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HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

Kemps Creek Logistics Park,
Aldington Road & Abbots
Road, Kemps Creek NSW
(Lots 11, 12 & 13 in DP
253503)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The subject site is not a listed heritage item and is not located in a conservation area. However, the site adjoins and is located in the vicinity of other locally significant heritage items listed under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009* as outlined hereunder:

- Item 4, Brick farmhouse, 282 Aldington Road, Lot 142, DP 1033686
- Item 3, Gateposts to Colesbrook, 269–285 Mamre Road, Lot 8, DP 253503
- Item 2, "Bayley Park", house, 919–929 Mamre Road, Lot 35, DP 258414

The proposal is for the construction of 174,187 m² of warehouse and office floor space, parking and hardstand areas, landscaping services and utilities. Stage 1 development includes demolition and bulk earthworks, vegetation removal, the internal road, services and utilities works and a warehouse building with total GFA of 27,565 m² on Lot 1 within the estate. Further details of the proposed works are included in Section 1.6.

This HIS has been prepared to determine the potential heritage impact of the proposed works on the heritage items in the immediate vicinity of the subject site and to assist the consent authority in their determination in accordance with the SEARs request.

The impact assessment included at Section 5 of this report has had regard to the prospective future development of the whole of the subject site for industrial uses and we have considered the potential heritage impact of the future development of multiple warehouses that will be facilitated by the concept proposal.

The proposal has been assessed to have an acceptable impact on the vicinity heritage items in the area. Key aspects of the proposal assessment are listed below:

- All four existing dwellings on the subject site were constructed between 1975 and 1986. The agricultural buildings were constructed after 1978. The subject site is not a listed heritage item and does not contain any elements of potential built heritage significance. None of the structures on the subject site are required to be retained on heritage grounds. There are no detrimental heritage impacts as a result of the demolition of the existing structures on the subject site.
- The proposal is located to the south of the vicinity heritage items, in particular Item 4 being the brick farmhouse, which is the only heritage item which will have a visual interface with future development on the subject site. Principal inward facing views to the heritage item dwelling would be from the west facing towards the east (from the location of the original drive) and from the north facing towards the south (facing what would have been the principal frontage to the house).
- The outward views from the heritage item are towards the north and west, and do not look towards the subject site to the south. Outward views from the heritage item towards the proposed subject site development will be available following construction, however this modified outlook will form part of a larger strategic planned urban redevelopment of the precinct. These modified outward views will be to the south from the rear secondary elevation of the heritage item where a number of existing structures are located between the subject site and the heritage item to the north providing a physical and visual buffer between the heritage item and the subject site. There will be no change to the principal outward views of the heritage item from the west and northern elevations of the dwelling.
- The northern elevation of Warehouse 1b (Lot 1) is setback approximately 50m from the heritage item dwelling to the immediate north. There will be approximately 8m of landscaping setback along this boundary interface providing high canopy tree cover. The proposed pad level on Lot 1 will be at RL 59 which is 9m lower than the current ground level which the heritage item is sitting. The vegetated screening together with the lower natural floor levels of the new building will mitigate the potential visual impact of the development.
- It is noted that the adjoining heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape through later development and subdivisions. It has been

severed from its original rive and gateposts which are now located on the western alignment of Aldington Road and face Mamre Road. While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item and change existing inward views towards the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west, and be able to be understood and interpreted in its existing setting. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.

- There are no visual or physical adverse impacts as a result of the proposal on the other vicinity heritage items in the locality being Bayley Park and the former gateposts to Colesbrook. All heritage items will retain their existing listing protection and no physical works are proposed to any of the heritage items.

For the reasons stated above, the proposed works are recommended for approval from a heritage perspective.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. BACKGROUND

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1.2. RESPONSE TO SEARS

This HIS has been guided by the SEARs for SSD-9138102. The specific requirements of the SEARs are identified in the table below.

Table 1 – SEARs requirements and relevant report sections

| Requirement No. | Requirement | Report Section |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Heritage | Heritage – including: - an assessment of non-Aboriginal cultural heritage items and values of the site and surrounding area | The heritage context of the site is outlined at Section 1.6 and an assessment of the potential heritage impact of the proposal is outlined at Section 6. |

1.3. METHODOLOGY

This Heritage Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Heritage Division guidelines 'Assessing Heritage Significance', and 'Statements of Heritage Impact'. The philosophy and process adopted is that guided by the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter 1999 (revised 2013).

Site constraints and opportunities have been considered with reference to relevant controls and provisions contained within the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009 (SEPP 2009)* and the Penrith Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014.

No site inspection was undertaken for this report. This analysis is based on desktop research only.

1.4. AUTHOR IDENTIFICATION

The following report has been prepared by Ashleigh Persian (Senior Heritage Consultant). Unless otherwise stated, all drawings, illustrations and photographs are the work of Urbis.

1.5. SITE LOCATION

The subject site is located at 290-308 Aldington Road, Kemps Creek within the Local Government Area (LGA) of Penrith. The site is a consolidation of lots legally described as Lots 11, 12 & 13 of Deposited Plan 253503.

