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Subject: Re: DA2020/1758

To whom it may concern

We wish to raise our objection to the proposed development at 11 Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights.

In reviewing the application, we feel the development disproportionate in size and intent to the area and that it poses significant safety risks for neighbouring residents, children attending the adjacent BHPS and those utilising or transiting through the area.

The northern section of Lewis street is short, bordered on the southern end by the school (both sides of the road) and on the northern end by Ernest Street, a main thoroughfare for the suburb. Parking in this area is interesting at best, particularly during school terms, and the streets are congested and busy already.

The proposed development is immediately adjacent to the school and without doubt will adversely add to an extremely congested part of this busy section of the street.

The safety of BHPS students should be paramount and it is difficult to see how this proposal adequately safeguards student safety.

In the interest of comparison, St James Kindergarten in Bareena Street is a good example of a well placed early childcare centre, located at the end of the street, adjacent to a park, wide street with ample parking and excellent visibility.

The same can not be said for Lewis Street and the inclusion of some parking in the proposal is inadequate in this regard. 6 places for parents is insufficient for the needs of 57 families "dropping off" or "picking up" a pre-schooler. Additional families utilising Lewis or neighbouring streets, or existing families spending more time in the area managing their young children's education or child care needs is concerning.

The proposal fails to adequately address, and in fact contributes adversely to, safety concerns for BHPS students and their families, congestion already evident in this section of the street and inadequate parking.

Yours Sincerely
Justine and Jim Battersby

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