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RE: Objection to Development Proposal DA2023/0130 - Demolition of Existing Buildings and Constructions Operation of an Organic Waste Transfer Station.

10 Dear Cumberland,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a current resident of Lidcombe, 2141. I want to express my concerns in regards to the development proposal outlined in DA2023/0130 as I object to the demolition of existing buildings in the local  
15 area and the further construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station in my community. The development of this facility will impact severely on the preservation of the environment, the well-being of the residents in this community, have major effects on my neighbourhood and the general ecological balance of Lidcombe.

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Firstly, if the operation of a waste transfer station exists, there will be high concern of traffic congestion in the community. Currently, John Street is one of the busiest roads leading through Lidcombe with a number of amenities, including a medical centre, dentist, pharmacy, multiple restaurants, a primary  
25 school and a place of worship. This street is adjacent to Church Street and at present, this road is congested. Further, with the alleged proposal of an additional 118 truck movements daily throughout residential areas, this will cause adverse strain to the community. The current Traffic Impact Report as part of the development proposal does not account for the recent construction  
30 of new apartments located at 4-34 Church Street. The influx of additional residents has, at present, impacted the movement in traffic together with pedestrian traffic. Evidently, the capacity of vehicles and pedestrians within this location will be enormous in the future.

35 Secondly, the quality of odour control and air pollution will significantly worsen in the Lidcombe area. Pollutants such as increases in nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide will be emitted into the atmosphere causing great concern to the respiratory system. This is a major health concern as high exposure to pollutants will leave detrimental results to the human body and the  
40 environment (soil contamination). This will impact residents of all ages including children located at Lidcombe Primary School, as well as, nursing homes such as Canberra Nursing Home within the Lidcombe area. The consequence of odour throughout Lidcombe will also impact the commercial entities as well as residential areas.

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Thirdly, the quality of sound pollution will greatly increase in decibels with the construction of an organic waste transfer station. The hours of operation are noted as Monday to Friday - 6.00 am to 10.00 pm; Saturday -8.00 am to 6.00  
50 pm. These timeframes may expand pending other requirements of the business's needs. In addition to the operation of the transfer station,

continuous traffic of trucks transporting waste will be combined impacting on the activity of human and animal life. High noise caused by machines and transport is harmful for both the land and humans. Loud and inescapable sound can cause noise induced hearing loss (NIHL), exposure to stress, sleep disturbances, heart disease and high blood pressure. These health problems can effect all age groups, especially children. Noise pollution can also impact the health and well-being of wildlife as some animals may use sound to navigate, find food, attract males or avoid predators. Sound pollution from the organic waste transfer station will make it difficult for animals to accomplish these tasks, which will affect their ability to survive.

I highlight of the concerns raise above, I request that Cumberland Council re-evaluate the approval of Development Proposal DA2023/0130. It is advantageous to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the community, together with the preservation of the wildlife and environment of our area.

I have been a resident of Lidcombe for 20 years and have observed its progressive growth over the years. It would be regrettable to allow the changes of a thriving community turn to an industrial area which will become hazardous and result in a significant deterioration of quality of life and life expectancy of Lidcombe, 2141.

I trust that Cumberland Council will carefully consider and take the necessary steps to address the concerns raised in regards to the demolition of existing buildings and the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer facility. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you in response to the objections outlined.

King regards,