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Dear Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my strong objection of the proposed application to build and operate an organic waste transfer station in Lidcombe.

My objection to this application is due to the following issues:

1. Proximity to residential and recreational areas

The proposed site, 109 Church St, is approximately 1km to a number of high density residential areas, shops, restaurants, primary schools, child care and aged centres and places of worship.

It is also approx. 1km to the Lidcombe railway station and Phillip Park.

With this proximity to a number of key areas in Lidcombe this application will impact an excessive number of people with the increase in truck traffic and very likely possibility of foul odours from the site.

2. Odour from the station and trucks moving to and from the station

There is no assurance in the application that the odour from this station will be contained to within the station's site only. It is difficult to mitigate any odour from the air and I believe it is extremely unlikely that this smell will not penetrate and spread to the surrounding areas. As raised in point one, the site is in close proximity to residential areas, high foot traffic from the railway station, town centre, school and other recreational areas, therefore, this issue will impact an inordinate number of people.

Per the application, the waste to be expected to be received in this station include household waste, food waste, nappies and incontinence pads and material from sewage systems. All of these items, not to mention others which are not listed, would be expected to cause immensely offensive odours in the station.

3. Increase in truck traffic within the Lidcombe area

Per the application its advised that there will be around 120 truck movements per day to this station. The road to be used is a one lane road that is already frequently used. To increase the traffic onto this road would make the area unsustainable for all.

Furthermore, this increase in traffic would be due to large trucks which would emit toxic fumes and pollution in the surrounding areas - that are people's homes, schools, child care and aged centres, impacting the health for a number of vulnerable people in our community.

4. Potential hazardous waste and impact to the community

In the Environmental Impact paper point, [2.6.5.2](#), the application states that the company will inspect the contacts for any 'obvious' contamination of unacceptable waste such as asbestos. There is no further details or evidence that the applicant will ensure to have a robust process in place to ensure that all harmful waste is not received in this station. Given the sheer volume of waste material and difficulty to test and review all the waste contents I find it unlikely they will be able to ensure that they can effectively screen out the unacceptable hazardous waste. Therefore, this is a significant health risk to the residents of Lidcombe who will potentially be exposed to dangerous chemicals and materials.

I am currently expecting a child and wish for a safe, clean environment for my growing family to live in. This waste transfer application will seriously impede on the liveability of Lidcombe for not only my family but for all current and future residents here. I hope you will take my above concerns into account when reviewing this proposal.

Here are my details:

Name:

Address:

Email:

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Regards,