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Subject: DA 2020/1758 submission

Attn: The Northern Beaches Planning Officer - Kent Bull
Re: DA 2020/1758

Dear Sir,

We are parents of a year 1 and a year 3 child at balgowlah heights public school and would like to object to the proposed child care development application put forward on 11 lewis Street in Balgowlah Heights.

Our concerns are reflected in the submissions already made but we would like to emphasise the following points as they could potentially impact the welfare and health of our children and others.

- Vehicles Movement: our year 3 child has already had an incident when he was struck by a car coming out of its driveway riding his scooter down to Tania Park. Luckily there was no serious injury but it is absolutely inevitable in our opinion that a development of that scale with that many cars coming in and out of an underground garage will lead to accidents. There are so many kids around the area that you are looking for a serious injury at best once the centre is operating. Kids run in and out of the school. That's a fact, there is nothing you can do about stopping that behaviour. The hidden aspect of underground cars (wit parents rushing to go to work or come back home) coming out without much visibility is incredibly dangerous and irresponsible. Since parking on the street is not an option we understand that is the only solution but then it is just glaring to us that this site is plain and simple the wrong location. A more appropriate location would be close to the park and ride manly vale created for people taking the B-line into the city.

- lack of public transport: with the area now being effectively cut off from direct public transport to the city, more residents will use their cars and childcare workers/ families coming to the area will have no other commuting options than a car. Again: wrong location based on the lack of transport infrastructure support.

- Concerns re potential asbestos contamination on the site: According to the minutes of a Balgowlah Public School P&C meeting in October 2019, asbestos is present on the neighbouring school grounds. The school has taken the appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the children and we would urge the Council to ensure the Developer has applied the same level of scrutiny to the proposed site which is directly adjacent. Asbestos may also be in the existing building itself (definitely in eaves, downpipes etc). Our year 3 child class is directly next to the boundary with 11 Lewis and so are the science lab. We are very concerned about contamination which is not easy to contain considering the wild winds we get in the area. Again: unfit location.

For the reasons above and all the others expressed in prior submissions, we oppose the DA application.

Kind regards

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