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COUNCIL SAVES ANOTHER HERITAGE HOUSE FROM DEMOLITION

The City of Ryde has placed an interim heritage order on a house in Denistone, which was under threat of being demolished and potentially replaced by a duplex and triplex.

Councillors unanimously resolved to support the interim heritage order on the house located at 68 Denistone Road at Council's September meeting last night.

The house was assessed by Council's Heritage Officer who found that it does have cultural heritage significance and to be a good representative example of an Inter-War Californian Bungalow. The Heritage Officer also described the house – which is believed to have been built sometime in the late 1910s or early 1920s – as one of the more prominent dwellings in the streetscape.

An interim heritage order is a temporary protection measure that can stop the demolition of a potential heritage item. It also provides Council with the time to further assess the heritage significance of a potential item and take the appropriate steps to list the item if warranted.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Council would continue to preserve the heritage of houses under threat from demolition and development.

"This beautiful house in Denistone is a pristine example of the fantastic homes we have in the City of Ryde, and as a Council we will do all we can to ensure it remains in its current form for generations to come," Clr Laxale said.

"This is the third interim heritage order Council has placed on a house since I became Mayor and we will continue to take such action during my tenure to stop bulldozers from destroying Ryde's history.

"I would like to say a big thank you to the long-standing residents who addressed Council about this issue and have put in a lot of effort in a short amount of time to save the Denistone house."

While demolition of the Denistone house is not proposed as part of the current development application, the application is accompanied by an indicative site plan which shows the applicant's intention to demolish the current dwelling and redevelop on the site with the construction of a duplex and triplex.

With the interim heritage order now placed on the Denistone house, Council will prepare a planning proposal to permanently list the house as an item of local heritage significance and forward it to the Department of Planning and Environment with a request for a gateway determination.

Once gateway determination is received, the planning proposal will be made available for community consultation, with the outcomes of that community consultation to be presented to Council.

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