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As a close neighbour of the Harbord Diggers Club mega-development, we strongly object to the proposed extension of construction hours on Monday to Friday from the currently allowed 7am-5pm to 7am-8pm and on Saturday from the current 8am-1pm to 8am-4pm.

We residents still like to think this is a residential neighbourhood where we should be able to enjoy a more-or-less peaceful life outside of working hours. The proposed extension will severely damage any amenity left to us in the evenings under the current Conditions of Consent from the JRPP and will also impact already limited parking in the area in the evenings and Saturday afternoon. This is a neighborhood, not an industrial estate.

The application and supporting reports provide heaps of scientific sounding bumph about controlling the level of noise from the construction site. However, this is only if the Council enforces the conditions. To date, the Council and the Principal Certifying Agent (who is actually paid by the developer) have proven totally incapable of controlling the behavior of the construction company, Gallenen. This includes allowing the contractor to start excavation activities at 7am rather than 8am as specified in the Conditions of Consent despite numerous official complaints to the Council and PCA. The contractor's delivery trucks now arrive regularly in the tower crane loading zone on Evans Street at 6:30am rather than at 7am Monday-Friday. The council has proven totally incapable of enforcing normal environmental requirements for dust control over the excavation activities. The contractor and Diggers have shown absolute disregard for the amenity of neighbors in installing high intensity security lighting and a 1m x 5 m lit up advertising sign for Gallenen on their tower crane although they have finally turned off the security lights due to a month's worth of complaints from neighbors who have been seriously inconvenienced.

Given the extremely poor performance of the contractor and the council's enforcement departments to date, residents and the community have zero confidence that conditions of consent will be respected.

Rather than extending the hours of construction, the Council should have the courage to enforce the original Conditions of Consent from the JRPP which were intended to modestly

protect the rights of existing property owners and tax payers.

The contractor previously submitted an almost identical Mod2016/0293 to extend the working hours which they then retracted because of the volume of objections from residents and much deserved negative publicity in the Manly Daily. We trust our neighbours will again join in resisting this obnoxious intrusion on our remaining amenity.

Yours sincerely,

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