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RE: DA2020/1397 - 16 Bangaroo Street NORTH BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Dear Penny,

We would like to object to the childcare proposal for 16 Bangaroo st, Nth Balgowlah.

Please see our following objections:

Residential area

Centre operational hours - these may be operational hours but what are the hours outside of these hours to allow for educators to set up, cleaners, pack up etc.

Traffic

Bangaroo is already a main road in area and incredibly busy, both as a thorough fair and also for school drop off and pick up, opening hours of the centre coincide with the busiest times of the day in this area, which will just create more traffic jams, hazards in an already busy area.

- Increase in traffic stopping from parents and suppliers stopping to drop children off and pick up, and deliveries. There is currently no parking so this will impact traffic flow and create more hazards and traffic.

- Insufficient parking at centre - to state the parking requirements are only for the person running the centre and for parents is fundamentally wrong there will be employees who need to park and they will inevitably park in the street where there is little to no parking as is.

- Opposite bus stop - the danger that this creates for buses stopping, people especially child walking to school, there is no space for an additional 24 families for pick up and drop off in this area, the stated 247 car spots are completely fictional, I would love to see where those spots are, as they do not exist on a normal day in this area.

- Insufficient street parking - report suggests everyone will leave for work (when everyone is WFH)

On average day there is no where near the number of free parking spots on worrobil as suggested in the report

Safety

Only footpath is the same side as the road with children walking to and from school with cars going in and out of the drive way creates a huge risk and hazard, with people reversing out into Barangaroo it is so incredibly dangerous.

Our son will be starting kindergarten and walking to school every day, supervised of course but we worry for his safety given the amount of traffic and cars around. People stop and pull in and out of peoples driveways trying to find car parking as it is.

Noise

Everyone WFH - we work from home 99% of the time, the noise that we will hear from the

centre will be completely unacceptable and detrimental to our normal work day, we can already here the school which is much further away. The amount of noise that 8 children in the backyard will create in that small space will deeply impact our living and working on a daily basis which is completely unacceptable. Let alone the noise we will hear from the house with 24 children.

- Noise report states above acceptable levels - it has already stated the noise levels are above acceptable how can you consider allowing this? This is a residential area not built for a childcare centre.

Plan seems inadequate

- Impossible to control noise of children - you cannot control as described in this proposal, if more than one or two children making noise you cannot control that, have they ever dealt with children before?

Will get down to "childrens level to quietly ask them to be quiet"? this statement is incredibly naive and unrealistic.

- Have complaint system where owner will address concerns, yet owner has not engaged neighbourhood on proposal - the owner has not engagement the community in this at all, we are prime candidates for the childcare centre as we have two small children, yet we have not been consulted at all, and if we were we would tell them there is no requirement for a childcare centre in this area, there are substantial requirements for the area and that they are purpose build centres to accommodate childrens needs.

We have 2 small children and no assessment of need for centre done (will not be using centre) we have our children in day care away from our house so that we can work as we cannot with the noise or distraction of children, which is what this will be.

Refuse removal plan seems inadequate

- Impossible to service a centre that size on residential bins

Also state no nappy wearing children

Yet age group starts at 3 and therefore plausible that there will be nappy wearing children

Notification map

Suggest council expands this - we are closer to the centre than some properties on the notification map and yet weren't informed

- Statement of environmental effects

3.2 to alleviate congestion "Parents will be allocated a 10 minute drop off time in the morning and 15 minute pick up time in the afternoon."

24 children * 10 minutes = 4 hour drop off à not feasible (and doesn't even take into account pic-up)

The time slots would have to disproportionately overlap and therefore this would not alleviate congestion

It is also very unrealistic, if you have ever tried to drop children at childcare, you will know it changes day to day and you cannot limit it to 10mins, therefore there will be alot of overlap.

- 3.2 In terms of the car parking demand/ traffic generation we note that a majority of children (approximately 90%)

How is this possible considering the time slots above

- 3.2 Most of their playtime is conducted in the secure indoor environment

Confirm hours of indoor vs outdoor play -à this seems purposefully vague

4.3 (b) demonstrated need or demand for child care services, (c) proximity of facility to other early education and care facilities

How has this been demonstrated considering there are other child care facilities in close proximity of proposed centre

Thank you, Joanne Cleary & Duncan McPherson