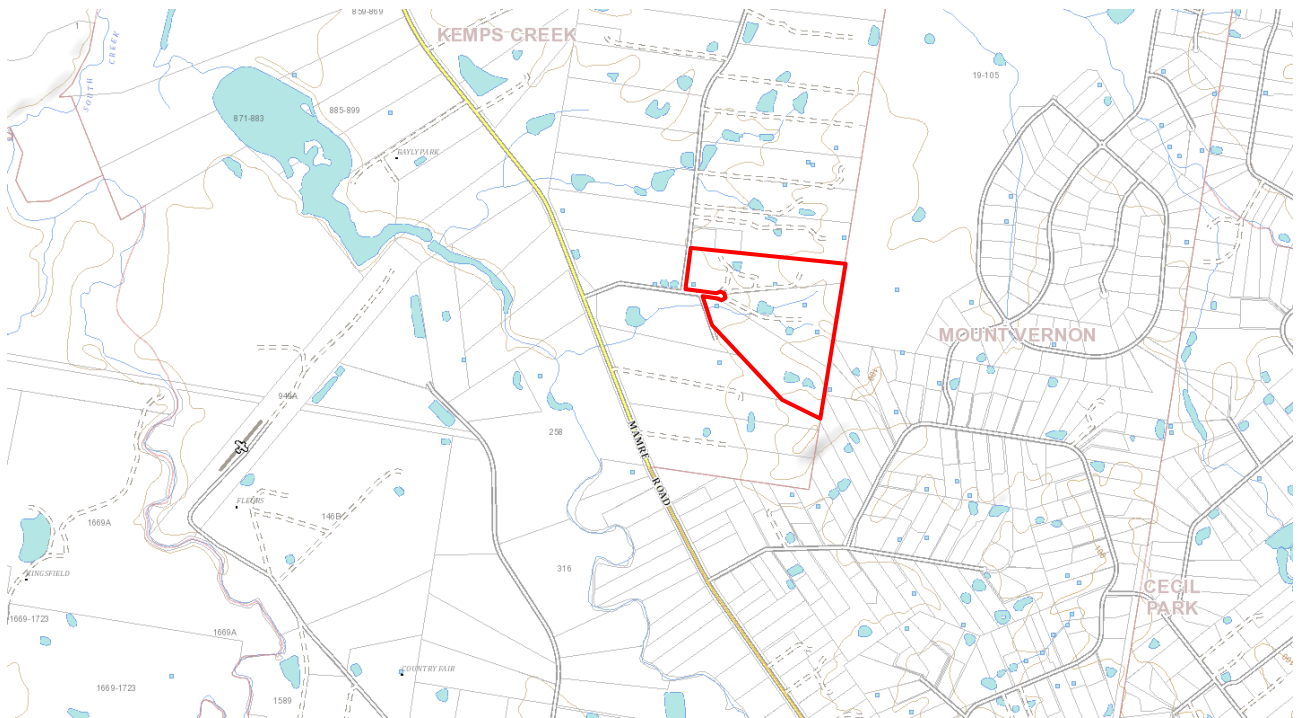


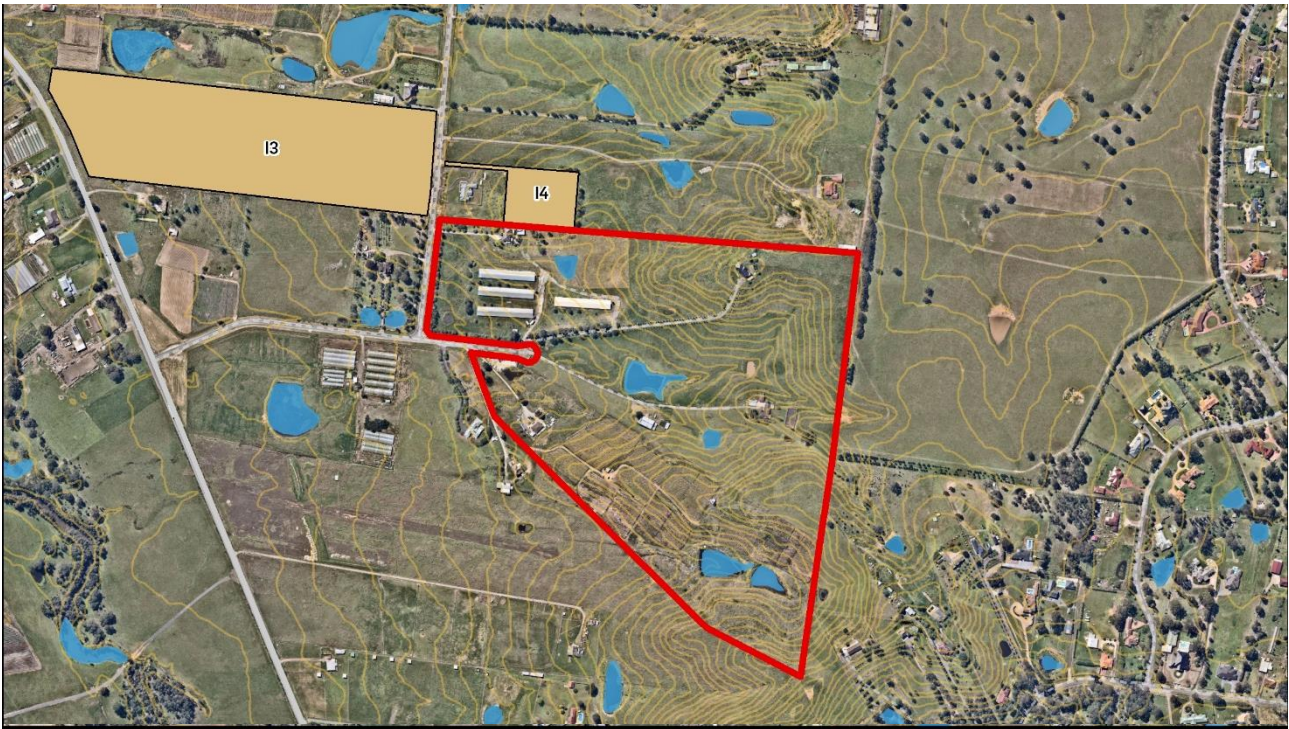
Figure 1 Locality map subject site outlined in red

Source: SIX Maps 2020

1.6. HERITAGE LISTING

The subject site is not a listed heritage item and is not located in a conservation area. However, the site adjoins and is located in the vicinity of other locally significant heritage items listed under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009* as outlined hereunder:

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HISTORICAL HERITAGE ITEMS
 Kemps Creek Logistics Park
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- Subject Area
- Hydrology
- Item - General
- Contours

