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

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

I wish to object to the above mentioned Development Application, especially in light of them occurring in a residential zone with inadequate traffic & safety provisions.

My primary objections are:-

1. Child Safety

The site is on an extremely busy pedestrian commuter pathway to the adjoining school in a residential area. Car entry and exit across the pathway at the forecast volumes is very concerning, especially with the overlap in peak traffic movements at school times. Safety of children walking to/from school must be addressed for a domestic driveway not suitable for commercial use.

The school provides safety personal at a crossing for traffic management (following a past tragic incidents to pupils of the school) but no similar provisions proposed for estimated 86 movements per day in a more challenging car movements environment, that is further complicated by the age of children preventing 'kiss and drop' option available to the school. Furthermore the traffic report assumes

- stats taken in a Covid impacted period. This period may not be representative of 'typical traffic'.
- 0% of people who 'worked from home' would not drive their child to child care. This seems unlikely for the catchment area for children under 5. Some part of that 23.89% of people who 'worked from home' should be assumed to drive.
- Assumes 'no future planned road or public transport changes that will affect traffic conditions within the immediate vicinity of the subject site'. I believe this is incorrect & changes now apply to public transport routes assumed in the report.

2. Limited parking

Public transport to the CBD in peak hour is average in Balgowlah heights, even when your destination is city bound. Childcare workers need to arrive earlier than 7am. Due to limited transport options for staff & parents, they are more likely to drive. It is not appropriate to reduced from the DCP requirement of 11 when public transport to the location is so poor & nil bicycle parking spaces are included & current school parking practices are considerably non-compliant & problematic at peak times. Adding another 68 commuters is untenable.

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

Regards,

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