

SUBMISSION RE PROPOSED LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE

ETON ROAD WILL BECOME A MAJOR BOTTLENECK

There have been several medium/high density developments completed recently in the neighbourhood of this project including hundreds of apartments, town house and independent homes in Tubbs View, Shout Ridge, Dunstan Grove, Hamilton Corner and so on - all as part of DHA's CRIMSON HILL Development and there are quite a few under construction and many more planned (as per the master plan document). In addition, several hundreds of apartments and independent homes are now under construction as part of ETON ESATE. The only access to all these residents apart from the thousands of students and staff in the proposed Lindfield Learning Centre is via ETON ROAD. In addition, there is also the bus terminus and the Charles Bean Sports Oval whose only access is also through ETON ROAD. This project is going to create a major traffic problem. The problem will be worse during peak hours around school start and end times. I would suggest building alternate access roads into the campus from Lady Game Drive and Millwood Avenue. Otherwise this project is not viable

FIRE EVACUATION

In the event of a bush fire or other emergencies we may require sudden evacuation of thousands of students and residents. It would not be possible to do that in an acceptable time frame if Eton Road is the only access road through which people can get out.

PARKING

There have been major parking problems for staff, students and visitors when UTS campus was functional on the same site. Now several hundred car parking sites since then have been lost in building apartment complexes in Tubbs View, Shout Ridge and Hamilton Corner. We now have many more thousands of new residents compared to when the UTS campus was functional. With the proposed learning centre on the same site we will have much more number of students and staff as well with much less number of car parking sites. The plan needs to include more parking sites than what the campus currently has.

TRANSPORT

Current public transport link to Lindfield, Chatswood and Macquarie Park Stations is already grossly inadequate. The problem will be worse with the proposed Learning Centre. Need more frequent and extended hours of public transport -not just a few school buses at school start and end times. Often there are several before and after school activities on week days and sports/cultural activities on week ends as well and all the residents require access to public transport not just school students right through the day on week days and week ends. This should be a prerequisite for the Learning Centre Project

CYCLING TRACK

A dedicated safe cycle track to Lindfield and Roseville Train stations is essential for the school students who choose that mode of transport and its healthy as well.

PEDESTRIAN TRACK

A well-built, easy grade pedestrian track from the campus to Lane Cover National Park as well as to Shirley Road Roseville through the park lands is essential from a fire safety perspective. It would also greatly improve access to students and residents

ACCESS TO LIBRARY, GYM and AUDITORIUM FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The Learning Centre's facilities should be accessible and made available to the public, especially for the new residents in the nearby high-density complexes.

SHOPS

The proposed learning centre complex should include a few convenience stores, coffee shops and restaurants. The nearest shops otherwise is around Lindfield Station which is several kilometres away.