Figure 2 Heritage map showing the subject site outlined in red

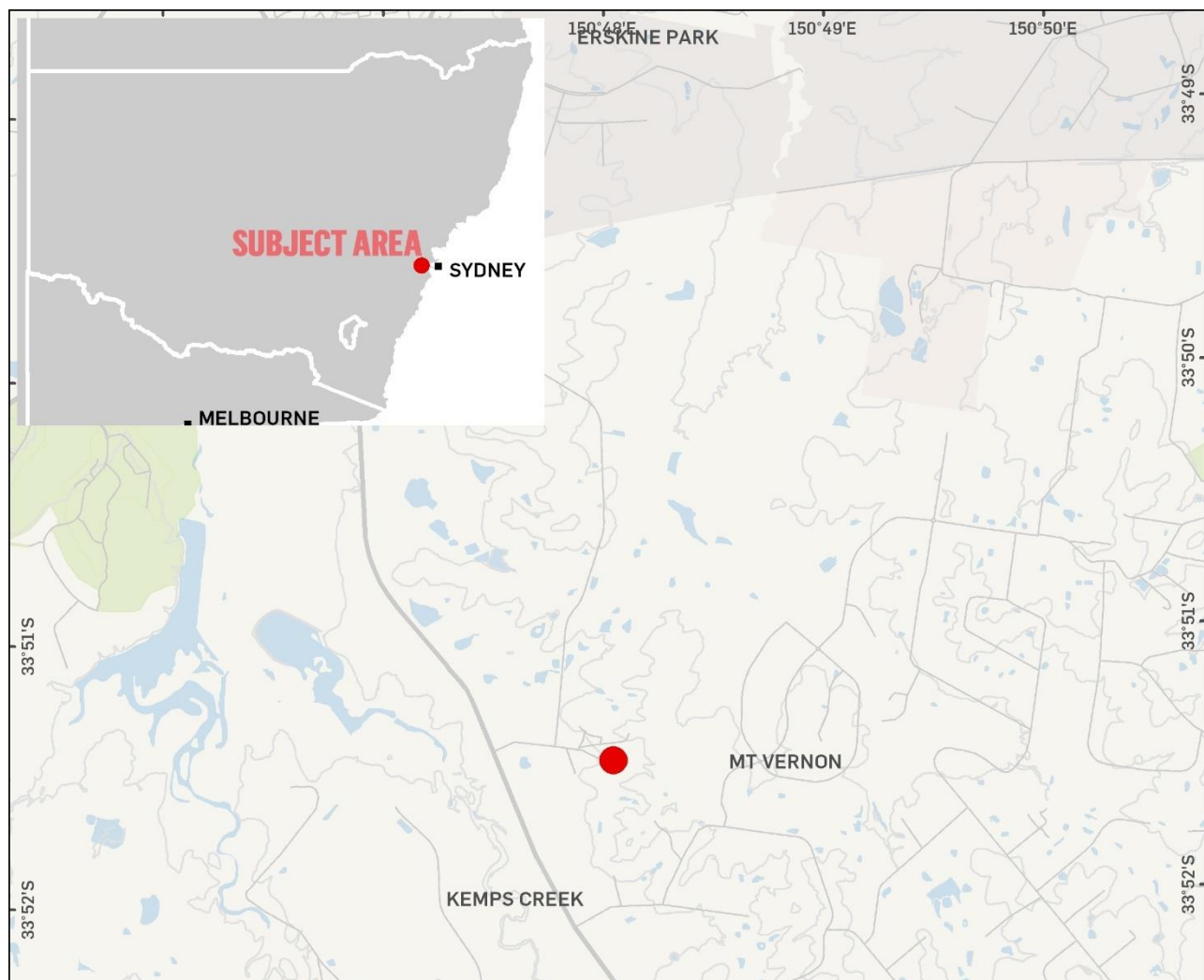
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2. SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject area is located within the City of Penrith Local Government Area (LGA), approximately 37km west of the Sydney CBD. It is approximately 32ha and is situated approximately 900m east of Kemps Creek on the west-facing slopes of the valley associated with that waterway. The subject area is currently utilised for agricultural purposes and includes the following improvements:

- Four dwellings.
- Four industrial / agricultural sheds.
- Multiple dams.
- Fencing and other farm improvements.

It is bound on all sides by other semi-rural properties, with the exception of the north-western portion, which has frontages on Aldington Road and Abbotts Road.



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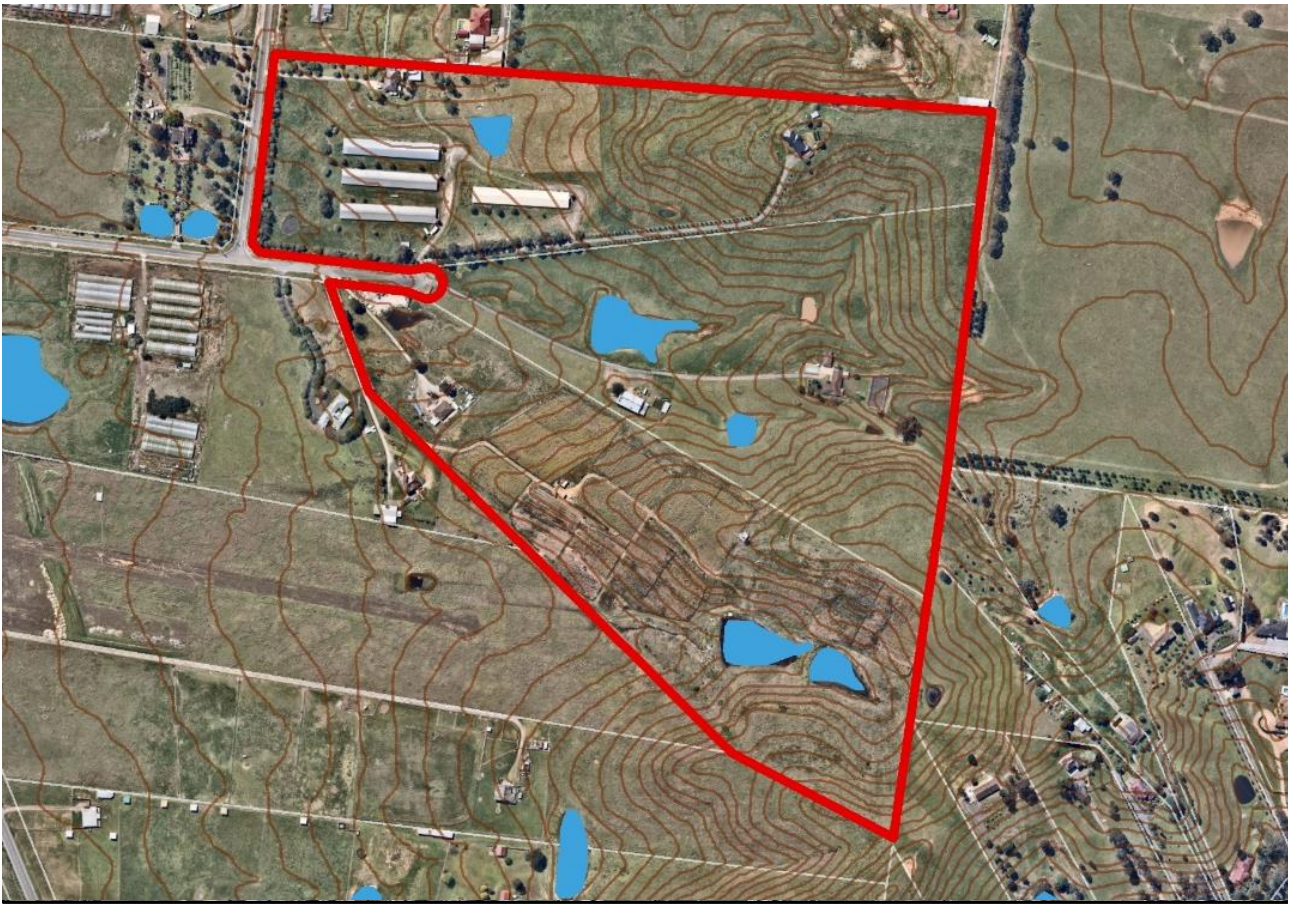
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● Subject Area

REGIONAL LOCATION
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Figure 3 Regional locality map subject site indicated in red

Source: SIX Maps 2020



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■ Subject Area — Contours ■ Hydrology

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT AREA
 Kemps Creek Logistics Park
 ESR Australia

Figure 4 Locality map and aerial view of the subject site outlined in red

Source: SIX Maps 2020

3. HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

3.1. AREA HISTORY

The following area history has been directly sourced from the Penrith City Local History website at <https://penrithhistory.com/suburb-profiles/kemps-creek/>.

