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OUR REF	P2176-50697
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Attention: Pierre Quesnel

Dear Sir

EDWARD MILLEN HOME (FMR), EAST VICTORIA PARK

Under the provisions of Section 73 of the *Heritage Act 2018*, the proposal as described below has been referred to the Heritage Council for its advice.

Place Number	P2176
Place Name	Edward Millen Home (fmr), East Victoria Park
Street Address	15 Hill View Terrace, East Victoria Park
Referral date	20 June 2023
Proposal Description	Edward Millen Park Redevelopment

We received the following information:

Edward Millen Park Master Plan, prepared by Hassell dated 15 Jan 2020 (draft Report Rev 3)
Edward Millen Park Interpretation Plan prepared by Element, dated August 2020
Architecture and Landscape Design Reports prepared by Hassel
Toilet and Storage Block Tender Drawing Package prepared by Hassel dated June 2023
Landscape Tender Drawing Package prepared by Hassel dated June 2023

The Heritage Council resolves to advise the Town of Victoria Park that the proposal has been considered in the context of the identified cultural heritage significance of *Edward Millen Home (fmr)* and the following advice is given:

Findings

- *Edward Millen Home (fmr)* has cultural heritage significance as a place that makes a contribution to the sense of place of those who have had associations with the place as a maternity hospital, sanatorium, psychiatric clinic and centre for autism. Through an understanding of the buildings and landscape elements, the place has the potential to illustrate various aspects of the development of health care in Western Australia from 1912 to 1997.
- The 2020 Masterplan for the future redevelopment of the site has been adopted by the Town of Victoria Park. It provides high level guidance on the redevelopment outcomes for the site but does not detail the future adaptation of the heritage buildings or rear development.
- The proposed toilet and storage block and landscaping is being progressed by the Town of Victoria Park. Proposals for the adaptation of the heritage

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buildings and rear development will form part of a separate future referral to the Heritage Council.

- The open landscaped grounds provide an important setting for the significant buildings and contain significant planting including the sentinel trees, perimeter trees and the tree lined avenue approach. These significant elements of the place will be retained and reinforced as part of the proposal.
- The proposed toilet and storage block is in the same location as the former Hillview Clinic building and has been realigned to improve the setting and views of the Former Ward Building.
- The important avenue approach will be enhanced with new plantings, surface treatments and lighting.
- The design, low scale and discreet location of the playground and shelters will ensure that they maintain the open parkland setting of the place and do not affect views of the heritage buildings.
- Heritage interpretation will be incorporated through signage, surface treatments and built and landscape elements. This will enhance the understanding of the heritage significance of the place.
- Aboriginal heritage interpretation that focuses on an ongoing connection to country is being developed in consultation with the Town's Indigenous advisory group.

Advice

1. The proposed toilet and storage block and landscaping, in accordance with the plans submitted, is supported.
2. The proposed Aboriginal heritage interpretation is to be developed as a priority and implemented concurrently with other heritage interpretation strategies.
3. The Heritage Council is to be engaged early in the design process for the future adaptation of the heritage building and rear development. Consideration is to be given to the required physical intervention, including the impact of access, services and building code requirements when designing the future use of the heritage buildings.
4. Any future development at the rear of heritage buildings is to retain significant buildings and trees and is to respect the cultural heritage significance and visual setting of the place through careful consideration of the height, scale, setbacks, and materiality of any new build.

Please be reminded that you are required under r.42(3) of the *Heritage Regulations 2019* to provide us with a copy of your determination within 10 days after making the decision.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Sheree Morrison at sheree.morrison@dph.wa.gov.au or on 6552 4019.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leigh Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'B'.

Leigh Barrett
A/CHAIR