

DTI:Planning Review

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Hi there,

Please find the below additional submission from a constituent for the review into Character and Heritage further to the submission made yesterday from Jack Batty MP.

Kind regards

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From: Ar2arms <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Re: heritage and Character

Hi there, Jack

Thank you for requesting feed back on Character and Heritage. It's a very important issue for our city.

We have four key areas of concern:

-----1.

Local Council needs to maintain the right to refuse any demolition of a house (except for severely damaged houses with salt damp or termite damage for example).

We are appalled at the number of beautiful old houses that have been demolished within the Burnside Council area and even beyond to include all of Adelaide.

With care and proper maintenance, many of these old houses will last another hundred years.

Here's our top concerns:

1. Demolition of older houses to be replaced with one or more 'box' style house that will certainly only have a shelf life of 20-30 years before its own demolition

- 2. Sub-division of said older house block to create two or more ugly box half houses and small garages that do not fit the larger vehicles currently available and so are forced to park on the street
- 3. Box style house design is not sympathetic to the surrounding residential environment in most cases
- 4. Box style house design is not sustainable i.e. increasing and constant cost of air conditioning to cool the space (we attended the Sustainability Day held by the Campbelltown Council recently which only re-enforced our thoughts on this issue).

-----2.
 One way to maintain character and heritage is creating strong heritage conservation precincts. The legislation creating these districts needs to be strong enough to withstand interference from local councils and the State government.

Interference on a property-by-property basis is a sure way of undermining a conservation district.

One way to make these conservation districts remain intact is to provide grants to homeowners and property developers to maintain the built heritage.

-----3.
 Burnside Council could take a lesson from Campbelltown Council but focus on **Heritage Preservation Day**.

Such a day could include speakers from Heritage SA, National Trust and other similar specific organizations/ companies promoting the preservation of our stone heritage. They must all speak to the actual mechanics of restoration on different specific aspects (window, brick, stone etc) of heritage restoration/ rehabilitation. It is important to speak to the 'how to' part for the home owners to make the whole day more meaningful with a clear understanding and a path in which to follow.

For the **Exhibits component** of the Heritage Preservation Day invite those specific specialists like the following:

- Stone Masons
- heritage Brick Masons
- Verandah and Porch Restorers
- Heritage Wood window Restorers and Carpenters
- Heritage brick layers and chimney restorers
- Foundation and Damp course specialists
- Iron fence Restorers
- Heritage painters
- Heritage Builders sympathetic to older houses
- Heritage Architects specializing in old house restoration/sympathetic addition.

All these specialists must be authentically concerned with the conservation of Adelaide's wonderful old stone/brick houses and have the appropriate background and experience to speak to these concerns.

-----4.

The relationship between heritage and tourism cannot be ignored. Adelaide is a significant draw for interstate and overseas visitors for many reasons which also includes the built heritage and street landscape that Adelaide possesses in abundance. They in turn contribute their dollars to a healthy and attractive South Australia.

-----5. For your information

“Doors Open” , a program held in Ontario, Canada from spring to autumn is a very popular program that draws huge crowds of interested people visiting a huge range of their built heritage province-wide. This annual event includes a wide variety of buildings/structures/parks/cementaries/churches, institutions, private companies, houses, b and b's, fire stations, historic houses, etc all across Ontario for special weekends and is open to the public which would otherwise be closed or not available to them.

<https://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/>

Perhaps a similar event could be organized here?

Sincerely,

Nives and Jeff Rodighiero



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