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The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council
Attention James Farrington

Dear Sir,

Alleged Boarding House at 79 Chapman Ave Beecroft

A local resident has contacted the Trust about the house at 79 Chapman Avenue being used again as a boarding house. I have included below relevant extracts from emails the resident has sent to me, outlining his observations and actions.

*"Thank you for acting on my behalf. It is highly unlikely that any of the residents at 79 Chapman are related to the owner. I am aware of 5 males and 1 female in the house. 3 of the men are youngish and only one is of Asian appearance the other 2 males are much older and not Asian either. The female is young and not Asian either. 3 of the men park cars on the street and are seen regularly while the 2 older men and the young woman walk through the park daily.
I will photocopy the letter and rental adverts that I sent to council and put it in your letter box today.*

Further explanation as to the importance of the adverts. The advert dated 2016 is the self contained downstairs at the rear of 79. When council took an interest in the property the owner changed the contact name and the address changed to Hannah Street. He admitted his deception at the LEC inspection when another advert for a different room was shown with a Hannah address. However the photo in that advert was clearly 79 Chapman. I am sure that the 2 older men and one of the younger were residents at the time of the LEC hearing. Clearly they are not related to the owner. One of the older chaps has an English accent and previously rented in Eastwood, as did the other older chap."

I also understand the resident hand delivered to Council staff a letter outlining his concerns with copies of advertisements seeking boarders, in early January this year. So Council should have the resident's correspondence on file. I have a copy of correspondence in case Council has misplaced it.

Can Council clarify the current situation in this matter please, and if necessary for Council to take the appropriate action. The Trust would appreciate feedback on Council's investigations.

Yours Sincerely,
Ross Walker
Acting President
6 April 2018