Kemps Creek, New South Wales, Australia is located in the south east corner of the City of Penrith as well as the City of Liverpool. In the City of Penrith, Sydney Water's supply pipeline is Kemps Creek's northern boundary, while the suburb of Mt Vernon and the City of Fairfield run along its eastern side. Historic Elizabeth Drive divides Kemps Creek between Penrith and Liverpool Councils while South Creek forms its western boundary. Kemps Creek is an active rural and research area in Western Sydney with the University of Sydney and Western Sydney using the area for research purposes. The major creeks of South, Ropes and Kemps run through this suburb. It is a major thoroughfare between Penrith and Liverpool. The subdivision patterns of this area reflect the early land grants and it commands spectacular views of the Blue Mountains from its undulating hills.

The name of this suburb is taken from Anthony Fenn Kemp (1773-1868), who was granted two adjoining properties in this district. The largest, granted in 1820 was of 500 acres (Parish of Melville) and was named Mt Vernon, presumably after George Washington's home in Virginia in America. While the other, granted in 1810, was of 300 acres and is in both the Parish of Melville and Cabramatta, straddling Elizabeth Drive and Mamre Road). In 1816, Kemp sold his land and left New South Wales for Tasmania. Kemps Creek township, located outside of the Penrith LGA, is situated on Kemp's former estate.

3.2. SITE HISTORY

The subject site has historically been used primarily for agricultural purposes since it was settled by Europeans. It appears that the subject site once formed part of the larger Colesbrook Estate in Kemps Creek. The only evidence of this larger estate to remain include the highly modified and reconstructed brick farmhouse to the immediate north of the subject site (Heritage Item 4 at 282 Aldington Road) and the remnant sandstone gatepost fronting Mamre Road (Heritage Item 3 at 269-285 Mamre Road). The following aerials show that the Colesbrook Estate was large and contained open grazing land, numerous dams and evidence of horticulture.

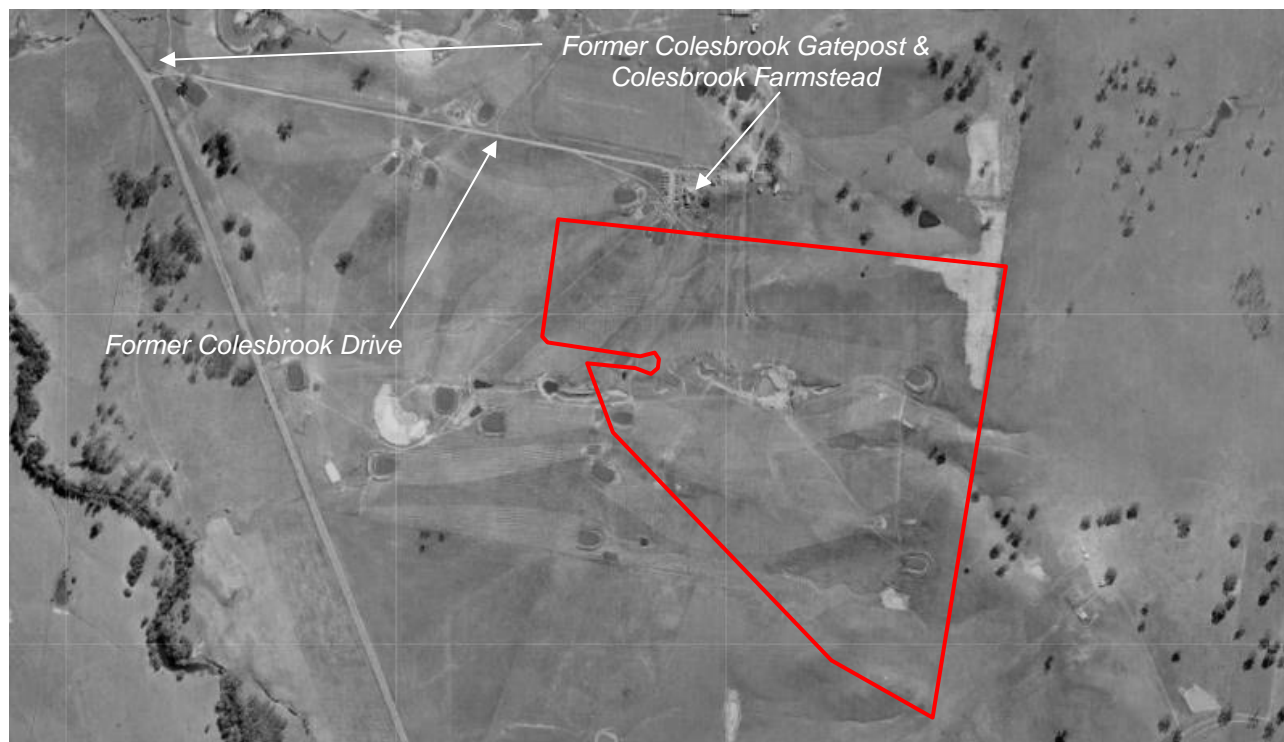


Figure 5 Extract of the 1965 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
Source: NSW Historical Imagery

The following close up view of the 1965 aerial shows the former Colesbrook homestead.

