

To: Records Department
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to Development Proposal DA2023/0130 - Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction and Operation of an Organic Waste Transfer Station

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Dear Cumberland Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the development proposal outlined in DA2023/0120, which is to demolish existing buildings for the construction and operation of an organic waste station in Lidcombe. As a concerned resident within this community, I am convinced to believe that this proposed project will pose negative effects to our neighbourhood, including but not limited to, adverse effects on the health and wellbeing of our residents, and detrimental environmental impacts.

After evaluating the documents submitted to this development proposal, the following areas are still of my concern and hope to be considered:

Odour: There is no absolute assurance that the odour can be controlled and contained, particularly the odour that will be produced by waste trucks travelling throughout the suburb. Also, will the fumes or odour produced potentially be harmful to the human body?

Noise: Will there be implementation of sanctions or legislation to guarantee that the organic waste station is built in adherence to the required noise control measures recommended in the noise evaluation report? Also, there are no considerations over the potential excessive noise burden in residential areas when road work or track work is under construction simultaneously.

Environment: There are no measures proposed to target the infestation of pests and rodents due to the massive increase in food waste. Even if there is, the increase in pest control will have hazardous effects that can potentially endanger humans, household pets, and the environment.

Traffic: There is already increased traffic volume near Church Street due to new infrastructure being built nearby. The addition of so many waste trucks in one day will simply cause increased traffic jam and more inconvenience when travelling in the community. Also, the traffic in Lidcombe is already frequently congested due to major events occurring in neighbouring suburbs. For example, when sporting events or concerts occur at Olympic Park, a vast majority of people prefer to park their car in Lidcombe and catch the train from here instead.

Financial: Constructing an organic waste station in Lidcombe will decrease the property price village for all residents, but no compensation will be made.

Futuristic thoughts: There is no guarantee that it will remain just as an organic waste station. Also, the current estimate is 80,000 tones per day, which is already a hefty amount, but it may continue to increase. Yet the potential negative impacts will not be reassessed.

I trust that Cumberland Council will carefully consider the opinions of local residents and take necessary steps to address the concerns raised. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to a response that aligns with the objections expressed by myself and many other residents within the area.