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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to DA2023/0130 the Proposed Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church St, Lidcombe
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Cumberland Council

Subject: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed construction of a large waste transfer station at 109A Church St, Lidcombe. While I understand the need for waste management facilities, the location of this transfer station, in close proximity to residential areas, raises significant concerns regarding various matters that need careful consideration. I urge the Cumberland Council to reconsider the approval of this application based on the following matters of concern:

Traffic:

The proposed waste transfer station would result in approximately 118 truck movements daily, which would traverse through both the town and residential areas. This heavy traffic influx poses a significant threat to the safety of residents, especially considering the large volume of waste being transported from various areas across the Sydney metropolitan area. Furthermore, the timing of these movements, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), lacks alignment and requires further clarification and correction.

Road impact:

The continuous usage of heavy vehicles associated with the waste transfer station will undoubtedly lead to the deterioration of roads and roundabouts in the vicinity. Substantial maintenance will be required, and it would ultimately fall upon the Council to pursue and finance these repairs. Moreover, despite claims that trucks will be covered, the reality is that waste materials often find their way out of trucks during transport, leading to a potential littering problem along the transport routes.

Odour Control:

While the Environmental Impact Statement and other reports claim to address odour control measures, there is no absolute assurance that the odour emanating from the site can be effectively contained. The noxious odours produced during transportation to the site would also adversely affect the commercial entities in Lidcombe, as well as the neighboring residential areas. This poses a threat to both the local economy and the well-being of residents.

Incompliance with Development Control Plan:

The proposed operational hours, as stated in the EIS, extend beyond the permissible limits set by the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Industrial zone. The plan clearly stipulates that operations should be limited to 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, with no operations on Sundays. Allowing the waste transfer station to operate outside these specified timeframes would significantly infringe upon the rights of residents and compromise their quality of life.

Location:

Although the proposed site is designated as "industrial," it is in close proximity, less than 100 meters, to a residential area. The imminent completion of significant public housing, affordable housing, and residential units nearby further underscores the inappropriateness of this proposal. The Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) clearly emphasizes the need to protect residential amenity, yet the proposed operational times of the waste transfer station completely disregard this requirement. Additionally, the site's proximity to the Pippita Rail Trail, intended for active use and improved access to parklands and open spaces, raises concerns regarding the negative impact on recreational areas.

Operations Monitoring:

Approval of this waste transfer station would burden the Cumberland City Council with the responsibility of monitoring the business's operations. It raises questions regarding how the Council will effectively carry out this task and enforce penalties in case of non-compliance with approved operations.

I strongly urge the Cumberland Council to reconsider the approval of the proposed waste transfer station at 109A Church St, Lidcombe. The potential adverse impacts on traffic, road quality, residential amenity, and the environment outweigh the purported benefits of this facility. It is essential to find an alternative location for waste transfer processing, preferably in a fully industrial area with major arterial roads, away from town centers and densely populated residential areas.

I kindly request that you carefully evaluate the concerns raised by concerned residents, take into account the applicable development control plans, and prioritize the well-being and quality of life of the residents in your decision-making process.

I trust that you will give serious consideration to the objections raised and make the appropriate decision to protect the interests of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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