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

Dear Cumberland City Council,

I write this letter to express my concerns and strong objection in relation to the demolition of existing buildings at the end of Church Street, Lidcombe area to construct and operate an organic waste transfer facility outlined in DA2023/0130. If this project persists there will be major impacts on this local area including the increase of heavy vehicle traffic, longer traffic queues and slower travel times. This can in turn impede on traffic flow and emergency response times, inconvenience to local residents and have an adverse impact on the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

One of the most significant concerns to the construction of this organic waste transfer station is the issue of dense traffic. Lidcombe is currently a larger residential community connecting other different districts and communities together. This can be seen through the railway train map linking districts of the North shore and Western Line, the Inner West and Leppington Line, the Olympic Park Line and the Bankstown Line. Additionally, multiple bus links travel through Lidcombe everyday ranging from the early hours of the day to night time. If this development plan was to proceed, this would cause major delays and further exacerbation to existing congestion in particular to Church, Railway, Arthur Street and Parramatta Road.

Furthermore, an increase of heavy vehicle traffic would cause physical and psychological effects on the surrounding traffic in relation to the length and size of the heavy vehicles and their limitations in their manoeuvrability. The ongoing use of heavy vehicles would result in the damage of roads, roundabouts and signage, and the maintenance of these consequences would be costly with the Council needing to further pursue these matter.

Additionally, passenger cars and light truck drivers may need to adjust their speeds accordingly to the speeds of surrounding heavy vehicles. The operational limitation of heavy vehicles generally maintain a constant speed therefore, heavy vehicles would be the influencers of traffic speed in surrounding areas. Moreover, larger space gaps need to be exercised between heavy vehicles causing addition congestion on Church Street.

For the reason that waste collection vehicles would be coming from all directions throughout Lidcombe, the road network would be disrupted. The effects of heavy trucks impose a safety risk as an increase in the number of lane changing manoeuvres in the vicinity of heavy vehicles is threatening for not only other smaller vehicles but also for pedestrians and cyclists.

Considering the increase of response time for emergency services, this is a problem at large. It is critical that

emergency medical services provide an adequate response time, as a slight delay to this could be life threatening. Studies have shown a 5 minute delay in response time can result with the odds of death increasing by 46%. This is a significant number.

I have noted my concerns in this letter and I request that Cumberland Council reevaluate the approval of Development Proposal DA2023/0130. It is important to consider the implications of developing a organic waste transfer station and the impact it has on the community surrounding Lidcombe.

I have lived in Lidcombe for over 20 years and desire this neighbourhood to continue to be safe and prosperous for the next generation to come. I would be disappointed to see this community of peace to be disrupted by the industrialisation of a waste management facility in the heart of Lidcombe.

I hope that Cumberland Council will carefully consider and take the necessary action to address the concerns raised in relation to the demolition of existing buildings and the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer facility. Thank you for your time and I hope to hearing from you in response to my views relating the objections outlined.

Warmly,