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To whom it may concern,

My name is _____ and I am a resident of Lidcombe residing at _____ . I am writing to you to express my concern about and objection to Development Proposal DA2023/0130 which would demolish existing buildings and lead to the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station in my local community. I am extremely concerned that the project would have detrimental effects on the residents, the community and the local environment.

My most pressing concern is the likely traffic congestion in the area. Living on _____ I have firsthand experience of the impact of disrupted traffic flow as I live in very close proximity to the ongoing construction of the apartment block on Church Street as well as the roadworks taking place there. Just the construction of the roundabout has severely impacted my own personal commute - during one instance, I was blocked on both sides of Martin Street and was unable to leave to get to work. I had to exit my vehicle to speak to a workman on site who had to disrupt traffic just to let me out of my own street. The fact that this incident occurred highlights to me that the council has not given adequate thought to the impact of construction on local residents, let alone on the long-term impacts on traffic in the area. The traffic flow has already been adversely impacted, and this is before the new residents of the recently built apartment blocks have even moved in! This will already put a strain on the local road infrastructure - we do not need even more traffic flowing through this area!

The proposed organic waste transfer station would also further exacerbate the existing congestion on Church, Railway and Arthur Streets, particularly towards the A3 highway. Increased heavy vehicle traffic associated with waste transportation would contribute to longer queues, slower travel times, impeded traffic flow and emergency response times, inconvenience to local residents, and have a negative impact on the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the area. Having driven on Church Street many times to get to the A3 highway, there have been many times that I have been caught in slow traffic flow due to large vehicles driving on the narrow street, particularly when rounding the bend under the bridge to turn onto Railway Street. Given the proposed operational times (every Monday to Friday from 6am-10pm and Saturday from 8am-6pm), which are peak times for travel, this will significantly impact traffic and inconvenience commuters. I am also concerned about the likely impact on the road quality with heavy vehicles constantly driving over them - how much further impact will repairs have? Will we, the residents of the local council, be forced to bear the burden of cost for these repairs, in addition to bearing the burden of having this organic waste transfer station in our local community? I have already spent the majority of my time as a resident in Lidcombe dealing with ongoing roadwork and construction - the idea that this could continue indefinitely frustrates me beyond belief!

I am also concerned about the air, noise and soil pollution. Living so close to recent construction, I can vouch for the negative impact of the noise and air pollution it creates. When walking to Lidcombe train station past the construction zone, I can smell the dust in the air and I can hear the construction from my house. Once the organic waste transfer station is built, there will still be ongoing concerns. The volume of heavy vehicles passing

through the local area will continue to propagate air and noise pollution and the deposition of waste will lead to soil pollution. There is also the odour to consider. All of these factors will negatively impact the health and safety of local residents as well as the local wildlife and environment. This site is not suitable for waste transfer processing – it needs to be within a full industrial area, with major arterial roads, not town centre or suburban roads, and not within such reach of a major residential area.

In light of the concerns raised above, I urge Cumberland Council to reevaluate the approval of Development Proposal DA2023/0130. It is crucial to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our community, as well as the protection of our natural resources and wildlife habitats. I trust that Cumberland Council will carefully consider these objections and take the necessary steps to address the legitimate concerns raised by concerned residents like me. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a prompt response outlining the actions being taken in response to our objections.

Yours sincerely,