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Dear Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed construction of a waste and rubbish centre in the residential area of Lidcombe. As a concerned resident and member of this community, I believe that this project would have severe negative consequences for the health, safety, and overall well-being of the residents, particularly children.

1.Type of Waste:

One of the major concerns with regards to the proposed waste and rubbish centre is the potential for severe air and water pollution, especially due to the possible inclusion of medical waste. Such waste can have serious implications for both the environment and public health. The frequent exposure to such waste can pose a direct threat to the physical and mental well-being of the residents and commuters in the vicinity of the central area of Lidcombe.

2.Traffic Congestion:

Lidcombe's central area is already burdened with considerable traffic congestion. Introducing large trucks that will continuously enter and exit the waste and rubbish site between 6am and 10pm from Monday to Friday (plus long hours on Saturday and Sunday) will undoubtedly exacerbate the issue. The presence of these large rubbish trucks will impede the flow of traffic on already congested roads, leading to increased inconvenience and delays for commuters, residents, and pedestrians alike.

Moreover, the obstruction caused by trucks stopped in the middle of the road will contribute to heightened pollution levels, posing additional health hazards to Lidcombe's residents and passersby. The safety of children, in particular, will be at a greater risk due to the hazardous road conditions created by the increased traffic congestion.

The developer's report fails to take into account the traffic problems beyond 200 meter radius of the proposed rubbish site. With the expected surge in residents due to the recent construction of new apartments, the traffic situation will undoubtedly undergo a profound transformation. Therefore, the council must take into consideration the future circumstances and focus on improving the current traffic conditions rather than exacerbating them with the consistent influx of large rubbish trucks.

3.Noise Pollution:

The developer's report has failed to address the potential impact on the recently constructed apartments near the proposed rubbish site. Noise pollution resulting from the operations of a waste and rubbish centre can significantly impair the quality of life for the residents residing in these apartments. The disturbances caused by noise pollution can result in sleep deprivation, heightened stress levels, and an overall diminished sense of well-being. Such adverse effects on the physical and mental health of the residents should not be overlooked.

4.The FOGO Services "Benefit":

The offering of FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) services by the developer as a perceived benefit is rendered redundant by the fact that our city has yet to implement FOGO services. Promising services that are presently unavailable to local residents does not justify the construction of a waste and rubbish site in Lidcombe.

It is of utmost importance to prioritize the immediate needs and concerns of the community before entertaining speculative benefits that may not materialise in a foreseeable future.

5.Location and View:

The proposed waste and rubbish centre's location is incongruent with the long-term development objectives for Lidcombe. While the land in concern may have historically been intended for industrial purposes, the city council's decision to develop the adjacent vacant land into a high-density residential neighborhood signifies a clear shift in planning priorities. The inclusion of an industrial site within an area that now predominantly consists of residential and commercial developments is not in harmony with the current context and fails to support the overarching vision for the community.

6.Trust in the Council:

Lidcombe holds immense political significance as a highly populated area, representing a substantial voting base. The residents of Lidcombe, including a growing number of families and children, have placed their trust in our elected representatives to prioritize our well-being and protect our interests. Proceeding with the construction of a rubbish site in such a politically sensitive area could have severe consequences on public sentiment and fail the trust that the community has vested in the council.

I respectfully request that the council conducts a thorough assessment of the potential environmental, health, and social impacts of this project and considers the concerns raised by the community before making any final decisions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will act in the best interests of the residents of Lidcombe and ensure a safe and sustainable future for our community.

Sincerely,