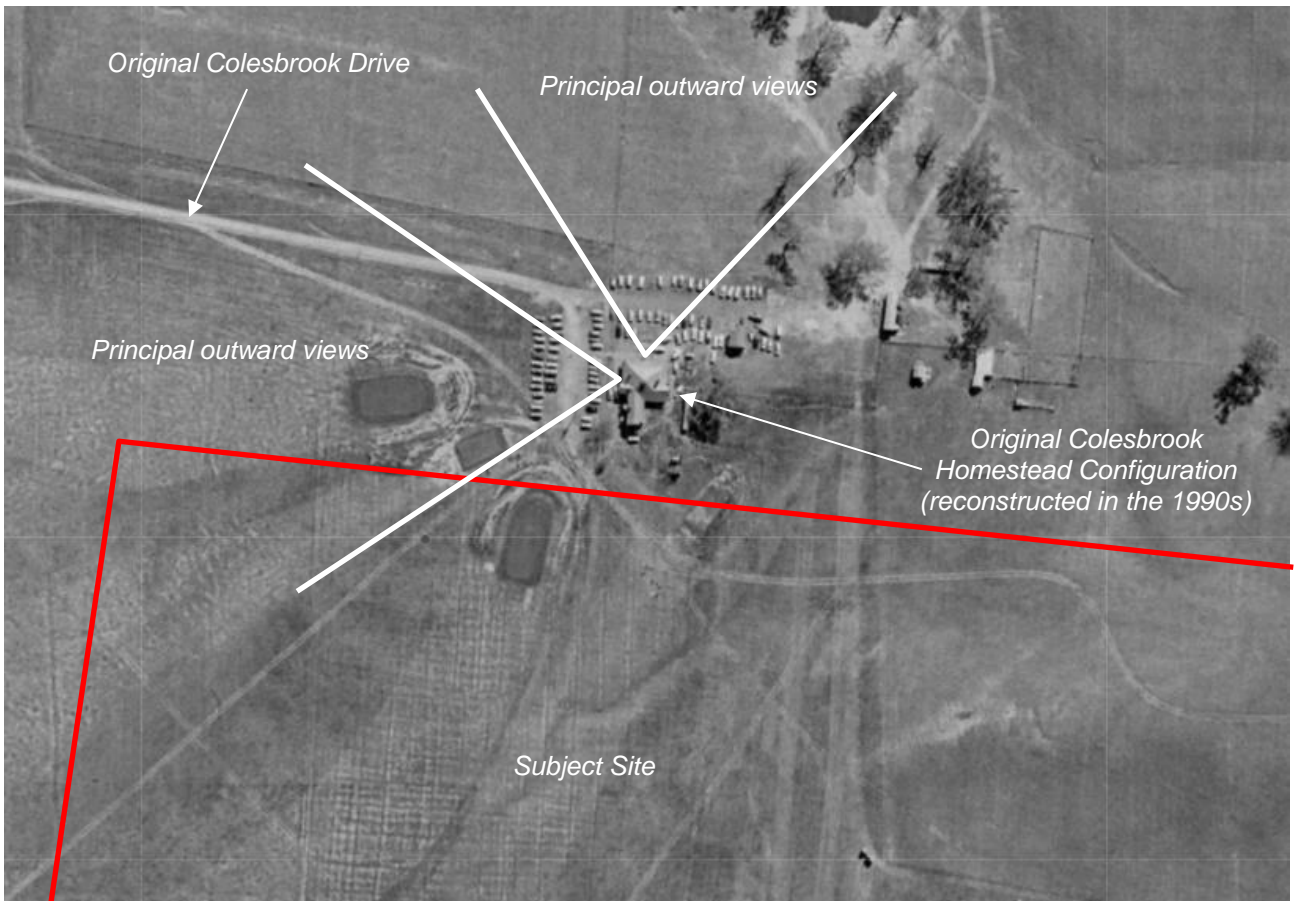


Figure 6 Extract of the 1965 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
 Source: NSW Historical Imagery

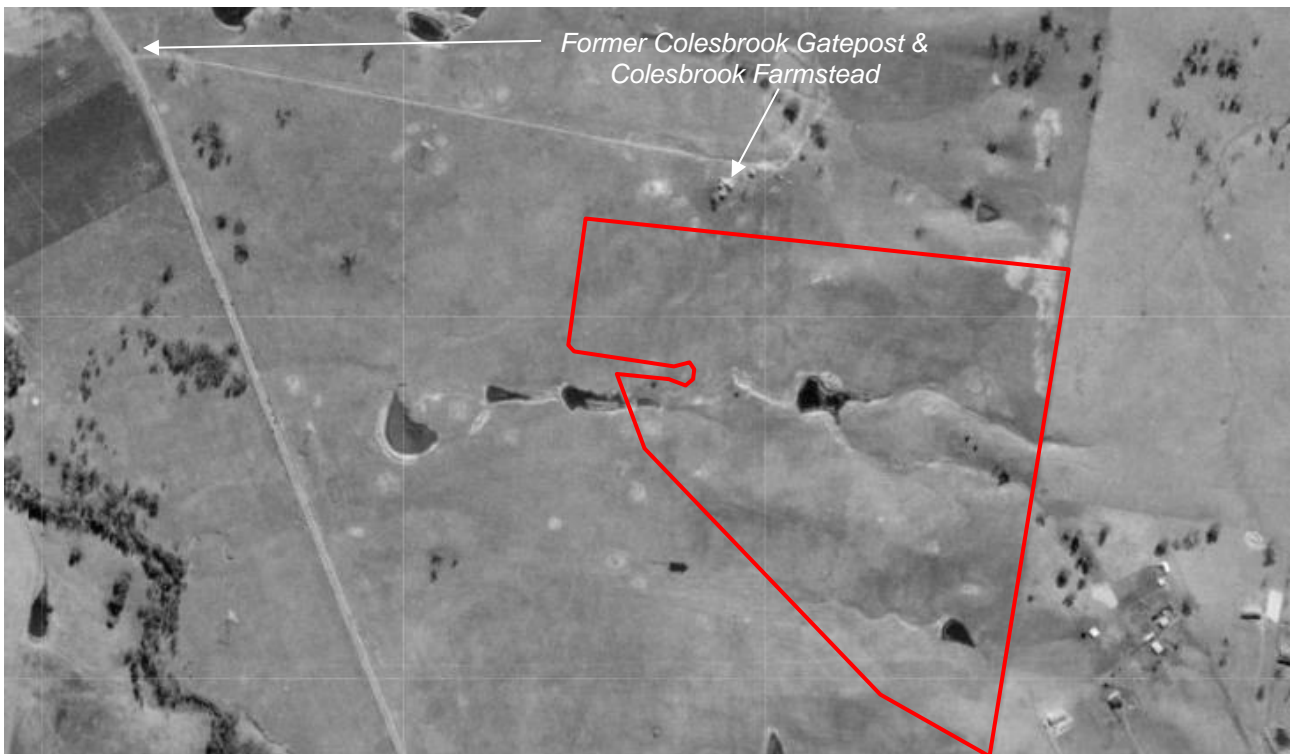


Figure 7 Extract of the 1975 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
 Source: NSW Historical Imagery

Improvements begun to appear on the subject site around 1978 (see below) with the construction of an internal road following the subdivision of the Estate development of Aldington Road and Abbots Road at the same time.



Figure 8 Extract of the 1978 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
Source: NSW Historical Imagery

By 1986 (see below) agricultural buildings along with four dwellings had been constructed on the site.



Figure 9 Extract of the 1986 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
Source: NSW Historical Imagery



Figure 10 Extract of the 1991 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
 Source: NSW Historical Imagery



Figure 11 Extract of the 2004 historical aerial showing the subject site outlined in red
 Source: NSW Historical Imagery

The site remained unchanged throughout the late twentieth century apart from the addition of further agricultural buildings to Lot 13 / DP 253503 (the northern lot within the subject site).



