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Subject: DA2019/1119 Objection

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: DA2019/1119

I am writing to you to strongly object to the above development application.

As you would be fully aware that every weekend the surrounding streets and car parks are filled to capacity with patrons who are involved with the vast array of sports offered at the sporting fields that adjoin Harbord Bowling Club – AFL, Hockey, Netball, Running Club, Cricket, Soccer, Rugby Union and Lawn Bowls. On top of this the surrounding streets are extremely narrow especially when cars are parked on both sides of the road. This especially applies to Bennett Street which at these times allows traffic to go only one way. Bennett Street is already fully congested on weekends to the point of being dangerous especially on the bend near the rear entrance to Freshwater High School where there are often near misses or collisions because it is a blind corner. Side mirrors already get swiped off as cars try to navigate the small space between parked cars at speed. Residents already have great difficulty getting into and out of their driveways as many motorists try to squeeze their car into a spot way too small. Frustrated motorists unable to find parking then resort to parking on nature strips or contrary to parking restriction signs. Adding more traffic and pedestrians, especially little children due to the carnival nature of Cambridge Markets, will only heighten the danger.

Given that Cambridge Markets do not operate any other markets in the northern beaches area it is envisaged that there would be throngs of people from other councils attending. Where will they park, as nearby streets and suggested car parks are already full from sporting patrons? They can't park on the sporting fields as they are in use. It is highly likely there will be many letters of support for this huge commercial venture but I am sure they would not be from the local residents. They would be from people not living in close proximity, they are likely to be living outside this council and oblivious to the horrendous impact that this will have on local residents' lives.

Then there is the litter problem. No matter how many recycle bins and general rubbish bins will be provided, there will always be the thoughtless people who just discard their rubbish, mainly from food and drink enroute back to the car. They don't want to take it home with them, it is messy and it smells or is sticky, so it is discarded on local residents' nature strips. Although this council land, if not cleaned up by the resident it is left there to rot or attract pests or worse still eaten by our dogs who will very likely then get sick.

Cambridge Markets are a huge commercial operation providing food, music and carnival entertainment. How does this fit in a quiet residential environment? It appears to be against all local Planning rules. Starting early Sunday morning at 7am means that the residents will be subjected to increased traffic noise and open air entertainment noise with no way to curtail it. It will have a huge detrimental effect on a quiet residential neighbourhood and drastically reduce the value of the real estate in the area.

Yours sincerely,
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