

Cumberland City Council
Planning Department
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Dear Cumberland Councillors

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

This letter expresses my concerns in relation to the above Development Proposal DA2023/0130- Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction and Operation of an Organic Waste Transfer Station.

This proposed development is only less than 100 metres away from our local residential properties, schools, child care, aged care, parks and business premises. I note with the rise of building large apartment complexes on Church Street, this has increased the numbers of trucks travelling through residential streets which inevitable leads to traffic congestions. The current proposed plan will subsequently create the following issues but are not limited to:

- Air, noise and soil pollution
- Dust fumes and unpleasant odour
- Local's health and safety
- Value of real property
- Residential, commercial and recreational environment
- The costs imposed upon local as a results of road damages caused by heavy vehicles.

Odour

I am aware that the Council may implement mitigation strategies to counteract the above impacts however this is not a guarantee. With respect to odour control, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may include risk management methods to provide assurance that the odour will not negatively impact the community. However there is no absolute confirmation or guarantee that this issue can be controlled. The unpleasant odour can buffer the area when trucks are travelling through to the site whilst passing residential locals, homes and business premises. This can create and exacerbate the negative health outcomes of individuals who face respiratory infection, health disease and lung cancer.

Location

Although this area is zoned as 'industrial' it is within close proximity to Lidcombe residential homes – less than 100 metres. Public housing, apartments, park trails are located near the proposed organic waste transfer station. Due to its location, this can have adverse effects on the surrounding environment and the health of residents as addressed above. There may be serious contamination of air quality from bad odours linked to the waste site which may subsequently create illnesses such as flu, eye irritation and weaknesses of the body. Therefore it is reasonably to claim that this industrial development plan will have detrimental impacts if it is located in a residential area.

Traffic

With the movement of approximately 118 trucks per day through the town and/or residential areas will inevitably create traffic congestion. Church Street, Lidcombe is narrow and during its operational times, further unnecessary traffic will be created, thus impeding the residents' of Lidcombe from undertaking daily activities in a timely and less stressed manner. The

times in which the trucks are travelling through Lidcombe are not in line with the timeframes set out in the EIS. Therefore more accurate and transparent information needs to be provided.

Value of real property:

Lidcombe is an attractive suburban area for current and prospective residents/investors. If this proposed development plan is approved, its negative impacts will reduce the value of real property. It will no longer become an attractive area to raise a family, given its possible effects on air pollution and traffic congestion. Unpleasant odours that stem from the site may not be thoroughly or effectively controlled. This will undeniably perpetuate the devaluation of residential or business properties. This will only exacerbate the current stress that is imposed upon the public due to high inflation and expenses within our tight economic environment.

As a resident of Lidcombe for over 20 years, I object to this proposed development plan. This will act as a detriment both personally and commercially for the residents at Lidcombe. We request that the Council reassesses the proposed plan and undertakes a thorough EIS outlining the significant risks and consequences associated with this project.

I look forward to hearing a response from the Council outlining the mitigation steps and actions taken to the proposed development plan.

Kind regards