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

Reference - DA 2020/1758

I am writing to object to the proposed development of a Childcare Centre at 11 Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights.

In short our objections are due to:-

a) Large increase in traffic into and out of Lewis St. In particular the intersection of Lewis & Ernest st. Living two houses from this intersection I regularly experience congestion during the times before and after school. A child care centre catering for up to 57 children and 11 carers will generate a large increase in traffic around the same times as the existing school and also lengthen the period of higher traffic flow.

b) A shortage of available parking. Unlike the BHPS where parents remain in their vehicle for a short period of time, children being dropped off and picked up from the proposed childcare will require the parents to park so they can check in/out their children. The proposed car stacker arrangement is unlikely to be sufficient and so inconvenient that the majority of parents will attempt to use the already limited on-street parking. BHPS staff already park in Lewis & surrounding streets but this is not too much of an issue as they typically arrive and depart whilst residents are working (based on typical 9 to 5 hours). The proposed childcare centre however will result in on street parking being used from as early as 7am and as late as 7pm resulting in unavailability for the local residents.

c) Safety for children arriving & departing BHPS on foot / bicycle, scooter etc plus other pedestrian traffic along Lewis and adjacent streets. There are a large number of pedestrians including many unaccompanied children that will be put at risk during the peak drop off / pickup times of the proposed child care centre. There is an existing pedestrian crossing located on Ernest street where it intersects with Lewis st. This crossing is heavily used during the peak dropoff & pickup times and as per my point (a) traffic will increase significantly at this intersection.

Notes

- 1) There are now very limited public transport options available to/from this area meaning all staff & parents will almost certainly be using private vehicles.
- 2) We believe the timing of this submission during the school holidays is likely to result in many affected parties being unaware of this development application and consideration should be given to extend times for further input.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards
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