

Dear Cumberland City Council,

My name is

My address:

My email:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the development proposal outlined in DA2023/0130 about demolition of existing buildings and construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe.

This development is located within 100m away from R4: High Density Residential area including an apartment complex at 2-36 Church Street (providing 114 residential apartments including 10 social housing apartments, provision of a childcare centre and three neighbourhood shops) where will soon be completed. That also applies to all the residence along Bachell Ave and beyond. As the site is located at the fringe of transition between residential and industrial zone. I am highly concerned about the suitability of developing an organic waste transfer station at the subject site.

I strongly object to the above-mentioned development as it will negatively impact on the well-being of all residents and general public around Lidcombe area and cause disturbance to the ecological balance of this neighbourhood.

Traffic problem

I strongly object the conclusion of the traffic report as 'The number of generated traffic movements are minimal and well within the road carrying capacity of Church Street would not represent an adverse impact upon the operation of the surrounding road network'.

The report mentioned the operation of the proposed waste station as Monday-Friday 6am-10pm (16 hours a day). As a waste station being so close to a R4 zone and expecting up to 118 truck movements (up to 20m length trucks) driving in and out of the site and neighbourhood. The extent of disturbance to the surrounding neighbour in term of safety issue, air, sound and noise pollution is not comprehensively considered in any of the report. It is not fair for the entire neighbourhood to accept only 8 hours (1/3 of the day) per day to be able to stay away from the consequence caused by the proposal of heavy trucks travelling around the streets throughout Lidcombe. It is hardly to believe this is an ethical approach for human being neither to any nearby inhabitants.

I noticed the traffic report only focus on traffic from the eastern side of Lidcombe. However, Church Street is an important street acts as a strong connection to Olympic drive and Centenary drive. Church street also directly connects to the train station and Lidcombe hub area – John Street, which is only 900m away from the site. There are a lot of pedestrians and different vehicles travelling in and out of Lidcombe along church street from all directions as pathway to Lidcombe town centre, medical centre, dentist, pharmacy, restaurants, church, local schools, public transport (trains and buses). Traffic in Lidcombe is already in heavy load to support the rapid local urban growth specially to accommodate the extensive grow of residential towers in recent years. I highly hesitate if the report has correctly identified the current or the future traffic condition and the proposed impact to church street or Lidcombe traffic network. I noticed the traffic report mentions it is expected that trucks to be mostly come from the east; however, heavy flow of long big trucks will easily propose traffic congestion on a busy road like Church Street. Moreover, there is a fire station along Church Street which is heavily requiring smooth traffic to rescue countless lives.

Pollution problem

I strongly object the odour report analysis of the impact to the neighbourhood.

In the assessment, the odour report does not consider the nearby development at 2-36 Church Street which is a high-density residential area with provision of more than hundred apartment units, three local shops and childcare centre. This complex is going to accommodate large amount of population including the vulnerable group such as children who are very sensitive and require extra protection from toxic or any chemicals potentially introduced by the proposed development.

The proposed ventilation stack's location is at the street front along church street (both vehicle road and pedestrian path). As mentioned previously, church street is one of the main roads in Lidcombe with heavy traffic. It causes serious health issue due to emission and pollution at public road frontage. Moreover, the ventilation stack is highly visible at the street front and create unpleasant visual impact to the church street streetscape. Also, with the expectation of heavy amount of waste trucks movement

around Lidcombe neighbour, the report does not address or assess the odour impact caused by large number of waste trucks movement due to the operation of this development.

I strongly object the Acoustics Report. Again, the report overlooks the residential complex at 2-36 Church Street. Moreover, the noise report indicates 10pm-7am as night hours that resident normally would be sleeping. However, the proposed operation of the Organic Waste Transfer Station is from 6am-10pm. It is very likely that the operation and truck movement would cause noise and sleep disturbance. The assessment does not provide any information or assessment undertaken at 6am to ensure the proposed development will not cause noise impact to neighbourhood. In addition, I cannot agree with the 'Road Traffic Noise Assessment' stating 'It is estimated that for the other surrounding roadways the proportion of traffic from the development would be of low impact and therefore road traffic noise is not assessed.'. As mentioned previously, the increased number of long heavy trucks on Church Street will cause serious traffic congestion to the surrounding roadways which will cause road traffic noise. It is necessary to carry road traffic noise assessment.

As stated from the proposal, the operation of the Organic Waste Transfer Station would utilise chemicals to control the odour. However, the environmental impact report does not mention how to manage the risk of hazardous chemicals emission that cause health issue, air pollution and fire hazard.

I highlighted of the concerns raise above and there are a lot of concerns and problems remain unresolved from the proposal. I request that Cumberland Council re-evaluate their approval of Development Proposal DA2023/0130 for the future and safety of our local community.

As a resident of Lidcombe and I witness its progressive growth of Lidcombe over the years. It would be sad to allow a thriving community to take hazardous risk and result in a significant deterioration of quality of life. I trust that Cumberland Council will consider the negative effects seriously and I look forward to hearing from you in response to the objections outlined.

King regards,