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Cumberland City Council
Planning Department
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To Whom It May Concern

Re: DA2023/0130 – Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction and Operation of Organic Waste Transfer Station

Please consider this letter as my **strong** opposition for the abovementioned proposed DA for the following major reasons:

- This type of development has no place close to the Lidcombe Town Centre (or any town centre). And when I say the centre of Lidcombe, I mean approximately 800 meters from Lidcombe Station.
- The street where this development will be and the local streets already suffer from congestion from trucks from Hertz, Woolworths and delivery trucks to the industrial estates...added traffic congestion from this development will make things much, much worse.
- The proximity of residential housing may expose us to air and noise pollution in the guise of bad smells, dust being kicked up by trucks, exhaust fumes from trucks, truck noise from the many truck movements.
- The potential for site soil contamination.
- It will negatively impact the tranquility of the suburb, property values, local resident recreation.
- Further damage to road infrastructure.
- Etc...

Lidcombe has grown significantly in population since my family bought their house here over 40 years ago. What has not changed, is the suburb being home for many families, the elderly and a broad multicultural population. There are two local schools, St Joachim's Parish and Lidcombe Public as well as numerous churches, aged care facilities and preschool facilities all within close radius of the site.

The train station has been upgraded over the years to be a major hub for rail users and access to the TAFE and Sydney University campuses. This has also increased the number of buses on the roads. The station is a drop off/collection point for many school children who travel to their schools in neighbouring districts as well as a large flow of commuters using the bus services. Lidcombe is also

shit!", and given that fact that the SUEZ and Cleanaway recycling plants are closing down on Hill Road due to the encroachment of units / apartments to those recycling plants, we are putting one in place not even 100 meters away from newly built apartment blocks. This just goes to verify that statement above is correct.

Before this garbage tip was proposed, Lidcombe is adding extra high-rise units and yet no added infrastructure. In Ostend Street alone we have added new duplexes and what I am finding is that some of the resident in these duplexes have 5 to 7 cars. We have Hertz who constantly use and park in our street. We have 30 Woolworths trucks parking around Phillips Park. We have container trucks that constantly use our street instead of using Parramatta Road to access the tile sellers on the corner of Ostend Street and Parramatta Road. We can't handle the increased traffic at all...it's currently a nightmare as it is and this new tip will make it much, much worse.

Conclusion

Given the dangerous placement of this development, the inability of the suburb to cope with increased traffic, the damage to local roads, the lack of infrastructure, the lack of space to add any new infrastructure, the environmental impacts (odours, noise, pollution) and the opposition by residents I feel the Council should reject this proposal outright and stand up for the residents as current perception is that we are being neglected and you know what they say, "perception is reality".

Regards