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RE: DA2020/1758 - 11 Lewis Street BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS NSW 2093

To the assessing planner,

As a parent at Balgowlah Heights Public School and a member of the local community, I would like to express my concerns regarding this proposed development.

My primary concern relates to safety. The planned development is positioned directly next to our school. I like many other parents, walk with my two children to and from the school every day using the small/narrow footpath that is on one side of Lewis street only. Many local children, including my own, also use the footpath to cycle and scooter along outside of school hours.

According to the DA, access to the underground car park for the childcare centre would involve driving directly across this footpath which I feel will significantly increase the risk of a serious accident happening, most likely involving a school child. There are already significant traffic and parking issues at peak times on Lewis St, the additional traffic generated by a long-stay childcare centre would increase the danger to young children and families walking to and from school.

Additionally, proposing a child care centre of this size and proportion in a residential area that already suffers from traffic and parking issues seems entirely inappropriate.

As a member of the Balgowlah Heights community, I have serious reservations about the proposed development. I fear the construction and existence of a childcare centre catering for 57 children (and 11 staff), open 7am to 7pm, 52 weeks a year and including a 16-space underground car park, poses a significant safety risk to families within the community and those that attend Balgowlah Heights Public School.

Kind regards,

Joanne Davies