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**Sent:** 21/01/2021 3:36:38 PM

**Subject:** Development Application 2020/1758 --- Childcare Centre at 11 Lewis St, Balgowlah Heights

Dear Sirs,

As local residents for 60 years we wish to respectfully object to the above Childcare Centre, proposed to be built at 11 Lewis St, Balgowlah Heights ,after the current residential property has been demolished

Our objection is based upon a number of factors including but not limited to the following

1. We understand that there is already currently a perfectly suitable similar child care centre next door at No 9 Lewis St within the school property
2. A quick research also shows that there are about 20+ already established child care centres in operation close by in the district all within a few minutes drive , and many of them are advertising that they have spaces available , so it seems that further Child care centres are not a priority in this district
3. Lewis Street Balgowlah Heights already suffers to some extent with parking and traffic problems connected to the school in the street , particularly when the Children are dropped off or picked up each weekday which results in the traffic along  
Lewis Street in both ways being quite busy at these times ,  
At the time of special events at the school the parking problem is exacerbated, and although we live one block down from the school , our driveway and others are sometimes blocked by cars parking fully or partly across them
4. We are concerned that if this application is approved it will encourage other developer/ speculators and operators of Childcare Centres to take advantage of this situation and try to open up in residential areas with a view to be able to operate what is a really a commercial business to perhaps capitalise on our Government`s current subsidies that are available for Child Care Centre operators

Thanks for your consideration of these comments and we are available if you would like to contact us

Please keep safe and well during this Covid situation and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody at the Northern Beaches Council for the help and advice you are continually sending to all the residents

Sincerely

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