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Dear Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong objection to the development proposal DA2023/0130. As a concerned resident and stakeholder in the community, I firmly believe that this proposed development poses significant concerns and should not be approved. I have reviewed all the documents pertaining to the proposal and would like to present the following objections:

Insufficient Consideration of Community Input:

Throughout the proposal documents, there is a lack of evidence that community feedback and concerns have been adequately considered. The community feedback sought within the EIS was a very small radius to the site and inadequate considering the scale, impact and sensitive nature of the proposal. It is crucial for any development project to involve meaningful community engagement, allowing residents to voice their opinions, ask questions, and contribute to the decision-making process. The proposal fails to demonstrate transparency and a genuine effort to address the community.

Increased Traffic Congestion and Safety Hazards:

The proposed development is expected to generate a significant increase in traffic in the vicinity. The traffic impact assessment provided in the proposal is insufficient and fails to address the potential traffic congestion and safety hazards that may arise as a result. The existing infrastructure is not equipped to handle the increased traffic volume, leading to congestion, longer commuting times, and compromising the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Furthermore, as the transfer station is intended to be used by councils across the Sydney metropolitan area, it is expected that transportation and waste would be coming from various directions, utilizing the Lidcombe road network. This influx of waste transportation from multiple angles could exacerbate traffic congestion and further strain the already burdened road infrastructure in the vicinity.

Odour Impact:

The Odour Assessment document indicates that the proposed development may result in the emission of odorous substances. Odour emissions have the potential to adversely affect the quality of life for nearby residents, businesses, and recreational areas. Foul odours can permeate into homes, workplaces, and public spaces, creating an unpleasant and unhealthy living environment. The document does not sufficiently address measures to control and mitigate odour emissions, nor does it assess the potential long-term effects on the surrounding community.

Contamination Risk:

Another significant concern relates to the potential risk of contamination associated with the proposed development. The handling and storage of waste materials in close proximity to residential areas carry inherent risks. Accidental spills, leaks, or improper waste management practices could result in the release of hazardous substances, leading to soil and groundwater contamination, endangering the safety and health of the community and the preservation of the local environment.

Emissions from Waste Products:

The proposed development's operation as a transfer station raises concerns about emissions from the waste products being handled. Waste materials can produce various emissions, including greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and odorous compounds. These emissions can have detrimental effects on air quality, contributing to pollution and potential health risks for nearby residents. The proposal creates unnecessary health risk for the community and residents.

Lack of Regulation of the Activity:

The proposal lacks comprehensive regulations and guidelines to ensure proper management and operation of the transfer station. Without robust regulations, there is a risk of improper waste handling, inadequate monitoring of emissions, and insufficient measures to prevent contamination or spills.

I strongly urge the planning department/authority to reconsider the approval of the proposed development.

I kindly request that my objection be formally acknowledged and considered during the decision-making process. I would also appreciate being kept informed of any future developments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give careful consideration to the concerns raised by myself and other concerned community members.

Yours sincerely,