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Subject: Objection to DA2020/1758 11 Lewis Street Balgowlah Heights - Attention Kent Bull

Dear Mr Bull,

Re DA2020/1758 at 11 Lewis Street Balgowlah Heights

We have several objections to the inappropriate oversized scale of the development in a residential/non-commercial area heavily frequented by young children at ALL times.

The proposed development is next to the local primary school and before-and-after-school care centre. The Lewis Street footpath is heavily used at all times by local residents and children on foot, bicycle, scooter, etc. It is the main thoroughfare from Ernest Street to the school etc because there is no footpath in that vicinity on the other side of the road.

The area has long suffered from heavy vehicular traffic and lack of sufficient parking in small residential streets due to the existing heavily populated primary school. The affected "area" is not only Lewis Street, but all surrounding local streets. Whilst some parking is included in the DA plans, it is totally inadequate for 57 family cars (children), plus a minimum of 11 staff. 'Kiss-and-drop' is not an option because young children need to be physically escorted to the Centre (11 Lewis Street) for sign-in and sign-out. Where is it proposed to park 60 cars, notwithstanding the planned questionable on-site parking for 16 vehicles?

The significant increased traffic will hinder the safety of hundreds of young children. Apart from street traffic flows and parking issues, those who try to park on-site will enter and exit via the Centre driveway next to the school, again increasing the chance of possible accidents. From past observations, I guarantee parents will stop their cars on the footpath because parking will not be available. Some primary school children are accompanied by their parents and younger siblings; many are not. This is an accident waiting to happen.

The gross overdevelopment will be an unsuitable, unattractive and confronting eyesore, butting right up to the fenceline of the local primary school. This will impact the bush setting of the school and local area, revered by the school children and local residents.

The vastly increased number of garbage bins needed for 57 young children and 11 staff will be an additional unpleasant confrontation on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings for local residents, highlighting the large commercial nature of the residential-sized property in a residential neighbourhood.

The huge increase in continuous noise created by 57 young children every week of the year, will be disruptive to many older residents in the area (as expressed by my elderly neighbours).

The bulk and large footprint of the building, taking up the majority of the property land and air space, is just too much! It's ugly and insensitive to that part of the neighbourhood. Is it allowed to build such a large mass up to the fenceline, impinging upon neighbours' privacy? This is one of several issues we wish to look into further.

In addition, we request that the Submissions Close Date be extended. Due to the school holiday period, there will be many affected residents who will be absent and not have had the opportunity to review the DA. Also, a number of affected residents are themselves building so

are absent from the immediate area and will not have received notification of the DA. We need time to contact them. This is not a "normal" residential development and will greatly affect the ambience of the neighbourhood, thus all affected residents should be given the time and opportunity to have their say.

Regards,
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