

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 hope you are well. I write to express my strong objection to the development proposal outlined in DA2023/0130, pertaining to the demolition of existing buildings & the construction & operation of an organic waste transfer station in our community. As a concerned resident & advocate for environmental preservation, this proposed project would have adverse effects on our neighbourhood, the well-being of its residents and the overall ecological balance.

One of the most pressing concerns 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 construction of new dwellings in the vicinity, specifically the developments at 4-34 Church Street. The influx of residents in these newly constructed dwellings has already placed a strain on the local road infrastructure and increased traffic volume on Church Street through to Railway and Arthur Street.

The proposed organic waste transfer station would further exacerbate the existing congestion on Church, Railway & Arthur Streets, particularly towards the A3 highway. Increased heavy vehicle traffic associated with waste transportation would contribute to longer queues, slower travel times, impeded traffic flow & emergency response times, inconvenience to local residents & have a negative impact on the safety of pedestrians & cyclists in the area.

Considering the oversight in the Traffic Impact Report, I urge Cumberland Council to conduct a comprehensive reassessment that takes into account the additional traffic generated by the new dwellings at 4-34 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 reevaluate the approval of Development Proposal DA2023/0130. It is crucial to prioritise the health and well-being of our community, as well as the protection of our natural resources and wildlife habitats. I also request that a thorough environmental impact assessment be conducted to evaluate the potential consequences of this project on our neighbourhood and its surroundings.

I trust that Cumberland Council will carefully consider this objections and take the necessary steps to address the concerns raised by concerned residents like me. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a prompt response outlining the actions being taken in response to our objections.