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To Cumberland Council,

Objection to Development Application DA2023/0130 - organic waste transfer station in Lidcombe

I write on behalf of my family and extended family with a total of four families across four households in Lidcombe to vehemently object to the organic waste transfer station being proposed.

Lidcombe is where our families have raised our children over the last three decades and has always been seen as a quiet, safe, peaceful, suburban neighbourhood where we could enjoy friendly neighbours, good schooling, parks for recreation, shops close enough to be convenient and be a place we are proud to call home.

The proposed organic waste transfer station is an absolutely unnecessary way to worsen the quality of life of each family and thousands if not tens of thousands of residents.

Lidcombe has already seen the negative impacts of large residential developments near the train station over the past few years with the infrastructure being stretched as it is with not all developments being fully populated yet.

This transfer station increases the traffic of heavy vehicles substantially, adding more pressure on the roads both in terms of actual vehicle volumes adding to the physical congestion, a huge increase in noise pollution and the risk of damage requiring fixing costing taxpayers more money.

The risk of odour is not insignificant and the odour report discusses minimising odour, the fact is that even it concedes there will be an additional burden. This is not even to mention the odour from trucks coming in and out of the place.

Lastly, the risk of issues at a waste transfer site itself are huge. If the odour scrubbers fail, if refuse leaks into the storm water system, if a truck spills its load, if the transfer station decreases the value of homes throughout the area putting already financially stressed families into an even more difficult position. These are just some of the massive risks to residents, to council, to the very way life is lived in the area.

All too often we have seen reports minimise the impact they have and once reality sets in, it is too late with firms often finding it easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission. There is no world where the negative impacts of the site can be undone with it being too late for council to do anything once this application is approved. We respectfully request you object to this proposal and endeavour to find a better use for this land.