Figure 12 Extract of current aerial image showing the subject site outlined in red
Source: SIX Maps 2020

4. HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

4.1. WHAT IS HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE?

Before making decisions to change a heritage item, an item within a heritage conservation area, or an item located in proximity to a heritage listed item, it is important to understand its values and the values of its context. This leads to decisions that will retain these values in the future. Statements of heritage significance summarise the heritage values of a place – why it is important and why a statutory listing was made to protect these values.

4.2. ESTABLISHED HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

4.2.1. The Subject Site

The subject site is not a listed heritage item and does not contain any elements of potential built heritage significance. None of the structures on the subject site are required to be retained on heritage grounds.

4.2.2. Vicinity Heritage Items

The existing statements of significance associated with the vicinity heritage items are outlined in the table below and have been sourced directly from the NSW State Heritage Inventory records for the items.

Table 2 Established Statement of Significance

| Heritage Item | Established Statement of Significance |
|---|---|
| Item 4, Brick farmhouse, 282 Aldington Road, Lot 142, DP 1033686 | The farmhouse is of local significance and demonstrates the emergence of small farmsteads in the area following the subdivision of the Fleurs estate in the 1880s. Albeit altered the building remains a substantial and elaborate farmhouse of its era prominently set on a hillside overlooking the South Creek floodplain. The house and surrounding cleared hillside evoke a rural setting. The house is best of the late nineteenth century and early to mid twentieth century residences in this historically sparsely settled area. This significance is enhanced by its historic association with the Fleurs estate subdivision. ¹ |
| Item 3, Gateposts to Colesbrook, 269–285 Mamre Road, Lot 8, DP 253503 | Significant as evidence of the prosperity of the larger rural properties in the late 19th and early 20th Century, and the subsequent decline leading to the present day subdivision of the area into 10ha allotments. ² |
| Item 2, “Bayley Park”, house, 919–929 Mamre Road, Lot 35, DP 258414 | Under construction from the 1810s for Nicholas Bayley, the property is unique in the south-eastern section of Penrith LGA for its historic associations with a settler family and colonial era rural enterprise. While the importance of the house requires investigation, the treed creekside setting with foreground of pastureland provides a historic item and demonstrates nineteenth century pastoral and agricultural estate planning. ³ |

¹ <https://apps.environment.nsw.gov.au/dpcheritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=2260106>

² <https://apps.environment.nsw.gov.au/dpcheritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=2260105>

³ <https://apps.environment.nsw.gov.au/dpcheritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=2260104>

5. THE PROPOSAL

The subject proposal under SSD-9138102 comprises the following scope of works:

1. A Concept proposal comprising 7 development lots for 167,028 m2 of warehouse and office floor space, parking and hardstand areas, landscaping, services and utilities, site-wide development controls; and,
2. A Stage 1 development including;
 - demolition and bulk earthworks;
 - vegetation removal;
 - the internal road;
 - services and utilities works; and,
 - a warehouse building with a total gross floor area of 35,350 m2.

The proposed Masterplan is shown below. The brick farmhouse heritage item is located to the immediate north of the subject site.



Figure 13 – Masterplan for subject area
Source: ESR Australia

6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The proposal provides for a masterplan for the future development of the whole of the subject site with industrial warehouse buildings. The proposal also includes a Stage 1 proposal for physical works including site preparation, bulk earthworks, and construction of the first warehouse. This impact assessment has had regard to the prospective future development of the whole of the subject site for industrial uses and we have considered the potential heritage impact of the future development of multiple warehouses that will be facilitated by the concept proposal.

Below, the potential impact of the proposal is assessed against the applicable heritage-related statutory and non-statutory planning controls which relate to the site and the proposed development.

6.1. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (WESTERN SYDNEY EMPLOYMENT AREA) 2009

The table below provides an assessment of the proposal against the relevant provision for heritage conservation as found in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009*.

Table 3 – Assessment against the State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009

| Clause | Response |
|---|---|
| 33J Heritage conservation | |
| <p>(2) Requirement for consent Development consent is required for any of the following—</p> <p>(e) erecting a building on land—</p> <p>(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or</p> <p>(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,</p> <p>(f) subdividing land—</p> <p>(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or</p> <p>(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance.</p> | <p>The proposal is located in the vicinity of heritage items. Accordingly, consent is required under this clause.</p> |
| <p>(4) Effect of proposed development on heritage significance</p> <p>The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause in respect of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. This subclause applies regardless of whether a heritage management document is prepared under subclause (5) or a heritage conservation management plan is submitted under subclause (6).</p> | <p>A detailed impact assessment has been included in the following sections of this report.</p> |

| Clause | Response |
|--|--|
| <p data-bbox="165 237 432 268">(5) Heritage assessment</p> <p data-bbox="165 302 746 367">The consent authority may, before granting consent to development—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="165 403 703 434">(a) on land on which a heritage item is located, or <li data-bbox="165 465 778 497">(b) on land that is within a heritage conservation area, or <li data-bbox="165 528 770 593">(c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), <p data-bbox="165 629 783 808">require a heritage management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.</p> | <p data-bbox="810 237 1342 342">This HIS has been prepared to assist the consent authority in their determination and to assess the potential heritage impact of the proposal.</p> |

6.2. PENRITH DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2010

The table below assesses the proposal against the relevant objective and provisions for heritage conservation as found in the Penrith DCP 2010.

Table 4 – Assessment against the Penrith Development Control Plan 2010

| Provision | Response |
|--|--|
| 7.1.5. Development in the Vicinity of a Heritage Item or Conservation Area | |
| <p><u>C. Controls</u></p> <p>1) A Heritage Impact Statement shall be lodged with a development application for buildings or works in the vicinity of a heritage item or heritage conservation area. This clause extends to development that:</p> <p>a) May have an impact on the setting of a heritage item or conservation area, for example, by affecting a significant view to or from the item or by overshadowing; or</p> | <p>This heritage impact has been prepared in response to the SEARs request and to satisfy this clause.</p> <p>The proposal is located to the south of the vicinity heritage items, in particular Item 4 being the brick farmhouse, which is the only heritage item which will have a visual interface with future development on the subject site. The outward views from the heritage item are towards the north and west, and do not look towards the subject site to the south.</p> <p>Principal inward facing views to the heritage item dwelling would be from the west facing towards the east (from the location of the original drive) and from the north facing towards the south (facing what would have been the principal frontage to the house). The heritage item is a dwelling located on a knoll and would benefit from widespread views of the surrounding landscape to the north and west.</p> <p>It is noted that a number of existing structures are located between the subject site and the heritage item to the north providing a physical and visual buffer between the heritage item and the subject site.</p> <p>Outward views from the heritage item towards the proposed subject site development will be available, however it is noted that the heritage item is located within an area of identified and planned urban redevelopment and the nature of this precinct will be one of evolving built form. Further the heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape.</p> <p>While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item in inward views to the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west. The proposal is considered to have an</p> |

