

14 March 2018

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Dear Christine and Daryl

Re: Former Wellington Teachers' Training College, Karori.

Thank you for your letter of 21 February regarding the Former Wellington Teachers Training College and your request for a heritage order over the land and buildings. I understand and share your desire to see a high quality outcome on this site, one that reflects its heritage values and the views of the community, but one that also allows the landowner to establish a new retirement home.

The Council is committed to recognising and protecting its unique historic heritage. I am proud of the fact that over 600 buildings are protected in the Wellington City District Plan. Whilst the buildings on the teachers' college site have clear heritage value, Wellington City Council is reserving judgement on the Heritage Order at this time. I would like to see a genuine partnership developed with the landowner, Heritage New Zealand and the community to achieve the best possible outcome for all parties. I would expect that the outcomes of this would be the protection of important buildings and the identification of areas suitable for the development of a retirement village.

I will be instructing Council officials to set up a meeting with all interested parties with the view to agreeing a terms of reference and options for protecting and developing parts of the site.

Yours Sincerely



Justin Lester
Mayor of Wellington