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Mr R Bailey
General Manager
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Dear Mr Bailey

Re: Proposed LEP listing of my property 45 Railway Parade Lithgow as a Local Heritage Item - LEP2013

Thank you for council letter 15 July 2013 and the recent advertisement in regard to the LEP. I apologise for the delay in my reply.

I wish to advise that my husband and I have no objections to our property being included as a Heritage Item. However, we note that in the current advertised LEP our cottage and other cottages within the 41-59 Railway Parade group are excluded from the LEP and we do not understand why this has happened. According to the Lithgow Council valuation book 1911-1913, all the cottages within the group 41-49 were in existence at that time.

Our home is one of six single fronted detached homes and within the group 41-59 Railway Parade. They all are very important to the Heritage value of Railway Parade and to Lithgow having been in existence in 1911 and probably earlier than that period.

Investigation of my property has revealed that in 1911 it was owned by John James, Merchant of Main St Lithgow. In 1911 John James owned eight houses side by side in Railway Parade, 41 – 55 (which includes the similar six single front detached homes group).

On inspection of all Railway Parade buildings there appears to be a integrity common to most of them – that is an arch over doors, windows, or entrances.   Council physical description on page 2 is inaccurate and should be changed to read: *"Six **(not seven)** of the ten detached cottages are virtually identical, single storey, narrow and hipped roof and projecting gables over an arched entry…….No 59. The western **(not southern)** most cottage……."*

We would like this property to be included in the Heritages items in the proposed LEP. Also, we strongly recommend that consideration is given to including all these six cottages 45 – 55 in Railway Parade.

Yours faithfully

Sue Graves