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

I would like to raise an objection to this proposed development. The basis upon which I raise this objection is primarily the health and safety of the hundreds of children (often unaccompanied) and families using the Lewis Street footpath. I am a parent of two children in this community and very aware of the frequency of children using this pathway. Cars will need to enter and exit the centre car park across this busy pedestrian thoroughfare, and there is no alternative footpath on the opposite side. As the proposal is for 57 children and 11 staff there will be a continuous stream of vehicles across this footpath which is incredibly unsafe. Many families use this footpath to travel to and from school in the morning and afternoon, walking dogs and riding bikes outside of school hours and during the holidays. During school collection times there is already very limited room for cars and people collecting children from school so parents have to stand along the street including in front of this property, it is impossible to see how an accident will not occur with this frequency of vehicles crossing the pathway, The increase in traffic and inadequate parking facilities proposed, which, as I understand may not be at all compliant with regulations, (only 6 spaces for parents in the underground car park) will exacerbate the already significant issues with parking and volume of cars around the school and neighbourhood, causing havoc for local residents and increasing the risk of accidents. Dropping a baby / infant into daycare is a long process and does not involve just 'kiss and drop'. Together with the Council, the community has recently put in new crossings at Ernest St and Abbott St due to these risks.

The size and intensity of a childcare centre business of these proportions in a purely residential neighbourhood is entirely inappropriate. Safety risks will be compounded from the services supporting the centre including goods deliveries and waste management services yet further increasing of the risk heavy vehicle traffic in an area of high children activity and the likelihood of a serious accident.