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Dear Mr Cassidy

Thank you for your correspondence dated 7 October 2019 notifying the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) of the opportunity to comment on the Shenstone Park Precinct Structure Plan, included in Amendment C241 to the Whittlesea Planning Scheme.

It is noted that, although the Department of Education and Training provided preliminary advice in February 2018 to Whittlesea City Council on an earlier version of the Shenstone Park Precinct Structure Plan, it appears there have been no further discussions or correspondence with the Department until notice of exhibition of Amendment C241 was received in September 2019.

It is also noted that the precinct is a complex one. It is encumbered by numerous constraints as a result of its geographic features and characteristics, locational constraints, areas of potential cultural heritage significance and potential contamination from previous uses. The scope of available land is also significantly impacted by required buffers from a number of challenging land uses.

Potential issues with the proposed future government primary school include: site orientation and connection to community centres (including proposed kindergarten facilities); proposed road access and frontages; resolution of drainage scheme requirements; implications of potential areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and post-contact cultural heritage areas; measures to address potential site contamination; and topographical and geological challenges.

Although background reports have been supplied, they do not contain sufficient information to enable a thorough assessment to be undertaken. As a result, the VSBA has been unable to fully assess the implications of these issues on the potential to deliver the proposed government school in the future.

The VSBA would appreciate the opportunity for future discussions with the Victorian Planning Authority to determine whether these issues could be resolved, prior to any panel process. We look forward to meeting to discuss this further.

If you would like further information, please contact Ms Helen King, Senior Urban Planner Analyst, Infrastructure and Planning Branch, Victorian School Building Authority, on (03) 7022 2184 or by email: provision.planning@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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