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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint - Rejection of Organic Waste Transfer Station Proposal
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I am writing to formally express my strong opposition regarding the proposed development of an organic waste transfer station in Lidcombe, as it is not in the best interest of our community.

Firstly, I would like to highlight the lack of communication and community engagement in the process leading up to this. Cumberland Council have failed to adequately relay information about the proposed organic waste transfer station to the community (the application was lodged on 13/3/23 and I was only formally notified this week?). Moreover, it appears that the council may not have made sufficient efforts to reach out to community members who do not speak English as their primary language.

Failing to provide information in languages accessible to all community members prevents a significant portion of our population from participating in discussions and expressing their concerns regarding the proposed development. This exclusion undermines the principles of democracy and fair representation.

Furthermore, the establishment of an organic waste transfer station in our local area would have detrimental effects on the community and its environment. Such facilities often emit strong odors, attract pests, and pose potential health hazards to nearby residents. The location of the proposed site near residential areas raises legitimate concerns about air and water pollution, noise pollution, excessive truck traffic on already busy local roads and potential negative impacts on property values. Is it not crucial to prioritize the health and well-being of our community members?

Additionally, the proposed organic waste transfer station may have negative economic implications. Investors and businesses may be discouraged from establishing or expanding operations in the area due to concerns about the environmental impact and associated health risks. This will hinder economic growth, local employment opportunities, and overall community development.

Given these significant concerns, the proposed development of an organic waste transfer station needs to be rejected.

The council needs to enhance its communication efforts, ensuring that all community members, regardless of their primary language, have access to information and opportunities for meaningful participation in decisions that affect the community and their lives.

Please provide a prompt response addressing the aforementioned concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider the serious concerns raised and act in the best interest of the community.