



OBSERVATORY

Civic Association

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Dear Mr Uno

PROPOSAL TO THE OBSERVATORY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The OCA received the project concept note from the Willow Arts Collective for an Eco-Garden and Recreation Centre at 2 Willow Rd and your subsequent update clarifying some of our questions. We welcome many of the ideas in the concept note as consistent with the Vision the OCA has previously developed through its own community processes. In particular, the idea that we might have a community-initiated project that actively recognises the forgotten and silenced histories of the area, invests in urban greening through food gardens and provides a welcoming context for creative cultural and recreational initiatives is consistent with the vision collaboratively developed for our community over the past four years. It is consistent with our views about how we should preserve open space for community use, consistent with rethinking the City as a Commons.

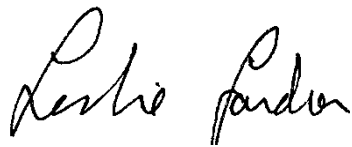
The project has the potential to be an enterprise that enhances the unique social character of Observatory as a diverse, inclusive, tolerant community that engages constructively with people who, although socially marginalised, are part of our community. We note also that many of these elements in the concept note are consistent with the current zoning of the property.

The project is at an early stage and would benefit from a feasibility study, which we understand has been offered to the project. This will be of great help in informing our wider consultation across the community, which we anticipate will be a substantive process given the ambitious nature of the project.

As the local Civic Association, we believe this is an opportune moment for wide consultations on a plan for the whole of the Malta Park and Hartlyvale precincts, in a transparent manner rather than the piecemeal decisions happening at present. The WAC proposal can then be considered in the context of a coherent fully consulted approach to the area consistent with the vision of all stakeholders.

Thank you for initiating this conversation and we look forward to engaging further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leslie London', written in a cursive style.

Leslie London
OCA Chair