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**RE: MP10\_0155 - Redevelopment of the Former Allied Mills Site for the purposes of a Mixed Use Residential, Commercial and Retail development**

Friends of GreenWay is an incorporated community advocacy group established in October 2007. We now with over 150 supporters and are engaged in a number of activities in the community to promote the GreenWay vision. Refer [www.friendsofthegreenway.org.au](http://www.friendsofthegreenway.org.au) for more information on the group, and the current campaign to ensure that the GreenWay is implemented at the same time as any light rail extension.

We wish to object to the development of the former Allied Mills site, as exhibited. Friends raise the following specific comments:

- Friends of the GreenWay seeks a more forward-looking approach promoting active transport and reducing car use such as: reduction in car parking provision (to an average of 0.5 per unit or less as per Marrickville parking DCP); splitting of sale of units with and without parking spots; proponent-funded Council schemes and local programmes to reduce car-reliance and result in no net private car trips increase locally; providing free-bike hire scheme;
- There is an opportunity to relocate the GreenWay Trail instead of a proposed new internal roadway on the northeast corner of the subject site as shown in *Figure 1*. This would enable a more viable bushland habitat to be established in the corridor. The road could be terminated for vehicle access at the southern end of the buildings with traffic to the underground car park located at the southern end of the buildings. Any impact on ability to provide on-street visitor car parking, can be avoided by offering car-free/car parking free units to encourage car-share/sustainable transport;
- there is no mention of how the proposal builds into or connects to the GreenWay “trellis” or greenstreet network that is a key part of the active transport initiatives as agreed by the community in the *GreenWay Master Plan and Coordination Strategy* (October, 2009), and now subject to a GreenWay active transport consultancy as part of state Government-funded USP project. For instance the laneway parallel to Smith St should be better integrated into the development to provide a shared/quiet link to Summer Hill shopping village and Wellesley St could be better linked to the GreenWay Trail;
- the assessment underestimates the potential mode shift to walking and cycling that could occur once a GreenWay Trail and greenstreet network is in place – with

active transport trips increasing far above the minimal increase as assessed in the proponents transport/traffic assessment;

- there is limited or no site assessment on the impact of the new roads connecting to Old Canterbury Road, Edward St and Smith St and impact on the severing safe pedestrian and cycling links. Illustration p7 shows the road accessing to Old Canterbury Rd on embankment – this severs the safe footpath access along Old Canterbury Rd, and removes any potential for connecting Edward St to the GreenWay corridor at this location; and,
- representatives from Friends of the GreenWay met with proponent 2008 and 2009 – and the asked proponent to include significant bushcare areas and appropriate buffers within the site. We expressed desire to see the area now proposed for 10 story apartments, to be used to develop a bushcare site and provided the proponent with some early concept drawings for the GreenWay vision including the GreenWay Trail.

Refer **Figure 1** below showing our recommended changes to the concept to maximise outcomes for the GreenWay and biodiversity.

Friends take this opportunity to remind the NSW Government that the GreenWay Trail and GreenWay vision in general was, and should be, integral to the implementation of light rail. Support for light rail in the community, and by the proponent of this development has to date been on the basis that both the GreenWay Trail and the Inner West Light Rail extension would be implemented concurrently as approved.

Representatives of Friends of the GreenWay request to meet with Department representatives to discuss the Summer Hill Flour Mill proposal, in particular how the proponent site can assist in implementation of the GreenWay Trail and active transport.

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Attach.

