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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 would like to convey my outlook on the proposed planning of demolishing existing buildings, and the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station in the heart of the Lidcombe community. This project is outlined in DA2023/0130 and I strongly disapprove of this new development proposal. The permission of this project

would leave detrimental effects on the residents of Lidcombe for instance noise pollution, water pollution, the decreasing of property values, and the reputation of 2141.

To begin with, noise and water pollution is a significant factor to consider for a developing community. Research has shown that loud noises are particularly harmful to the inner ear (cochlea). Exposure to extreme sounds for a lengthy period of time can cause hearing loss, and damage cells and membranes in the cochlea. The repetitive listening to loud noise over time can strain hair cells in the ears, which in turn cause cells to die. Not only can loud sounds from heavy vehicles cause temporary hear loss, it can become permanent when hair cells are destroyed and cannot be repaired. Additionally, the constant noise of heavy machinery can disrupt the learning capacity of children in nearby schools and too disrupt the quietness of places of worship close by.

Next, the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of an organic waste transfer station will expose hazardous chemicals and biological agents to the neighbourhood at large. Toxic pollution from industrial work can be emitted into the atmosphere and into the waterways which can harm the ecosystem, and in turn, prohibit the flourishing of all organisms in the surrounding environment. Water pollution causes eutrophication whereby the water body becomes lifeless. This can be caused by chemical and heavy metals from industrial and urban waste water. A high level of hazardous chemicals are toxic to aquatic life organisms and usually shorten the lifespan and fertility of sea life. In regards to the food chain, larger marine animals (for instance, tuna) accumulate large amounts of toxins (for instance, mercury), and as these products are included to human consumption, this can correspondingly threaten the lifespan and fertility of human health in the Lidcombe and surrounding areas.

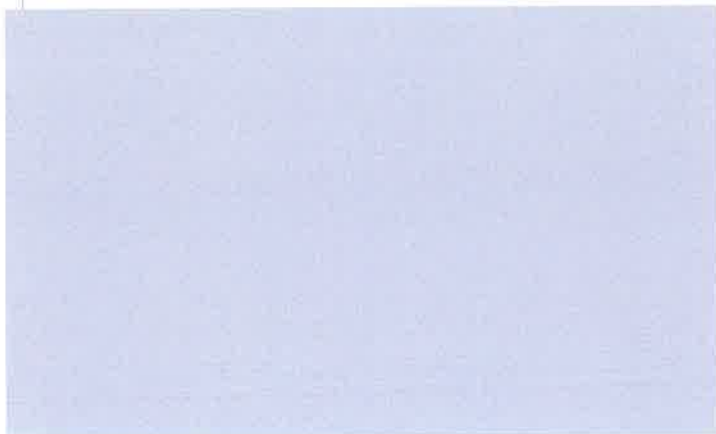
Furthermore, if the construction and use of an organic waste transfer station is visible, heard or sensed by smell, this could reduce the property value of housing. Property value can also be depressed if waste transfer vehicles can be seen frequently transporting waste material throughout the region. The depreciation of property value can result in an increase of people from lower social-economic backgrounds, futher resulting in a risk of a more dangerous suburb, a location more prone to theft, and a neighbourhood with a higher rate of poverty.

In light of the concerns raised within this email, I request that Cumberland Council re-evaluate the approval of Development Proposal DA2023/0130. It is important to consider the negative implications of developing an organic waste transfer station and

the impact it has on the community surrounding Lidcombe, as well as, the future generation of this neighbourhood.

I have grown up in Lidcombe for the majority of my life and I wish to continue to live in this area with my future children. Lidcombe is currently a safe and secure neighbourhood and I hope that no further industrial waste developments will occur to disrupt the balance of peace in this area. Please consider the construction of an organic waste transfer station in another area.

I hope that Cumberland Council will carefully consider and take the necessary steps to address my 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.



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