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RE: DA2019/1119 - 4 / 0 Bennett Street CURL CURL NSW 2096

Dear Mr Lane,

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My family and I STRONGLY OBJECT to development application number DA2019/1119. WE have numerous concerns including:

- The proposed market is to be held EVERY Sunday for up to 50 Sundays per annum bringing an approximate extra 500 hundred people per Sunday to the area. This is a scary thought to say the least. It will diminish the peaceful times this area gets when events aren't on (already becoming rarer), it will take the suburban / residential feeling away, will decline our property's appeal as one of the most desirable streets to reside in and no longer will the club / surrounding streets be "picturesque" as this proposal states (Site Suitability & Analysis).
- Current / historical Sunday morning traffic, both pedestrian and vehicle, is virtually zero until after 8am. The streets bordering the bowling club will lose their peaceful Sunday mornings. The proposal states that "bump in" traffic will start at 7am however I argue that there will be people arriving earlier than this time because the staff running the event / traffic controllers etc need to be in place before the 7am "bump in". There will be large numbers of cars queueing / sitting idle outside our homes creating noise.
- Traffic in Bennett St has not been considered at all within this proposal. There is zero mention of Bennett St within "Site Location and Road Network" of the proposal. The most direct route driving to the bowling club from Harbord Rd is to turn left into Brighton St and then left into Bennett St. People park in Bennett St when there is weekend sport on at Weldon Oval, John Fisher Park, Denzil Joyce Oval and even to access the netball courts running along Abbott Rd in North Curl Curl (the latter cause there isn't enough parking closer to the netball courts). Cars park along both sides of Bennett St which means only one car can drive down Bennett St at any one time. This causes much traffic congestion, verbal abuse / driving rage (witnessed on multiple occasions), cars being side swiped and also people being so inconsiderate that they park across our driveway (which I have photographic evidence of). I have had to previously call the council ranger and police only multiple occasions as we have been unable to access our home. When we can access our driveway, it is

made very difficult because of cars parked either side and the small width of the street (7.3m from gutters edge to gutters edge) and virtually impossible to reverse out of your driveway and be able to see any traffic (let alone pedestrians, cyclists etc) coming.

You only have to look at the addresses of those supporting this proposal to see that the strong majority do not live anywhere near the vicinity thus further traffic issues are real.

- Further to the width of Bennet St being 7.3m, per Fire and Rescue NSW's Access for fire brigade vehicles and firefighters' section 7.1.2, the "minimum" width required is 4.5m for general fire appliance access, or 6m for specialist fire appliance access. When the width of your average family car is 1.87m (Mazda CX-7), there is not even enough access for the general fire appliance to access Bennet St when cars are parked on both sides (which they always are at event times). This is not only a safety concern for the event however for all residents within Bennet St (I suspect Stirgess is similar in size thus would pose the same issue)

https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/guidelines/vehicle_access.pdf

- Proposed parking in the car park at Freshwater campus is > 500m away and there is no footpath from this carpark to the bowling club. No one is going to park here and walk to the bowling club when (a) there are closer options and (b) if there has been wet weather and walk through wet playing fields.

- I have witnessed a council ranger not issue a fine to a car parked half way across a no stopping sign, even when it was pointed out to them, which questions the ability of the council enforcing law.

- With constant traffic all day and the street being used as an overflow car park, where do our visitors park? Sunday's ("a day of rest") is a day where lots of residents entertain their family / friends. They already struggle to find parking close to our house with the masses of sporting events going on and this will not improve the situation.

- The proposal states "people with disabilities and other vulnerable road users will make use of the existing pedestrian facilities provided by Norther Beaches Council." The proposal also highlights that people will come to the event on public transport. There is a large oversight here on Cambridge Markets behalf because there are no footpaths in Bennett OR Stirgess Streets nor footpaths to access the bowling club. There are no pedestrian ramps - you have to walk on the road and use driveways. The nature strips are undulating and have many tree roots breaching the surface. Aside from those pushing prams, how will people in wheel chairs or personal motorised scooters access the venue along these streets or from public transport? These are safety and discriminatory issues.

- Many of the submission objecting to this proposal highlight the number of markets our area already has. The 136 and 139 buses that this proposal states will service this market already service the weekly markets in Manly (Saturday & Sunday - only 4km away) and Freshwater. Freshwater's organic food market (which the Northern Beaches Council only recently approved) is held every Sunday morning from 8am and is only 1km from the bowling club. There are more than enough markets in our

area as it is, we don't need or want anymore!

- Contrary to their submission, and per Cambridge Markets website <https://cambridgemarkets.com.au/new-page> , they actually don't have experience of running weekly markets in residential areas. Watson's Bay is a "once-a-year event" as is the Plumer Road Fair, Rose Bay is currently not operating, Cronulla (Wanda Beach) is over one weekend in December. The only market they run on a regular basis is the one at the Entertainment Quarter (EQ) at Moore Park which is in a commercial precinct.

- I am a member of Harbord Bowling Club and am disappointed with the club supporting this proposal.

The above highlights the further stress this event will place on our local community. I have read many other objections and it is also quite clear that this event is going to cause many residents much distress and impact their own mental health and well-being. Mental health costs our communities so much and we should be doing everything we can to preserve it and the wonderful residential environment we currently have.

Furthermore, I believe the proposal is also against land zoning / land use permissibly thus should be prohibited.

We trust the council will strongly consider our objection, the objections of those who live in Bennett and Stirgess Streets who ultimately will be the ones that suffer EVERY Sunday for 50 weeks of the year.

Kind regards,

Peter & Stephanie Caheny.