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

I am writing to submit my concerns for the proposed development of a long daycare centre at 11 Lewis St Balgowlah Heights.

I reside at 23 Radio Ave Balgowlah Heights next to the lane accessway between Lewis and Radio. I am also a parent of a child at the Balgowlah Heights public school.

My concern is that the traffic is already at peak capacity on both Lewis and Radio ave and adding a daycare facility that by its very nature of its business operations can only significantly increase traffic flow, is dangerous to the safety of everyone but particularly the children in the area. Traffic will increase not just by parents dropping off and collecting children, but as it is a commercial operation, there will be deliveries, waste removal, gala days, fetes and other activities that will attract unnecessary traffic for the streets and the surrounds.

I would expect this proposed business will additionally create street parking problems as many users of long day care drop their children off in the morning park their car in the surrounding streets and catch public transport to work. They return via public transport in the afternoon and collect their vehicle and children. I note that it is proposed to include a car stacker for the employees to park their cars, my experience is that car stackers are highly unreliable and prone to breakdown which are not easily remedied. This proposal will add conservatively another 20 or 30 motor vehicles parking in already congested streets. Clearly, more cars parked on streets the higher the risk of an accident.

A consequence of the real increased risk to the safety of children commuting to and from school is that parents will rightly mitigate the risk to their children by driving them to school instead of allowing them to walk or cycle. This will only exacerbate the traffic problems that already exist.

We should be looking for ways to reduce traffic around the school by encouraging walking, this proposal does not do that.

I object to this proposal as it is clearly unsafe to the local community.

Regards,

Craig Edwards.