| Provision | Response |
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| b) May undermine or otherwise cause physical damage to a heritage item; or | <p>acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.</p> <p>There are no visual impacts as a result of the proposal on the other vicinity heritage items being Bayley Park and the former gateposts to Colesbrook.</p> |
| c) Will otherwise have any adverse impact on the heritage significance of a heritage item or any heritage conservation area within which it is situated. | See above discussion. |
| <p>2) The following issues must be addressed in the Heritage Impact Statement:</p> <p>a) The impact of the proposed development on the heritage significance, visual curtilage and setting of the heritage item;</p> | <p>The proposal is located to the south of the vicinity heritage items, in particular Item 4 being the brick farmhouse, which is the only heritage item which will have a visual interface with future development on the subject site. The outward views from the heritage item are towards the north and west, and do not look towards the subject site to the south.</p> <p>Principal inward facing views to the heritage item dwelling would be from the west facing towards the east (from the location of the original drive) and from the north facing towards the south (facing what would have been the principal frontage to the house). The heritage item is a dwelling located on a knoll and would benefit from widespread views of the surrounding landscape to the north and west.</p> <p>It is noted that a number of existing structures are located between the subject site and the heritage item to the north providing a physical and visual buffer between the heritage item and the subject site.</p> <p>Outward views from the heritage item towards the proposed subject site development will be available, however it is noted that the heritage item is located within an area of identified and planned urban redevelopment and the nature of this precinct will be one of evolving built form. Further the heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape.</p> <p>While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item in inward views to the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that</p> |

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| | <p>the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.</p> <p>There are no visual impacts as a result of the proposal on the other vicinity heritage items being Bayley Park and the former gateposts to Colesbrook.</p> |
| <p>b) Details of the size, shape and scale of, setbacks for, and the materials to be used in, any proposed buildings or works; and</p> <p>c) Details of any modification that would reduce the impact of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the heritage item.</p> | <p>The northern elevation of Warehouse 1b (Lot 1) is setback approximately 50m from the heritage item dwelling to the immediate north. There will be approximately 8m of landscaping setback along this boundary interface providing high canopy tree cover. The proposed pad level on Lot 1 will be at RL 59 which is 9m lower than the current ground level which the heritage item is sitting. The vegetated screening together with the lower natural floor levels of the new building will mitigate the potential visual impact of the development.</p> <p>While the development will still be visible from the adjoining heritage item, the nature of the precinct is one of strategic change and urban renewal in line with the Western Sydney employment lands SEPP. The materiality, siting, landscaping and heights of the new building have been designed to minimise impact on the adjoining heritage item as much as possible.</p> |
| 7.1.7. Potential Heritage Items | |
| <p>C. Controls</p> <p>1) Where it is proposed to develop or demolish a building, relic or structure not listed in Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage of Penrith LEP 2010 that is older than fifty years, Council may require the submission of a Heritage Impact Statement that addresses those issues referred to in Clause 5.10 of Penrith LEP 2010 or in this DCP, so as to enable it to fully consider the impact of the development upon the significance of the building, relic or structure.</p> | <p>All four existing dwellings on the subject site were constructed between 1975 and 1986. The agricultural buildings were constructed after 1978. Therefore all structures on the site are less than 50 years old and date to the late twentieth century.</p> |

6.3. HERITAGE NSW GUIDELINES

The proposed works are addressed in relation to relevant questions posed in Heritage NSW's (former Heritage Office/Heritage Division) 'Statement of Heritage Impact' guidelines.

Table 5 - Heritage NSW Guidelines

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| <p>The following aspects of the proposal respect or enhance the heritage significance of the item or conservation area for the following reasons:</p> | <p>The subject site is not a listed heritage item and is not located in a conservation area. However, the site adjoins and is located in the vicinity of other locally significant heritage items listed under <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009</i>.</p> <p>The proposal provides for a masterplan for the future development of the whole of the subject site with industrial warehouse buildings. The proposal also includes a Stage 1 proposal for physical works including site preparation, bulk earthworks, and construction of the first warehouse. This impact assessment has had regard to the prospective future development of the whole of the subject site for industrial uses and we have considered the potential heritage impact of the future development of multiple warehouses that will be facilitated by the concept proposal.</p> <p>The proposal is located to the south of the vicinity heritage items, in particular Item 4 being the brick farmhouse, which is the only heritage item which will have a visual interface with future development on the subject site. The outward views from the heritage item are towards the north and west, and do not look towards the subject site to the south.</p> <p>Principal inward facing views to the heritage item dwelling would be from the west facing towards the east (from the location of the original drive) and from the north facing towards the south (facing what would have been the principal frontage to the house). The heritage item is a dwelling located on a knoll and would benefit from widespread views of the surrounding landscape to the north and west.</p> <p>It is noted that a number of existing structures are located between the subject site and the heritage item to the north providing a physical and visual buffer between the heritage item and the subject site.</p> <p>Outward views from the heritage item towards the proposed subject site development will be available, however it is noted that the heritage item is located within an area of identified and planned urban redevelopment</p> |

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| | <p>and the nature of this precinct will be one of evolving built form. Further the heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape.</p> <p>While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item in inward views to the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.</p> <p>There are no visual impacts as a result of the proposal on the other vicinity heritage items being Bayley Park and the former gateposts to Colesbrook.</p> |
| <p>The following aspects of the proposal could detrimentally impact on heritage significance.</p> <p>The reasons are explained as well as the measures to be taken to minimise impacts:</p> | <p>There are no aspects of the proposal which have been assessed to have an adverse heritage impact on the significance of vicinity heritage items. The adjoining heritage item is located within an area of identified and planned urban redevelopment and the nature of this precinct will be one of evolving built form. Further the heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape.</p> <p>While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item in inward views to the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.</p> |
| <p>Demolition of a building or structure</p> <p>Have all options for retention and adaptive re-use been explored?</p> <p>Can all of the significant elements of the heritage item be kept and any new development be located elsewhere on the site?</p> | <p>All four existing dwellings on the subject site were constructed between 1975 and 1986. The agricultural buildings were constructed after 1978. The subject site is not a listed heritage item and does not contain any elements of potential built heritage significance. None of the structures on the subject site are required to be retained on heritage grounds. There are no detrimental</p> |

