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To: Records Department
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to the Application for an Organic Waste Transfer Station in a Residential Area - DA2023/0130

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Dear Cumberland City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent application to construct and operate an organic waste transfer station in close proximity to my property. I believe that this proposed project will have significant adverse effects on the surrounding residential area, particularly in terms of odour emissions, and I respectfully request that you carefully consider the negative impact this development would have on the quality of life for the residents.

Firstly, I would like to request that my personal information be treated as confidential and suppressed under Section 58 of the PPIP Act. I trust that you will respect my privacy and ensure that my identity is protected throughout the decision-making process.

While I understand the need for proper waste management and recognize the importance of organic waste disposal, I strongly believe that constructing and operating a facility of this nature in a residential area is highly inappropriate and goes against the best interests of the community. There are several compelling reasons why this application should be declined:

- 1. Negative impact on health and well-being:** The establishment of an organic waste transfer station in such close proximity to residential properties poses serious health risks to the community. Foul odours emanating from the facility will not only cause discomfort but also have the potential to trigger or worsen respiratory problems, allergies, and other health issues among residents, especially vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and individuals with pre-existing conditions.
- 2. Decreased property values:** The presence of a waste transfer station near residential areas can have a detrimental effect on property values. The perception of unpleasant odours and the association with waste management facilities can make it significantly harder for residents to sell their properties at fair market prices. This potential decline in property values could have long-lasting financial consequences for homeowners.
- 3. Noise pollution and traffic concerns:** The operation of a waste transfer station typically involves heavy machinery, trucks, and other vehicles, which will increase noise levels and traffic congestion in the vicinity. This influx of traffic poses safety risks for pedestrians and children in the area, further diminishing the residential character and tranquility of the neighborhood.
- 4. Environmental concerns:** While organic waste management is crucial, it is essential to consider the potential environmental impacts of this proposed facility. The proximity of a waste transfer station to a residential area could result in increased air pollution, groundwater contamination, and potential harm to local ecosystems.
- 5. Availability of alternative locations:** It is important to note that there may be other more suitable locations for an organic waste transfer station that would not impose such detrimental effects on a residential community. It is the responsibility of the council to explore alternative options that prioritize the well-being and quality of life of its residents.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that approving the application for an organic waste transfer station in a residential area would be a grave mistake that compromises the health, well-being, and overall quality of life of the residents. I respectfully urge you to decline this application and consider alternative locations that can balance the needs of waste management with the preservation of residential communities.

I trust that you will give due consideration to the concerns raised by myself and other affected residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing about the council's decision in due course.

Yours sincerely,