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Hello Cumberland council I have only recently been aware of the new proposal that seems to have been approved to construct a waste transfer system at 109A Church street which is in close proximity to Lidcombe station. I have multiple concerns regarding the decision to the construction of this system and am opposing this plan as part of the local community who frequents the vicinity and utilises the public transport within the area.

A main concern that must have frequently been brought up to the council would have been the odour pollution and the toxins that may be contained within the odour and the council's plans for these concerns. From the provided documents detailing the release of odour into the atmosphere, the levels and response provided stating a single discharge stack will be used to release odour into the air at roof level has large concerns and questions for me.

Firstly this system has only been modelled and not been tested with any other sites, the modelling system works off an hourly pollutant detection system which is not ideal considering the summer conditions can result in low wind or no winds in worse case scenarios. These scenarios seem to not have been taken into consideration with no plans set up for situations where low levels of wind or no wind conditions are stipulated.

Should such scenarios become possible where due to the lack of wind there comes a buildup of odour pollution within the nearby vicinity that can result in a harmful concentration of odour within a high residential area. How does the council plan to deal with such issues? Should a sudden gust of wind then blow such odours into the Lidcombe station commercial district has the impacts and any considerations been given to such occurrences?

With this discharge stack the plan hopes to disperse the odour into the atmosphere and hope the wind within the area will spread the odour within the basic vicinity with the wind direction blowing towards the residential area and the station of Lidcombe which raises huge concerns in itself. I have looked into the Cumberland council strategic planning statement. It is noted that within the strategic considerations which states: *"Delivering housing choice for growing households, in a comparatively dense urban environment."* and *"Mitigating high traffic volumes generated from major road networks to the low density residential area to enhance pedestrian safety"* with this new development plan it

goes counterintuitive towards such goals.

Within the vicinity of the train station there are already multiple developments both under construction and constructed of high rise apartment buildings that are in the direct line of impact from the odour and noise pollution of the proposed waste transfer plant. This will not only provide a negative impact on the local residents and future residents living within the vicinity both through the negative smell. But this odour can also be attributed to increase the risk of health and safety of the local inhabitants living within the vicinity, likely becoming a cause of diseases and sickness. As a local resident within the area who utilises the Lidcombe train line both for work and university this will have an adverse impact on my life and my general health and with this new development plans even though not completely within the development area I am already considering the future risks to my health and am contemplating to move.

As also stated within the Cumberland strategic planning statement the area is already prone to high density traffic. With the implementation of this new waste transfer system, it will only bring in further traffic within the area. The strategic plan talks about mitigating this traffic problem however the plan seems to be counter intrusive towards this case. Has the council provided any plans and thoughts behind this issue?

Another issue with this proposed development and its chosen site comes with the size of the development itself being confined within such a small space. Already noted within the odour plans there have already been concerns about the size of the space and the constraints this places on the ventilation of the site. The site's position between residential and industrial spaces is also a concern when considering the expansion of the space should this be required within the future. The most probable space for expansion would be towards the east. This would raise even greater concerns for the community. Not just the local Lidcombe community but also the Flemington community as the space creeps towards the border.

As such when considering the future of the site and its expansion I believe the council should take this into consideration and rethink this development plan as any future expansion within the area would face heavy opposition and negative impact within the large local community. Should such needs arise has the council placed and plants for such a future?

Another key and vital issue and consideration for the Cumberland council is the prime location of this waste transfer system. This system will have an adverse impact on the **greater sydney region plan** for the Metropolis of three cities. Lidcombe station and the proposed site sits at a major connection between the projected Eastern Harbour city and Central River city and further connects to the Western parkland city. As one of the already central connection hubs between Parramatta, Harbour CBD, Liverpool, Penrith area and the soon proposed western sydney airport. The chosen site for this waste transfer proposal is highly destructive towards this future goal of interconnection.

Should this proposal come to reality, the waste system would create a negative odour area separating and harming the existing connection currently focused upon. Essentially negative odours would be allowed to be released within the centre of the city and allowed to be spread out should this case be approved. This approval would thus create and generate a negative image for the whole city cutting up the city into half between the two sides with the new western development side impacted the greatest being at the forefront of such impacts. As such the location of the site will impact Cumberland council region as a whole and also the future city plans overall negatively. Has the Council made such considerations within the approval?

Another issue arising from this will come from the recent Covid-19 crisis which has been proven through various studies the air conditions within residential areas can have a great impact on the risk of the disease and its overall impacts. Should this new proposal be allowed within a noted high residential area, this can result in an increased risk of disease spreading. The location of the train station and frequent trains stops and connections to various areas such as olympic park, Parramatta, Western sydney and even Eastern Sydney CBD could result in catastrophic damages and can cause a high rate of disease spread throughout the city and even the country itself. Has the council considered such health risks within the proposal?

Should this proposal be still approved, may I also enquire about the name of the person who signed the approval form that will greatly change and impact the livelihood of the whole city of Sydney of the future?

Yours sincerely