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RE: DA2023/0720 0 Vista Avenue BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS NSW 2093

Dear Sir/Madam,
DA2023/0720

I request that my address be withheld.

I am responding to the above DA for the installation of night lighting at the Vista St Tennis courts at Balgowlah Hts.

A similar submission to the Manly Council in 2009 rejected a similar application because there were very good night courts at both Condamine and Balgowlah Rd Balgowlah and also at Manly Incorporated into this decision were lengthy discussions on the impact on nearby residences which it concerns noise at night, illumination spill (promised at the time to be minimal), and parking pressure

I am confident that there have been several residents who have already written to you in opposition to this present application who have reiterated these major potential problems and we need to be mindful that the number of cars in street parking these days has increased, not least amongst them is the increase in car numbers possibly related to transport possibilities in this quiet area. A photo which I took recently in daylight at 4.50 pm already shows that there were but 3 parking spaces left outside these tennis courts at Nighttime ????

I wish to add 3 other aspects to these obvious objections and would hope that the Council takes them into consideration when deliberating on this DA

1 Situated near the rear of the Tennis Courts and in between the Courts and the nearby Bowling Club is a Council toilet block. It is already noted that children (presumably belonging to parents of the Bowling Club) gather there on occas on I am not sure if this is during the day or night but the likelihood of this occurring at night increases the risk that in time there will be an accident as the rooftop of the toilets appears to be rather popular Apart from the noise that this brings to the nearby residences which back onto the tennis courts, the likelihood of an accident bringing a claim against the Council, as it is a public dwelling, would seem to increase the risk at night as parents play tennis.

2 I have not seen any comments surrounding the application where it includes the Clubhouse. Again, this clubhouse is at the rear of the courts and near several properties in Woodland St I can only imagine that for night tennis it becomes a place to meet up with other players, leave belongings etc. there it would be good to know if there are limits on the operation hours of the clubhouse, whether they are allowed to consume alcohol on the premises, whether there are limits on usage e.g. Birthday gatherings and the like.

3 Once any precedence is set by permitting lights on the Vista St side of the courts, how long will it be before another application is received to illuminate the remaining 2 courts?

Personally I have little interruption from these proposed lights as I don't live too close, which of course is also the situation for the vast number of supporters who are following the rallying call of the tennis Court proprietors and who do not have to suffer the plight of the local residents impacted by this Commercial venture. I have great empathy for those who would have to suffer the consequences of living nearby in affected properties. The Courts have been in use for a number of years as a daytime facility and have surely played a part in the nature of this lovely quiet area. Nearby residents bought properties in the knowledge that they were permitted daytime use. That should remain.

It is obvious that this is a thriving daytime exercise facility just by looking at the number of letters of support from people who live elsewhere.

I would ask the Council to again have the strength and resolve to reject this application for nighttime lights for which the affected residents would receive a very positive endorsement that the Council understands their predicament. Many thanks

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