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

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to lodge my opposition to this proposed development of a child care centre at 11 Lewis St Balgowlah Heights.

For the following reasons:

The scale of this development excessive for the area. And would be better suited for Sydney road, not an R2 zone.

**Congestion:** Congestion on the streets in and around the school is already at breaking point especially since the council took 6 parking spots away over the last 2 years outside my home at 7 Abbott street (to install an excessively large crossing ) and I often have parents parked in both my drive ways during school drop off and pick up times.

**Health and Safety:** I am concerned about the safety of the hundreds of often unsupervised children that cross that driveway everyday that will be using the footpath at similar times to parents needing to drive into the centre to drop off their infants. Furthermore, Car stackers are slow, often breakdown (personal experience and other acquaintances have similar experiences) which will cause even more congestion as parents have to wait for the stacker to be ready to load.

**Car Stackers:** I am alarmed that they want to use car stackers for this facility. Having had a car stacker for many years at my previous residence. I can say that they are totally inappropriate for use with an infant - they are narrow, with no room for prams, and having had a stacker collapse - almost killing my mother and destroying her car, the thought of having a car stacker anywhere near children concerns me no end.

**Additional child care:** I am also questioning the need for more child care in this area. I am a mother of a 20 month old and had no problem gaining child care. And with so many large scale day care centers in Balgowlah (which are not at capacity)