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

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

My main concern is the safety of the children currently attending Balgowlah Heights Primary School. Not only is there high volume of traffic surrounding Lewis Street, Ernest Street and Radio Avenue during drop off and pickup times, but there is also a large number of children that walk and ride their bikes to school accessing the footpath where the crossing to the proposed carpark will be located. I feel that this is 'an accident waiting to happen', children are not known for their awareness of driveways.

Also, there are only 6 parking spots for parent drop off and 57 children attending the Centre on a daily basis. Obviously, the parents will have to find other parking solutions which is difficult when Balgowlah Heights Public School does not have onsite parking for their own staff, (who are already parked along Lewis Street and Radio Avenue), and most of the other areas are 'kiss and drop zones', allowing quick drop off, which clearly is not the case when dropping off infants and toddlers. This area cannot facilitate safe pickup and drop off for all parties as there is just clearly not enough space along the street.

I believe there are a number of Childcare Centres in close proximity that currently have available places, therefore is this proposal necessary. Surely this proposal will impact the livelihood of these local Centres.

Personally, I feel 52 weeks a year with a Childcare Centre operating from 7.00am to 7.00pm is extremely unfair and inconsiderate to close neighbours.

Additionally, the deadline for submissions should be delayed as the School is clearly on holidays at this time and more than likely unable to respond in the given timeframe.

Hoping you will take these concerns into consideration.

Regards,

Cherrise Skea