as a "winner, the so called "jobs this construction will create" is another ploy to win support from your two decision makers, (neither of whom live here nor understand the impact it will have on all living locally)- a population of almost 20,000.

SCEGGS has been able to acquire also the beautiful little historic church from St John's the Evangelist, with lawn as a further area for school activity with heritage restrictions... how much is enough in their acquisitions many ask?

DECISION MAKERS.

Its one thing to have eminent Professors of planning who do not live locally and parents who also are from the North Shore and outer Eastern suburbs to think with some of the School board this is a wonderful idea.

They "dont have to live with it and your Board should "understand there is deep seated anger" with flyers asking for support to retain the Wilkinson as it is. If your Architects are good, they surely can re-configure it as top Architects do.

Sadly many feel we are fast losing our heritage of wonderful architecture being replace by 50s revisited modern architecture, often charmless which is changing the face of Darlinghurst, once viewed with respect for its history.

The developers suggest there will be a "benefit to the local community" What? Whatever benefits URBIS and your decision making panel make, there will be deep opposition locally, those who have to live with decisions made from afar in the so called new plans set down for our area, no questions asked. Its unfair Times have changed very much since this was put forward and anger about it is real, after years of consideration and support.

Kind regards
Robyn Hall ^ Darlinghurst residents.

