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As a long time resident of Lakeside Crescent I have grave concerns over the proposed development. I will detail them individually below.

1. Environmental Impact – I notice that a lot of work has been done in relation to the trees in the space. There is one particular tree which I understand is under a protection order and it is the tree that gave Palm Avenue its name. What disturbed me most was that no consultation was given before the works commenced – trucks just showed up and started clearing. As an avid gardener and lover of nature I noticed immediately that the presence of kookaburras in our neighbourhood had dropped off. The beautiful calls fell silent over night as the birds were obviously driven from their nests. We have an abundance of wildlife in this area and I would hate for any more environmental vandalism at the hands of these developers. My teenage children who are very vigilant in their efforts to conserve our environment and prevent further degradation were shocked and distressed to see this unfold. I note that the council proudly promotes its green agenda but I can't see how this will reconcile with this proposed development. The trees also provide a buffer for residents from a very busy Pittwater Road – removing them will only adversely impact our quality of life in this area.

2. Parking – our three adjacent streets have become a daily dumping ground for boats, caravans, and work vehicles with trailers attached to them. Of gravest concern is the dangerous placement of these. They are very close to the corners to the point that you can't see on coming traffic as you try to navigate the turns. The last time I complained the council told me it wasn't illegal. There is a fine line between something being illegal and the council finding itself in a breach of its duty of care to both pedestrians and drivers alike. As a mother teaching her daughter to drive we are constantly nudging down the middle of jam packed streets with traffic coming towards us, not to mention children on bikes and people out walking. I'm afraid it seems to be an accident waiting to happen. Adding all these extra residents without any provision for parking is just going to extrapolate the danger to all using these roads. In addition as a resident I should be able to park withing the vicinity of my home and not have cars/boats etc dumped outside my home for days on end. There are a lot of commuters who park here daily as they hop on the buses to the city – this also impacts on parking. This is in addition to the parking overflow from Nolan reserve on all weekends and most week nights due to sporting activities. The roads are also routinely used as learning areas for learner drivers and its becoming very dangerous for them.

3. Parking during the works – the above will only be heightened greatly during any works period. There will be massive trucks etc driving around and parking everywhere making our streets very unsafe for our children and elderly as well as drivers. All the children in the area walk straight past the site to cross Pittwater Road to get to the bus stop. How will their safety be guaranteed. Many elderly people walk through the area and I would hate for any of them to be put in imminent danger.

4. Public transport – there is already a lack of public transport supporting the Northern Beaches. Many mornings the queues for the buses are so bad you have to wait for a second bus to come. How will the system cope with all these new residents?

5. General infrastructure – I note that the facility will have a residential area for senior citizens. As someone who has senior parents and parents in law I am acutely aware of how much they need from doctors and other ancillary providers. It is already close to impossible to see a local GP in an emergency and we are therefore pushed to the hospitals. What has been done to ensure that the addition of all these people will be catered for by an increase in infrastructure?
6. Noise – This project will not be completed in the short term and the noise impact in our quiet suburb will be significant. These will have a serious impact on all of us – particularly retirees, families with children at home and people working from home.
7. Lack of Consultation – Landcom have shown little or no regard for process, procedure and consultation. They conveniently waited till after Covid lock down to advise there was no face to face consultation with the community due to Covid. They have denied us our right to have a say in the process and I have no reason to believe that their behaviour will improve.

I trust that you will give my concerns due consideration. We moved to this neighbourhood because of its special qualities. Its a hub for young families and the elderly working together in a safe community. We have had no assistance from Council with the impact of parking over flow. We also moved here because of the link with nature – we have high regard for the environment and do not want to see it adversely affected by a council who boasts of its green record. The impact of this development will be more than significant – it will materially alter the substance of what we have invested in. Please do not allow this project to proceed.

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