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Dear Cumberland Councillors,

I write to express my very strong objection to the above development. As a strong advocate for environmental preservation and as a concerned resident living in this suburb, I find it will have very adverse effects on our neighbourhood, together with our well being and my fellow residents who reside here and not to compromise the overall ecological balance.

One of the most pressing concerns that I have regarding this proposal is the potential impact on traffic congestion in our community. The current Traffic Impact Report as part of the development proposal, fails to account for the recent development of the new dwellings in the vicinity, specifically the development at 4-34 Church Street. The influx of residents in these newly developed dwellings has already placed a heavy strain on the local road infrastructure and increased traffic volume on Church Street through to Railway and Arthur Streets.

The proposed organic waste station would further exacerbate the existing congestion on Church, Railway and Arthur Streets, particularly towards the A3 highway. Increased heavy vehicle traffic associated with waste transportation would contribute to longer queues, slower travel time, impeded traffic flow & Emergency response times, inconvenience to local residents & have a negative impact on the safety of pedestrians & cyclists in the area, and also the noise, dust fumes and bad smell that this proposal would contribute.

Considering the oversight in the Traffic Impact Report, I urge Cumberland Council to conduct a comprehensive reassessment that takes into account the additional traffic congestion generated by the new dwellings on Church Street and the cumulative impact of this proposal on the already strained road network. It is essential that any development project thoroughly considers and mitigates the potential adverse effects on traffic flow and congestion to ensure the well being and safety of the community.

In light of the concerns raised above, I request that Cumberland Council re-evaluates the approval of the Proposal DA2023/0130. It is crucial to prioritise the Health and Well being of our community. I am an elderly individual living here with certain health issues ie Asthma it would help me if I don't have to stress with more issues where I live.

Thank You, Hope you will consider my objection to the above concerns

Furthermore, the proposed operational hours greatly exceed the regulations outlined in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Industrial zone. The extended operational times outlined in the EIS disrupt the residential amenity and are not in line with the protective measures set forth in the DCP. This inconsistency raises concerns regarding the impact on the well-being and quality of life for residents in close proximity to the facility.

Odour control is another critical issue. While the Environmental Impact Statement may mention measures to address odour concerns, there is no absolute assurance that these measures will be effective. The potential for unpleasant odours emanating from the waste transfer station and during transportation poses a significant threat to the commercial entities and residential areas of Lidcombe.

Moreover, the proximity of the proposed site to the residential area is highly inappropriate. With significant public housing, affordable housing, and ongoing construction of residential units nearby, it is clear that this proposal fails to consider the well-being and livability of the community. The DCP emphasizes the need to protect residential amenity, a requirement that is entirely overlooked in this proposed operation. Additionally, the site's location contradicts the intended purpose of waste transfer processing, which should ideally be situated in a fully industrial area with major arterial roads, away from town centers and residential areas.

Furthermore, I would like to draw attention to the potential impact this waste transfer station may have on property values in the surrounding area. The establishment of such a facility can lead to several adverse consequences for homeowners, including:

- 1. Decreased Property Values:** The presence of a waste transfer station in close proximity to residential areas can result in a decline in property values. The associated odours, increased traffic, and visual impact of the facility are likely to discourage potential homebuyers, leading to a decrease in demand and property valuations.
- 2. Limited Buyer Interest:** The existence of a waste transfer station nearby is likely to deter prospective buyers due to concerns about health risks, noise pollution, and the negative perception associated with such facilities. The limited interest from buyers can further contribute to a decline in property values.
- 3. Perception of Environmental Hazards:** The mere presence of a waste transfer station may create a perception of environmental hazards, such as potential pollution or contamination. This perception can significantly impact property values as homebuyers associate such risks with the facility, resulting in lower valuations and decreased demand for properties in the vicinity.
- 4. Negative Visual Impact:** Waste transfer stations often have an unattractive appearance and can detract from the aesthetics of the surrounding area. The negative visual impact can reduce the desirability of properties in close proximity to the facility, further contributing to a potential decrease in house values.