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

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11 Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights, 2093

Dear Kent Bull,

I'm writing regarding my objection to DA2020/1758 - the proposed long day care centre at 11 Lewis St Balgowlah Heights, 2093.

I am a frequent user of Lewis Street, driving more than once daily along the street, to an elderly relative who lives in Tabalum road, Balgowlah Heights. I also have small grandchildren that live in Lewis Street, opposite the proposed centre, who I frequently pick up and care for. Therefore, I have been very familiar with the traffic situation around this area for many years. Balgowlah Heights Public School and the after school and holiday care facilities/services at this school, serve the local community excellently. Obviously, the amount of traffic and children has increased considerably over the years, and as I observe daily has reached capacity.

Adding a the proposed, very large, long day care centre to the street will be extremely dangerous to this area of the street regarding all involved (e.g. school kids and parents, residents of the street, long day care infants and their parents/ families).

The heavy traffic of cars and children walking to school is already quite chaotic to see at drop off and pick up times. As a grandmother who drops her children at another day-care centre in the area, long day care picks ups and drops offs are quite involved and take considerable time, involving one to park and often spend quite a lot of time inside the centre with the infant.

I can see that in the proposal for the day care centre there are only a few car spaces proposed to be built for long day care families but there are definitely not enough for the high volume of enrolments at the day care. Thus, I assume that other parents of these 50+ children would be forced to use street parking and/ or 'kiss and drop' spaces that are required by parents of the school in order to safely and efficiently drop their children at BHPS.

To add to this, the proposed driveway for the centre would endanger the lives of many BHPS students, who often walk to school by themselves across the only pedestrian pathway to the school.

I feel the danger to many precious children is of a major concern and simply not necessary.

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