



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY  
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16 July 2020

Anne Warr  
President, Millers Point Community Resident Action Group  
By email [warr.anne@gmail.com](mailto:warr.anne@gmail.com)

Dear Anne

**D/2020/182 – 87 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point**

I refer to your letter about the development application (DA) for demolition of the former baby health centre at 87 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point and remediation and subdivision of the site. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I note your concerns about the proposal, including heritage impacts, loss of publicly accessible space and uncertainty about the site's future use. I also note your request for the public to be involved in the recovery and exhibition of any underground archaeology of state significance. This isn't something Council could require as there are no legislative requirements for the public to be involved in the recovery and exhibition of archaeology. Any such involvement would be on a voluntary basis.

I asked City staff what could be done to protect the laneway beside 64 Argyle Place in the context of the proposed development. They tell me the historical laneway already forms part of the existing allotment (Lot 26 DP 1221024) and public access is established as a legal Right of Way. The proposed subdivision does not seek to amalgamate the laneway into one of the new lots that could be developed. Rather, it protects the existing laneway by making a legal Right of Footway to allow access for residents of nearby properties who will benefit from it.

You mention the *City of Sydney Policy for the Management of Laneways in Central Sydney*, which is referred to in the *Central Sydney Development Control Plan (DCP) 1996*. This DCP has been superseded by the *Sydney DCP 2012*. The Sydney DCP identifies some laneways to be dedicated to Council, but not this one.

I cannot make any further comment as this application is currently being assessed by the City's Planning staff and I must ensure the development assessment process is impartial.

The City assesses each DA on its individual merits against relevant planning legislation and controls and Planning staff must consider any concerns raised in submissions received during the public exhibition period.

I have forwarded your email to Harry Choi, the City Planner coordinating the assessment of this proposal now that Tahlia Alexander has left the City. Harry will consider your comments and contact you if he needs to discuss the issues you have raised.

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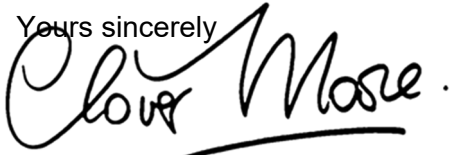
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The City will keep all those who made submissions updated on the DA, including if it's listed at a public meeting of the Local Planning Panel, which you can attend. If you would like to speak with a Council officer about this DA, you can contact Harry on 9265 9333 or at [hchoi@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hchoi@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore." The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Clover Moore  
**Lord Mayor of Sydney**