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Subject: DA2020/1758 - Lot B DP 369977 11 Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to object to the above mentioned Development Application on the following grounds:

1. Safety - The proposed 16 space underground car park incorporating a car stacker and 6 drop-off / pick-up spaces would lead to an extreme safety hazard, with pedestrians (including infant and primary school students from the school next door) using the Lewis Street footpath having to cross a driveway that will be very busy from 7 am to 7 pm every day, with cars coming and going all day. It would be particularly dangerous at peak times when all of the spaces are full and cars are entering and having to (presumably) back out and try to find street parking.

2. Traffic congestion - Lewis (both sides of Ernest), Ernest and Abbott Streets and Radio Avenue are already parked out at school drop-off and pick-up time because the vast majority of students travel to and from school by car. The traffic congestion at those times in these narrow streets is horrendous. Parents are often in a rush to get their children to school on time and pick them up shortly after school's out, which can result in unsafe / inconsiderate driving and parking at those times. Parking in the bus stop, too close to corners and across driveways is not uncommon. The intersection of Lewis and Ernest Streets (including the pedestrian crossing on Ernest St) is incredibly dangerous at these peak times. It's certainly not helped by the large trees and bushes that have been planted on the nature strip adjoining the corner property. Adding another 57 parents and 11 staff to the mix would be untenable.

I hope that Council will take the concerns of local residents seriously and not approve this irresponsible proposal.

Regards,

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