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Subject: DA2020/1758 Objection

Attention: Kent Bull

We would like to lodge a formal objection to the development proposal DA2020/1758.

We're a neighbouring house and have serious concerns around a large childcare centre being built and operated on our residual street.

As parents of children at Balgowlah Heights Public School, we're worried about the health and safety of hundreds of students and their families walking to and from school in the morning and afternoon along the Lewis St footpath. Plus many elderly residents, young children and families use the footpath along Lewis St outside school hours (weekends, school holidays) as the main walking/riding route to Tania Park.

The proposed car park will operate across this busy pedestrian thoroughfare, and without an alternative footpath on the opposite side. The scale of the proposal (including 57 children and 11 staff) will lead to a continuous stream of vehicles.

Traffic is already an issue on Lewis St, Abbott St, Ernest St, Radio Ave - well beyond capacity. Balgowlah Heights Public School does not provide any staff or visitor parking, therefore our nearby streets are already absorbing the effects of approximately 50 school staff, excursion/sport buses, public transport, plus the OOSH, operating anywhere from 6am to 6.30pm. Kiss and drop periods at school, can be extremely chaotic and potentially dangerous, and this would likely coincide with the dropping off of 57 children at childcare.

A childcare centre of the proposed size in a purely residential neighbourhood is entirely inappropriate and will cause disruption through noise, privacy and waste management issues. I don't believe there is a demand for this service, and a centre like this would be more appropriate in an area with a higher density living.

We would appreciate being kept in the loop on this development.

Kind regards,

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