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| <p>Is demolition essential at this time or can it be postponed in case future circumstances make its retention and conservation more feasible?</p> <p>Has the advice of a heritage consultant been sought? Have the consultant's recommendations been implemented? If not, why not?</p> | <p>heritage impacts as a result of the demolition of the existing structures on the subject site.</p> |
| <p>Change of use</p> <p>Has the advice of a heritage consultant or structural engineer been sought?</p> <p>Has the consultant's advice been implemented? If not, why not?</p> <p>Does the existing use contribute to the significance of the heritage item?</p> <p>Why does the use need to be changed?</p> <p>What changes to the fabric are required as a result of the change of use?</p> <p>What changes to the site are required as a result of the change of use?</p> <p>New development adjacent to a heritage item</p> <p>How does the new development affect views to, and from, the heritage item?</p> <p>What has been done to minimise negative effects?</p> <p>How is the impact of the new development on the heritage significance of the item or area to be minimised?</p> <p>Why is the new development required to be adjacent to a heritage item?</p> <p>How does the curtilage allowed around the heritage item contribute to the retention of its heritage significance?</p> <p>Is the development sited on any known, or potentially significant archaeological deposits?</p> <p>If so, have alternative sites been considered? Why were they rejected?</p> <p>Is the new development sympathetic to the heritage item?</p> <p>In what way (e.g. form, siting, proportions, design)?</p> | <p>The proposal provides for a change of use from the existing rural residential use to a future industrial use providing an intensified land use. While out of character with the historical uses in the area and for the subject site, this site is located within an area of identified and planned urban redevelopment and the nature of this precinct will be one of evolving built form. The proposal is consistent with the longer term strategic vision and character for the Western Sydney Employment Lands corridor along Mamre Road and throughout Kemps Creek more broadly.</p> <p>The adjoining Heritage Item 4 being the brick farmhouse is the only heritage item which will have a visual interface with future development on the subject site.</p> <p>Principal inward facing views to the heritage item dwelling would be from the west facing towards the east (from the location of the original drive) and from the north facing towards the south (facing what would have been the principal frontage to the house). The heritage item is a dwelling located on a knoll and would benefit from widespread views of the surrounding landscape to the north and west. The outward views from this heritage item are towards the north and west, and do not look towards the subject site to the south.</p> <p>It is noted that a number of existing structures are located between the subject site and the heritage item to the north providing a physical and visual buffer between the heritage item and the subject site.</p> <p>Outward views from the heritage item towards the proposed subject site development will be available, however it is noted that the heritage item is located within an area of identified and planned urban redevelopment and the nature of this precinct will be one of evolving built</p> |

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| <p>Will the additions visually dominate the heritage item?</p> <p>How has this been minimised?</p> <p>Will the public, and users of the item, still be able to view and appreciate its significance?</p> | <p>form. Further the heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape.</p> <p>While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item in inward views to the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.</p> <p>There are no visual impacts as a result of the proposal on the other vicinity heritage items being Bayley Park and the former gateposts to Colesbrook.</p> |
| <p>Subdivision</p> <p>How is the proposed curtilage allowed around the heritage item appropriate?</p> <p>Could future development that results from this subdivision compromise the significance of the heritage item? How has this been minimised?</p> <p>Could future development that results from this subdivision affect views to, and from, the heritage item?</p> <p>How are negative impacts to be minimised?</p> | <p>The proposed subdivision of the subject site in accordance with the concept masterplan will have no adverse heritage impact on the vicinity heritage items. The subject site is the result of a late twentieth century subdivision of a former agricultural property, and further subdivision and development of the land will not obscure or adversely impact any of the identified heritage values of the vicinity heritage items.</p> |

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposal provides for a masterplan for the future development of the whole of the subject site with industrial warehouse buildings. The proposal also includes a Stage 1 proposal for physical works including site preparation, bulk earthworks, and construction of the first warehouse. The impact assessment included at Section 5 of this report has had regard to the prospective future development of the whole of the subject site for industrial uses and we have considered the potential heritage impact of the future development of multiple warehouses that will be facilitated by the concept proposal.

The proposal has been assessed to have an acceptable impact on the vicinity heritage items in the area. Key aspects of the proposal assessment are listed below:

- All four existing dwellings on the subject site were constructed between 1975 and 1986. The agricultural buildings were constructed after 1978. The subject site is not a listed heritage item and does not contain any elements of potential built heritage significance. None of the structures on the subject site are required to be retained on heritage grounds. There are no detrimental heritage impacts as a result of the demolition of the existing structures on the subject site.
- The proposal is located to the south of the vicinity heritage items, in particular Item 4 being the brick farmhouse, which is the only heritage item which will have a visual interface with future development on the subject site. Principal inward facing views to the heritage item dwelling would be from the west facing towards the east (from the location of the original drive) and from the north facing towards the south (facing what would have been the principal frontage to the house).
- The outward views from the heritage item are towards the north and west, and do not look towards the subject site to the south. Outward views from the heritage item towards the proposed subject site development will be available following construction, however this modified outlook will form part of a larger strategic planned urban redevelopment of the precinct. These modified outward views will be to the south from the rear secondary elevation of the heritage item where a number of existing structures are located between the subject site and the heritage item to the north providing a physical and visual buffer between the heritage item and the subject site. There will be no change to the principal outward views of the heritage item from the west and northern elevations of the dwelling.
- The northern elevation of Warehouse 1b (Lot 1) is setback approximately 50m from the heritage item dwelling to the immediate north. There will be approximately 8m of landscaping setback along this boundary interface providing high canopy tree cover. The proposed pad level on Lot 1 will be at RL 59 which is 9m lower than the current ground level which the heritage item is sitting. The vegetated screening together with the lower natural floor levels of the new building will mitigate the potential visual impact of the development.
- It is noted that the adjoining heritage item is a highly altered former farmhouse which has lost its original setting, curtilage, built form and landscape through later development and subdivisions. It has been severed from its original rive and gateposts which are now located on the western alignment of Aldington Road and face Mamre Road. While the proposed future development of the subject site will create an altered setting to the south of the heritage item and change existing inward views towards the item, the item is not considered to be of such significance nor intactness that the subject proposal will adversely impact its significance. The heritage item will retain its existing land area, curtilage, landscaping and outward views to the north and west, and be able to be understood and interpreted in its existing setting. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable heritage impact on this adjoining heritage item.
- There are no visual or physical adverse impacts as a result of the proposal on the other vicinity heritage items in the locality being Bayley Park and the former gateposts to Colesbrook. All heritage items will retain their existing listing protection and no physical works are proposed to any of the heritage items.

For the reasons stated above, the proposed works are recommended for approval from a heritage perspective.

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