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Northern Beaches Council

General Manager
1 Park Street
Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. 33 Walter Rd Ingleside – application for home business for production of food. Statement of Environmental Effects

Proposed development

We (the owners) are applying for a home business for production of food at 33 Walter Road, Ingleside 2101. We propose to use our current kitchen as it is, with no construction/modification plans, to prepare and cook food for sale at Solace café, 280 Powderworks Rd, Ingleside 2101 or for special events.

Current usage

Current use of the property is for residential use, with the applicant Melinda Chiew, husband Luke Chiew and two children as occupants.

Environmental impact and planning controls

In the PLEP 2014, home businesses are permitted without consent within the RU2 (Rural Landscape) zone. Other planning controls contained within the Pittwater 21 DCP 2014 and SEPP's will not be breached, as no construction is proposed in this application.

There will be no negative environmental impact, as we are not changing anything in the structure of our house or kitchen. We are also not engaging in deep frying or other processes that may require special commercial waste management or treatment. We have a dishwasher which can adequately clean all utensils and cooking equipment at the appropriate temperature. In addition, we use a Food Grade sanitiser, diluted to the correct specifications and only used as directed on the label.

As the production of food is contained inside the existing kitchen, there will be no affect on the neighbours due to the distance the property is located from them, in respect of noise, visually, alarms and odours. In addition, many of our neighbours are loyal customers and hence supportive of our business.

Waste is minimised, as we operate with a zero food waste philosophy. Menus and produce suppliers are carefully selected to minimise waste.

Excess food scraps are dealt with by: (a) feeding our chickens; (b) adding to our compost; (c) feeding worm farm; (d) added to the bokashi bin to break down and be added to our compost.

Hours of operation and staff

There will be a maximum of 2 staff at any one time and we will operate within the hours of 8am - 6pm Monday to Saturdays. This includes the hours for acceptance of deliveries.

Deliveries

Deliveries are only accepted from HACCP certified suppliers that follow strict food safety controls to maintain quality produce, suitable packaging and adequate temperature control at all stages of delivery.

Types of goods to be made onsite

We would endeavour to be producing food for sale at Solace café (280 Powderworks Rd, Ingleside). This includes: baked goods, stews and soups. We donate a portion of these goods to charitable organisations to give back to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melinda' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melinda (and Luke) Chiew