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Dear Cumberland Council,

I am a Lidcombe resident and want to express my strong objection to this proposal. My details are:

As I'm sure you will understand, there are many reasons to object to a rubbish dump being built in the middle of our neighbourhood. Here are some of my key concerns:

- 1. The location is not appropriate for this kind of facility. This is extremely close to a residential area, why is this being considered at a site so close to people's homes? The site is also within hundreds of metres to the local town centre (including all the businesses and restaurants), childcare centres, aged care facilities, and primary schools, and the local park. I am expecting a baby this year and this proposed site is a few hundred metres to the daycare centres we plan to have our baby attend, and the school he/she would eventually attend. It is also quite close to our home.
- 2. The smell. The applicants own odour impact assessment acknowledges that while they will attempt to reduce impact, there will be no attempt to reduce odour to zero. In other words, there will definitely be a smell issue. This will negatively impact local businesses nearby, and countless residents' homes.
- 3. Impact on residents ability to enjoy Phillips Park. The proposed site is a few hundred metres from Phillips Park. This is our only oasis where we can go to get some fresh air and escape the car/truck fumes, noise, and general ugliness of the industrial parts of the suburb we live in. Adding the smell of garbage to this would completely ruin this.
- 4. Impact of hazardous materials and waste (e.g. asbestos, lead), and risks to resident's health. Section 2.6.5.2 of the applicant's environmental impact statement states there will only be a "visual inspection" for "obvious" hazardous materials in the garbage. This is totally unacceptable, they are barely agreeing to do anything here, and even if they'd agree to a much more detailed search, are we really going to leave such an important task to the good faith of a private company to check for this, without any controls? As mentioned above I am having a baby soon who would attend daycare very close to this site, and have serious concerns about potential health impacts from this waste.

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- 6. Lack of opportunity for many residents to provide feedback. This site is proposed to be built right next to a large number of newly built apartment blocks. The large number of people who have bought these have not moved in yet, so would likely be unaware of this proposal. In other words, the people who are most impacted by this development have had no say in the matter.
- 5. Lack of benefit to the community. This proposal is from a private entity and exists purely to profit the owners, so does not provide significant public benefit. Weighed against the various negative impacts on the community, it is difficult to justify the existence of this rubbish dump in such a built up residential area.

Lidcombe residents already put up with too many negative impacts of nearby industry, traffic, and large roads. This proposal takes things too far. Please don't turn our home into a rubbish dump.