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Attention - Kent Bull

Please find attached our submission against the proposed DA 2020/1758 for the child care centre - Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights.

Regards, Lee and John Mills

Mr Kent Bull  
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Reference - DA 2020/1758

Dear Kent,

We are writing to you in reference to the above proposed DA for Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights and to lodge our objection.

Our home is located a few doors down from the proposed development and we have many issues of concern:

- Cars entering the proposed facility will need to enter and exit the centre carpark across what is already a busy thoroughfare, we are well aware of how time consuming and often dangerous getting in and out of OUR driveway can be during peak times. There are MANY children (often on their own walking to/from school) and families that use the footpath on Lewis Street to get to school.
- The busy footpath is also widely used by families dropping children to Arabanoo (the after school facility) as well as the popular walk to Dobroyd for many “walkers”.
- The proposal we understand is for 57 children and 11 staff, which equates to a steady stream of vehicles...if 50 parents choose to drive their children to the centre this would result in approximately 200 parent vehicle movements in Lewis Street per day IN ADDITION to the already popular “Kiss and Drop Zone” that the school operates. With a proposed centre staff of 11 and assuming they too drive to work we would see an additional 22 vehicle movements. This along with centre deliveries (possibly by trucks and larger vehicles) along with visitors results in a considerable safety concern to both children of BHPS along with centre children.
- There is a proposed “carpark stacker” which in theory helps with this problem BUT speak to anyone with a small child that has tried to use this type of facility and you will discover that it is inappropriate and will therefore be underutilised, far easier for parents to find a park in Lewis Street than venture into a car stacker.
- There are already significant issues with the volume of cars and parking in and around the school ground. As a local resident I am often witness to many ‘near misses’ and the havoc created by this volume.
- Dropping off a baby or infants is a long process and does not involve a simple “kiss and drop”.
- In discussion with local residents who currently require day care for their children there seems to be an ‘over supply’ already of centres who are advertising and not yet at capacity.
- We have major concerns at the sheer proportions of this proposal and the significant noise and privacy issues we will experience from early in the morning until late evening.
- The proposed “green space” which is the majority outdoor area to be used by the 57 children is on the roof, facing north overlooking residences, it is worthwhile noting

we can already hear considerable noise from the school during recess and lunch (totally acceptable when you CHOOSE to purchase a house near a school) however not so appropriate when it is 7am to 7pm all year around.

- Rubbish bin collections can be interesting at times on a Thursday morning as council requires 'easy' and 'visual' access to collect and often parked cars inhibit this...it will be interesting when there are an additional 9+ bins out on the street.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, in conclusion we believe the negatives for this proposal far outweigh the positives.

We look forward to the council considering carefully our submissions.

Kind Regards,

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