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To Whom it may concern,

We are residents in Stratford Drive, around the corner from this proposed development site, and we would like to state that we are strongly against this idea.

Already the area is filled with cars during school time and weekends. We feel with so many boarders the roads will become more dangerous for the kids around the area. Being so close to the school and school children is a huge factor.

Parking will be a huge issue. The boarding house won't even have enough car spaces for residents. Already with weekend sport and school pick up and drop off, the parking can be a nightmare. At times I can't even find a park outside my own house. A boarding house will only increase this issue.

With a lack of parking at the boarding house, it would mean more people will be walking around the streets at all hours as the house is opened 24/7. Already my daughter has anxiety issues when walking locally. Having more people walking and coming and going at all hours will only increase that anxiety. My daughter's health is a priority.

Having a boarding house with so many people will also increase traffic in our quiet area. As it is in close proximity to schools and an oval which both already have an excess of traffic at times can cause more potential for danger to pedestrians, bike riders and horses who often frequent the area. This will also add to the noise pollution of this area.

With Covid being a very real and frightening issue, and one that we believe will linger for quite a while, a boarding house with a shared kitchen and common room can be a potential Covid breeding hotspot, then when the residents are walking to and from public transport and shops, past schools with children etc they can then pass the virus on into the community (as not enough car spaces would probably mean the residents won't have cars). This can be extremely dangerous for our community.

Having bush around the surrounding areas can also be a dangerous factor for a boarding house. There is a very real potential for a bushfire. Having so many people in a small area could be an issue getting people out safely.

Will building a boarding house impact on the bush? Won't trees need to be cut down to make room for such a development? The cutting down of any trees will impact on the animals that live in them. We don't want a boarding house that will effect the environment.

The safety of our children is our main propriety. What sort of people require a boarding house? How do we know that these people won't bring crime into our area? Last time someone tried to set up camp locally we were all broken into. This area has multiple schools nearby, ovals, skate parks, horse riding, bushing walking trails and bike parks that serve a family community. With several schools close by (and next-door) and playgrounds we need to consider this factor, otherwise how could we live with ourselves if something happens if this boarding house goes through? Who will be checking out the credentials of the people who will be coming and going?

There is no sound reason that this will provide "affordable housing" as the other local boarding houses are not subsidised nor offer more affordable rent options other than the city rental market. There's a perfectly good and modern motel on Mona Vale Road with a bus service right next door to it for convenience. They are rarely full. Why are we in a need for a boarding house in Belrose? This is a quiet family area.

My understand is the latest survey of road, traffic and pedestrians' control was conducted in this recent outbreak where the schools were in lockdown and people were not moving around as much. This needs to be taken into consideration if you are looking at these factors.

We like the community the way it is. We don't want it getting bigger. we want it to remain small and safe for our children and stay a small tight knit community. We moved here for the peace and tranquility, for the bush and its surroundings and everything this suburb offers for young families. This boarding house doesn't meet community needs, it won't have enough green space and it will destroy the quiet family streets in this area.

Please don't allow this submission to go through.

Regards

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