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Subject: Submission RE: DA2023/0720 Proposed Development at Bareena Tennis Courts

8th July 2023

Application No. DA2023/0720

Address: Lot 1431 & Lot 1432 DP 752038 Vista Avenue,
BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS

To Whom it may Concern,

We are writing in objection to the Application DA 2023/0720 by the Bareena Tennis Club.

We object to the application on the following grounds:

A. Increased traffic and reduced parking outside our homes in the evening/night.

B. Noise from people playing & socialising at the courts, arriving, and leaving at a LATE hour.

C. Risks regarding safety & security to us personally and our property.

We accept the daytime tennis activities, despite the difficulties we sometimes experience. With traffic congestion associated with multiple parked cars and drop off/pick up of players, sometimes with little thought of safety.

We also endure the increased daytime noise levels from players and coaches, school holidays tennis camps, social and club competitions. We feel if lights were allowed to be erected, a detrimental impact on our residential environment

would definitely occur late into the night well past 10 pm. Our evening and night-time quality of life would be threatened by this application and it should be declined. Lingering and noisy players with alcohol added, are not conducive to a quiet neighbourhood street. We have school aged children whose bedrooms face the tennis courts and are extremely concerned with extending court usage past sunset.

We would also like to point out that similar previous applications from the Bareena Tennis club were knocked back by the council in 1999 and 2008. The recent Environmental Health Referral Response on 28/6/2023 is unsupportive to the clubs proposed application, highlighting concerns with light spill and glare and noise levels from players and tennis balls. The report questioned concern of the ‘industrial’ development within the “residential” area which could adversely impact the residential amenity. Noise travels through the local area and reaches many of the surrounding family homes and bedrooms. During the peaceful evening/night-time this would be unacceptable and be detrimental to our quality of life.

We would hope that this application is seen to still cause many residential problems and detrimental impacts on the immediate neighbours to the Tennis club. There are many other local courts that are available to use at night, like the Seaforth and Wakehurst tennis courts. These other courts are noted to be in bushland or on commercial roads, not in a quiet residential area.

It seems that most of the supporting submissions on the council website are from tennis members that are not residing in the streets around the Bareena tennis club and most living out of Balgowlah Heights.

With the Clubs Lease from the Council, Tennis activity is stipulated between 7am - sunset. We feel that in a quiet residential area this is a reasonable allocated time of operation and should not be extended by artificial lighting that will also be detrimental to the neighbouring residents.

Yours Sincerely,

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2093.