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Warringah Council

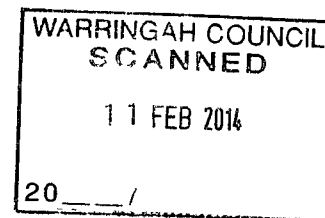
Attention. Kevin Short

Dear Sir,

Mod2013/0260 – (DA2010/1170)
John Colet School
8 Wyatt Avenue BELROSE



Ron and Cynthia Patton
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Belrose N S W 2085
3rd February 2014



We submit this objection to the proposed modification Condition 22 has not been achieved therefore condition 21 should stay and the increase of 75 extra students be refused so that the maximum number of students remains at 150 in accordance with the previous approval.

Consent conditions Nos. 21 and 22 for DA2010/1170 were provided by the Warringah Development and Assessment Panel to enable and assessment of the impact of the extra 75 students and an extra 3 teachers on the local community over a two year period This was implemented to address the 31 submissions that were made to Council when the DA2010/1170 for an extra 75 students was placed on exhibition.

Essential to this requirement was consent condition No 6 where a Traffic Management Plan was to be submitted to Council

Consent condition No. 22 was included to assess the behaviour of motorists against the details of the Traffic Management Plan each 6 months.

The application for this modification (Mod2013/0260) does not make any reference to a Traffic Management Plan or monitoring against the Plan each 6 months as required in the DA2010/1170 consent

The application does have a report from a Traffic Consultant who undertook a Safety Audit in November 2012 These safety audits check the physical aspects of the road and footpath areas together with lighting These safety audits do not check on motorists' behaviour.

For this particular interim approval, motorists' behaviour is an essential requirement to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on the surrounding community and on the people and students associated with the school.

When the school had an approval for a maximum of 150 students many traffic and safety problems were occurring These problems have now been exacerbated and significantly impact on the residents in Wyatt Ave, Charleroi Rd, Cotentin Rd and the surrounding streets

Buses often have problems navigating passed the school and many motorists, dropping off and picking up students make illegal turns causing many safety problems

The length of the queue of cars in the morning and afternoon, waiting to drop off and pick up students extends passed many properties in Wyatt Ave west of the school, parking across residents' driveways and/or u-turning using e resident's driveways

Our observations show that the existing situation is unacceptable and we have not been advised that a Traffic Management Plan has been prepared and implemented (i e. motorists advised and monitored).

In assessing this modification application it is essential that the Council assess the motorists' behaviour, against the Traffic Management Plan as required in consent condition No. 6, during the periods of dropping off and picking up students.

During the school days many cars associated with staff and teachers are parked along Wyatt Avenue and in the parking spaces along Wyatt Reserve. This is an unreasonable impact on the nearby residents and other users of Wyatt Avenue Reserve.

Council has a requirement that all teachers and staff should be in marked parking spaces on site.

It is obvious that the site cannot accommodate all the cars associated with teachers and staff. Therefore the number of students and teachers should be restricted to the 19 spaces included in the previous consent for a maximum of 150 students.

Note, the interim approval for the extra students could not provide for extra car parking spaces as LEP2000 provides that 50% of the property is to be preserved with native bushland and there was no area available.

The noise from the school has increased during school hours and out of school hours, including late into the evening.

This is totally unacceptable for the residents living in the area. Please note that MANY OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE LIVING IN THIS AREA BEFORE THE SCHOOL ARRIVED ON OUR DOORSTEP.

The school undertakes many activities out of normal school hours which have not been documented.

These have an adverse impact on the residents. Many of the activities involve using loud speakers into the evenings. This is unacceptable.

The application for this modification includes information on the use of open space within the school grounds and outside the school grounds.

The information includes the use of Zone B on the map.

The LEP2000 for this locality C8 includes a clause that 50% of the property is to be retained as native bushland. Zone B is part of the 50% that is to be retained as native bushland and not used for school activities. The use of this area was not included in the application DA2010/1170 and there is no consent condition to permit use of this area. Further the documents associated with DA2010/1170 showed that there are threatened species in this area, which reinforces the reason to keep this area protected.

It is requested that you reinforce the requirement that this area and the total 50% area preserved for native bushland is not to be used for any school activities and the area is not to be used by anyone.

With regard to use of space outside school grounds there is mention of some activities on Wyatt Reserve. This information is lacking about the daily use of the area for many school activities.

It was evident to us that the school grounds did not have sufficient useable outdoor area to accommodate the activities associated with the extra 75 students. This has now been evident in the constant use of Wyatt Reserve and another reason to not permit the extra 75 students to continue at the school.

In addition the students and teachers often walk down Wyatt Ave and access other privately owned land at the end of Wyatt Ave. This is not mentioned in the application.

To discipline the students as they walk the length of Wyatt Ave, the teachers often use a whistle and shout at the students.

This is an unacceptable activity being performed in front of private homes in a quiet residential area.

The document associated with the use of outdoor space includes a table that provides the number of students into the future. For 2015 the table shows 259 students, which is beyond the interim maximum of 225. The document states that the school is in a transition from single stream to double stream,

i.e from one class per year to two classes per year. There has been no approval for this proposal. The interim application and approval only relates to total school students

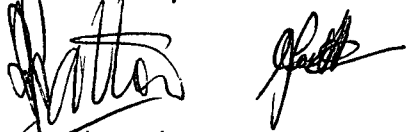
On the John Colet School's own web site, the Principle states by 2015 the school will have 300 students, again there has been no approval for this 300 student proposal.

The John Colet School's own web site also quotes the school has been in operation since 1985, this may be true when they were at North Sydney, but they have only been at Belrose since 1995, where the first application of operation was approved by Warringah Council for 55 students At that time the Local residential Community was not even notified

The number of students and activities at this school is getting out of hand and having a dramatic adverse impact on the surrounding residents.

Please remove the interim approval for the extra 75 students so that the residents may get some relief from the impact of this school business on this Local Community The 'Quality of our Lives' in this residential neighbourhood should be paramount in any planning for this area

Yours Sincerely

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right.

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