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

I wish to make a submission regarding the DA for the proposed Long Day Care Centre in Lewis St, Balgowlah Hts.

Having been a resident of this area for many years, and living one street away from the proposed development, I am alarmed and concerned about this plan for a number of reasons. The streets in and around Lewis St are increasingly congested, as more and more parents and children access the school by car and by foot. This has been a growing concern since my own children attended Balgowlah Hts Public School many years ago. Even then I was fearful that the area was an accident waiting to happen, particularly in relation to a child being involved in an accident with a car. However, this has become a much bigger and more anticipated occurrence with an increase in traffic and also a change in the size of cars around the area, either parked or in transit. This makes the visibility of young children even more difficult. Increasing this with the demands of a 53 place childcare centre next to a school, in a residential area, makes me very fearful that one day someone will be badly injured. It seems to me to be a proposal that will have a huge impact on cars in the area, which in turn will have a huge impact on child safety.

The fact that the centre is open from 7am to 7pm all year, again in this residential area, seems like an unfair addition to the local residents, particularly those living in very close proximity to the proposed centre.

It seems like a very large structure on a small site and I am surprised this is permitted.

I would also question the need for another centre in this area. I am aware there are a number of local long day care centres and nearby preschools, some of which are not operating at capacity. Would it not be better for the local area, to support and make the best use of existing facilities, especially considering the struggle some have had over the recent year? This seems preferable to providing another centre which may not be needed or fully utilised.

I would also request that the submission date be extended to allow for local families and residents, who may be away as its school holidays, to be able to be aware of this proposal and to be able to make their voice heard and for the school community also to be made aware of the proposal and how it would impact upon the school itself.

I feel this is a community that has the welfare and safety of their children as a priority and I would hope this is a big consideration in the final decision making process.

Thank you for reading my concerns,

Sincerely,

Amanda Phillips