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Cumberland City Council

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14/07/2023

Subject: Objection to Development Proposal DA2023/0130 - Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction and Operation of an Organic Waste Transfer Station

Dear Cumberland Councillors,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed development of a waste transfer station in Lidcombe. As a resident, I am deeply alarmed about the impact this proposal will have for our community for a number of reasons I will outline below:

1. Significant traffic and congestion: The concerning number of truck movements daily will exacerbate the existing congestion currently experienced around the train station and movements to and from the main roads such as Parramatta Road, Olympic Drive and Centenary Drive. In addition, the Traffic Impact Reports overlooks the current construction of new dwellings in the vicinity which would involve more influx of new residents resulting in even more severe traffic congestion. Failing to address these issues further demonstrates that the proposal does not align with the information provided in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I request corrections be made to mitigate the impact this waste transfer station poses.
2. Impact to our road network and infrastructure: As an addendum to the above matter, the heavy vehicle patterns from an increase in our local population by new residents, and ongoing operation of the waste transfer station, our roads will undoubtedly deteriorate at a faster rate. This will lead to more maintenance works and in turn even more pressure to fight congestion on our roads, and time and money required by council to upkeep this maintenance.
3. Negative environmental impact: With any high traffic areas and congestion, we face traffic and noise pollution as highlighted above. We must also prioritise preserving our natural resources and wildlife habitats as best as possible by minimising and in this case ceasing more construction. Additionally, the potential hazards that go hand in hand with trucks poses more litter and pollution and risks to our environment.
4. Adverse effects to the well-being of residents: The proposed operational hours in the EIS are outside the Industrial Zone regulations as outlined in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP). This will severely disrupt the well-being and quality of life for residents especially those in close proximity to the waste transfer station. The seemingly lack of protective measures and consideration to residents is appalling. Furthermore, the odour concerns directly from the trucks and the waste transfer station is a major issue that must be more adequately considered, again given its incredibly close proximity to residents as this poses health and well-being risks to residents. |
5. Lack of consideration to residential amenity: The proximity of the proposed waste transfer station fails to consider the need to protect residential amenity. A waste transfer station is traditionally located in a fully industrial area with major arterial roads that are an adequate distance from town centres and residential areas. The

proposed location does not meet these requirements and does not consider the impact it has to property value specifically in Lidcombe and also to surrounding areas. The construction of this facility will have adverse consequences for homeowners by:

- decreasing property value by discouraging potential buyers
- limiting interest due to perceived environmental hazards due to the mere presence of a waste transfer station
- decrease desirability to live in the area due to the negative appearance of a waste transfer station as it visually detracts from the aesthetic of the local environment
- uncertainty and market volatility as it raises concerns about possible expansion and operational changes in the future

All in all, the impacts outlined above negatively outweighs the proposed benefits in establishing a waste transfer station in Lidcombe. I believe it is imperative that councillors thoroughly assess and address these issues amongst others, prior to proceeding with these development plans. I implore you to carefully evaluate and take appropriate actions to protect the best interests of the community above all else.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving your response and hearing about further updates regarding this proposed development.

Yours sincerely,