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Subject: Objection to DA 2020/0838

The General Manager

Northern Beaches Council
Civic Centre
725 Pittwater Road
Dee Why NSW 2099

20th August 2020

Dear General Manager,

RE: 86 Quirk Street, Dee Why - DA 2020/0838

I OBJECT to this application for many reasons.

I feel compelled to write out of concern for my neighbours and the surrounding community.

The proposed development includes demolition and then construction of a house which is accessed from

Quirk Street, plus a granny flat with a garage at the rear of the block accessed from Bushey Place.

The development is very large, running down the entire length of the block, and is inappropriate for the site and character of the area. It severely blocks the view of Long Reef from 84 Quirk St and presents a

very

tall overshadowing wall to look at instead.

The elevated 2nd storey terrace, pool, and fire pit area, completely overlook the private space at 84 Quirk St.

It will also impact surrounding homes with loss of privacy and high noise levels from the entertaining area that runs along the top of the building and above the Granny flat.

I am very concerned about the impact to Bushey Place. The trucks and bulldozers required for the excavation

and building will negatively impact the fragile laneway. Bushey Place or 'The Lane' as it is affectionately called

by the locals is a narrow lane only usable by one vehicle at a time. This requires a friendly attitude on behalf of cars and people when they encounter each other there. Many people, myself included, walk our dogs there daily and many people and young families use it to walk to Dee Why beach. The building and resulting congestion would disrupt all of that for a long time and negatively effect the community.

The lane's surface is subsiding in spots, especially near the Carew St end. We have had building work going for some time now at the end of Bushey Place and the trucks

from that have made the edges and surface of lane broken in places, I don't think it could take the immense construction traffic that this development would entail.

Because of the additional hard surfaces in the structure the issue of rain water drainage and run off, across the lane and down the hill into neighbouring properties below is also worrying. There is no guttering in Bushey

Place except outside two houses at the end of the lane. There is still the remnants of a little stream when it rains that runs from Carew Street down the lane on the side of the proposed development. The sides are mushy at the moment from trucks, so water does still build up. The Garbage truck drivers do a great job navigating along the lane though - it may be worth asking them how they will navigate there when the building is under way - and how the residents on the North side of Bushey Place will be able to enter and leave their driveways to go to work etc.

The stability of the slope is uncertain too - if there is much rock drilling it will impact surrounding homes as it is a rocky escarpment. The drilling for the extension to Delmar Private Hospital was felt and commented on by many locals.

Parking for workmen would be difficult. There is a parking area meant for residents and their visitors at the end of Bushey Place but it has been parked out for years with the building going on there. It is a lot to ask of residents that they be further inconvenienced and it would be dangerous to have big trucks entering and leaving the lane as well. There have been a lot of parking issues because of the Hospital extension and the high level of traffic volume created by that, plus the morning and afternoon school runs to St Luke's and Curl Curl schools has put the surrounding streets under a lot of strain. More large trucks would create a potentially hazardous situation. Young children walk to schools along the lane and Carew Street.

I am concerned that approval of this DA would create an unfair precedent for the sharing of views

and for the future overdevelopment of residential properties.

The area is still unique, with Wingala Reserve at the end of Bushey Place. There is a good community spirit shared by those who have lived here for many years and young families enjoying what is still a beautiful place. I have lived here for most of my life and treasure the trees and bird life we still have.

At this time of Covid 19 when people are reviewing what is important in their lives and in their neighbourhoods and finding (and needing) solace in nature and quiet time at home, I hope you all

I review this DA in the light of it being inappropriate

and negatively impacting the lives of those around it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Terry Fogg
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Dee Why