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Mr Nick Tobin  
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Dear Mr Tobin

**Re: DA 2007/893  
Northbridge Medical Centre, 258 Sailors Bay Rd**

Northbridge Progress Association wishes to comment on the above Development Application.

First, the Association recognises that Northbridge Medical Centre represents a valuable community service that the Northbridge community would not want to lose. We appreciate that the Medical Centre needs to move location temporarily (for about two years) while its current premises are redeveloped.

The Association has received considerable concern from nearby residents about the proposal. We share many of their concerns. For example:

- Council must resolve to the community's satisfaction the traffic generation and pedestrian risk issues which would be created by the proposal, through a traffic study carried out in conjunction with the Branch Library DA process;
- Similarly, Council needs to demonstrate to the community that significant parking issues generated by the Medical Centre, Branch Library and St Philip Neri School are manageable; and
- The Association is seriously concerned that the current Residential 2a zoning for the site prohibits the use proposed by the applicant (and also prohibits its current use as commercial premises). Council must rectify this situation to prevent it continuing beyond the proposed two year occupancy by the Medical Centre. The Association suggests that Council at an appropriate time should re-zone the church and hall for Community use.

Lastly, there is evidence that the notification process for this DA has not been adequate. Also, because of the holiday period, the Association would have liked to have had more time to discuss the DA with the community. We therefore request re-notification with a comment submission date until February 28.

Yours sincerely

John Becroft  
President

Copy: Sailors Bay Ward councillors