

To: Records Department; Clr Helen Hughes
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station DA2023/0130

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Organic Waste Transfer Station development proposal DA2023/0130

To Cumberland Council:

Regarding the above proposal at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe, as a Lidcombe resident, I am concerned about the negative impact on our suburb, amenity and community of a) traffic, b) odours and airborne pollution and c) noise caused by the operation of the proposed station.

My concerns are:

1. 80,000 Tonnes per year of organic waste into and out of Lidcombe is hardly MINIMAL. Trucks, pollution, and noise transferring this waste will SIGNIFICANTLY impact Lidcombe residents.
2. The Traffic Management Assessment refers to the station operating Monday to Friday, 6am to 10pm. This equals 260 days per year not allowing for public holidays. Section 6 of the Assessment - Traffic Impact - refers to operating 286 days per year. This indicates the station will operate 6 days per week, being either every Saturday or Sunday as well as Monday-Friday. This is a relentless, smelly and noisy operation to be within sight and sound of Lidcombe's medium to high residential areas. Residents' entitlement to a healthy living environment will be ruined by these proposed hours of operation.
3. Based on this 286 days per year, and the rest of the calculations in this section, the Assessment comes up with 112-120 heavy truck movements per day. If the Monday to Friday hours are adhered to, there will be an additional 132 heavy truck movements per day. Contrary to Section 7's opinion that this is "minimal" additional traffic, this is a HUGE amount of EXTRA and HEAVY traffic for Lidcombe to absorb.
4. What is to stop these 112-132 daily truck movements from travelling along the residential section of CHURCH STREET, BACHELL AVENUE, EAST STREET and other residential streets of Lidcombe? There is a commercial/industrial route the trucks could take instead. NO waste transfer trucks should be allowed to travel to or from the station except via ARTHUR STREET AND THE EASTERN END OF CHURCH STREET BEFORE BACHELL AVENUE.
5. Having read the 2 Odour Impact Assessments (original and addendum), it seems probable that air-borne pollution (particles and smells) will be transmitted beyond the boundary of the station via the truck entry and exit, and via the trucks themselves. This is all despite the proposed roof, walls, ventilation stack and 2-stage scrubber. The station is within 150 metres of residential homes, to which smells and particles could

easily transmit with little or no wind. With winds blowing from the south, east, south-east and south-west which they frequently do, smells and airborne pollution would travel much farther across Lidcombe's residents. The trucks themselves, both full and empty, will transmit further pollution and smells as they travel.

6. Noise from 6am to 10pm 5 or 6 days a week, both from the station itself and the trucks accessing it, will disrupt Lidcombe residents within earshot of the station, and along whatever residential streets the trucks travel. Operation hours should be reduced to 7am-7pm on weekdays and completely cease on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as on all public holidays.

To summarise, this proposed station and its proposed operations could have a serious negative impact on quality of life for many Lidcombe residents. Reductions to hours of operation and restrictions of allowable truck routes as described above would go some way to achieving an adequate compromise solution.

Sincerely