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RE: DA2020/1758 - 11 Lewis Street BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS NSW 2093

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RE: OBJECTION TO DA2020/1758 - 11 LEWIS ST BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS

I write to you to object to the DA for 11 Lewis St, Balgowlah Heights. I do not live within immediate proximity to the school however, I have one daughter who completed primary school @ BHPS and a son currently in Year 3, so I am very familiar with the area and its limitations.

The size of this long daycare centre will bring and cause issues that cannot be controlled and all to the detriment of the students at BHPS. From initial demolition, the construction and through to completion, the noise, dust, and all the usual issues with a build of this size and duration, will make it impossible for students (primarily on the Western campus) to be taught and learn in such an environment. Playing outside could also be restricted especially for those with asthma and health issues.

This will remain if the centre were to open, as a daycare centre does not operate in the same format as a school. Children there will be inside/outside at all hours and obviously their playing/crying/noise cannot be controlled like it can with school age children.

The traffic generated by the trucks & trades for the build will make Lewis St (& surrounding St's) even more congested than it already is. There are already around 50 staff from the school that need to park close by, parents dropping and collecting students, not to mention the busses that already struggle to stop in Lewis St to safely collect children. Please remember, the children crossing between campuses to meet or pick up siblings, or in walking busses, can be as young as 5 years old. The thought of commercial trucks (frequent food & waste trucks) travelling these streets amongst the chaos that is already hard to manage (check with the Parking Officers that have to regularly patrol Radio and Lewis St) creates very rational fears of accidents bound to occur.

There are already a large number of daycare centres in this area (and another due to open in Manly) and they are not operating at capacity. There is no public need for another large centre.

This development is not being done for the community. This development is for the developer and financial gain only. This fact therefore removes any right to say it belongs in a residential

area for the benefit of the community. It belongs in a commercial area only.

Approving this development would also limit any further improvements for BHPS. There is possibly the opportunity to turn part of Lewis St into school land, to assist with any increase in student numbers that the school may need to accommodate or to even use as 'space' (there is limited space for the children to run and play in now). I believe a childcare centre cannot operate in a cul-de-sac (?) and this would therefore prevent the school from utilising Lewis St in any way. Shouldn't any opportunities be prioritised towards the community and a public school and not a private business?

Consider that the majority (if not all) of those objecting to this DA have, or have had, young children and understand that day care centres are necessary, but within the right environment. Convenience for a few is not reason enough to ruin so much for the majority. That majority includes the over 700 children and staff at BHPS and thousands of local residents.

I strongly object and trust all objections will be read and taken seriously.
Please do not approve this development in this location.

Yours sincerely,

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