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Dear Oude Molen Precinct Project Office,

I submit these comments as an Interested and Affected Party in response to the Revised Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed Oude Molen Precinct redevelopment.

I support the protection of the Oude Molen Precinct as a site of cultural, historical, and environmental significance. However, I wish to emphasise that long-term heritage conservation at Oude Molen depends on active use, community stewardship, and environmentally responsible occupation, rather than over development.

The tenants' aspirations referenced in the HIA—namely innovation, sustainability, public access, inclusivity, urban agriculture, education, rural character, and participatory governance—are not in conflict with heritage principles. On the contrary, these aspirations align with contemporary heritage best practice, including adaptive reuse, living heritage, and landscape-based conservation.

Environmental sustainability initiatives such as zero-waste practices, renewable technologies, recycling, and ecological design contribute directly to the protection of both the natural and cultural heritage of the site. Urban agriculture and learning-based activities reflect historic land-use patterns and reinforce the precinct's identity as a productive, rural landscape.

Oude Molen's value as an inclusive public space and place of education forms an important layer of its intangible heritage. Continued public access and community involvement should therefore be regarded as core heritage considerations.

In conclusion, I submit that a redevelopment approach grounded in adaptive reuse, environmental responsibility, public access, and collaborative custodianship offers the most appropriate and sustainable means of conserving the Oude Molen Precinct in line with the Overall Management Plan.

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