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Carlingford
NSW 2118
14 Nov 2022

Karen Harragon
Director
Social and Infrastructure Assessments
4 Parramatta Square
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Dear Madam,

Re: SSD-43065987

Upgrades to Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

Thank you for your letter dated 3 November 2022.

I strongly object to the Proposal.

My major objection is in relation to Safety of the children, school community and the residents in the area.

The gross over development is excessive for the location which can only accommodate much smaller numbers safely. The already existing serious risk to the safety and well-being of local and school communities will only be exacerbated by these plans.

There have already been incidents where emergency vehicles, police and ambulances have been held up on account of traffic on narrow roads. With the erection on the Light Poles on the Kingsdene Oval, it is now problematic for helicopters to arrive and depart safely to in case of major emergencies when traffic access is blocked.

For a period in the morning and afternoon, the streets are jammed with 'tail-backs' into major roads and double-parked cars (some in residents driveways). Unless you are here around 3:30 in the afternoon, you cannot appreciate what actually happens here 5 days a week.

Your letter describes the 'proposal' but much of what is 'proposed' has already occurred. (Please refer to the enclosed from School Infrastructure NSW). This begs the question, what is the point of the viewing and submissions? There are 39 documents comprising 2926 pages to be read and analysed and commented on in the short period between 8 November and 5 Dec 2022.

Demolition is now substantially complete.

Staged construction of buildings are in progress.

The new carpark is totally inadequate for the staff and teachers at the schools. This is already evidenced by the street parking (all day) in neighbouring streets and beyond.

The 191 bicycle parking spaces are a waste of space and money as virtually no children ride bicycles to get to and from school. It is far too dangerous.

The one-way link road is from Dunmore Avenue to Blenheim Road and is already underway. It will not be exclusively for busses but will include all traffic. There is no bus link from Pennant Hills Road.

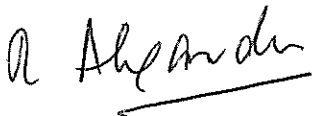
Currently West Pennant Hills Public School has around 2000 students and Cumberland High School around 1000. When I bought my house in 1986, West Pennant Hills Public was functioning satisfactorily at capacity around 500 students and Cumberland High School was under capacity at around 750 students. What is the decrease in existing numbers of primary school students and increase in the number of existing high school students?

I am not opposed to improvements for the schools. However this overdevelopment is inappropriate for this limited access precinct (3 roads in and out).

Our Duty of Care must underpin the Development.

Statutory declaration: I am not a member of any Political Party and have never made donations to one.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Alexander', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Robert M Alexander

Encl Schools Infrastructure NSW



Upgrades to Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

Project update

November 2022

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Project overview

The Department of Education has listened to the community's feedback and has developed a joint project to upgrade Carlingford West Public School (CWPS) and Cumberland High School (CHS).

The upgrade at Carlingford West Public School is designed to deliver new flexible learning spaces, new hall, new library, new tennis courts, new canteen, and refurbished staff and administration areas.

The upgrade to Cumberland High School is designed to deliver new flexible learning spaces including specialist spaces such as wood/metal workshops and visual arts spaces, new multipurpose hall, sport and performance spaces, new library, new multipurpose sports courts, new canteen, and refurbished staff and administration facilities.

To deliver the benefits of the upgrades as soon as possible, we are following a combination of statutory planning pathways for the development.

Progress summary

Pedestrian access from Blenheim Road to CWPS and CHS has been closed. Construction of the link road, carpark and CHS multipurpose courts have begun. Building C and J at CWPS and Building B at CHS have been demolished. The temporary footpath linking CWPS and CHS has been completed and is in use by the schools. Refurbishment of CWPS Buildings A and B are continuing.

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NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

An application has been submitted to Council for removal of trees along the link road. As outlined in the [August 2022 information boards](#) we will be planting more trees than are removed.

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for the majority of the scope of the upgrade project has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). More detail on this below.

State Significant Development (SSD) application

The upgrade at CWPS includes the construction of four new buildings (W, X, Y and Z). These new buildings will include general learning spaces (GLS), a library, amenities, staff rooms and combined canteen, out of school hours care (OSHC), gym and hall. The works also include construction of a new kiss and ride off Felton Road West and a waste loading area and staff carpark.

Following the upgrades, CWPS will accommodate up to 1,610 students.

The upgrade at CHS will include the construction of three new buildings (X, Y and Z). These buildings include general and specialist learning spaces, a library, staff and student amenities, canteen, and multipurpose hall. The works also include refurbishment of administration areas, and propose the construction of a new one-way bus link road and waste loading area from Dunmore Avenue to Pennant Hills Road.

Following the upgrades, CHS will accommodate up to 2,040 students.

SSD approval is being sought for the above new buildings and facilities to be delivered as part of the upgrades at both schools. However, the upgrades will be delivered in stages, to align with projected enrolment demand for CHS.

- Stage 1 includes all proposed transport infrastructure, all CWPS upgrades and at CHS includes all core facilities such as library, canteen, and multipurpose hall, as well as general and specialist learning spaces to accommodate up to 1,500 students.
- Stage 2 includes additional learning spaces and staff facilities at CHS with construction of building X, bringing the total student population that can be accommodated to 2,040. Construction of Stage 2 is subject to student enrolment demand.

Next steps

A new, taller fence will be built between the link road and neighbouring properties. Building F at CHS will be demolished in preparation for main works.

The SSD application, including the Environmental Impact Statement, Traffic and Accessibility Impact Assessment and all technical reports, will be placed on public exhibition. During public exhibition, feedback must be provided directly to DPE.

DPE will review all submissions received during the 28-day public exhibition period. When public exhibition has ended, DPE will request School Infrastructure NSW provide a formal response to submissions, before completing the assessment of the application.

The SSD approval process can take between six to nine months. More information about start and completion dates will be provided when planning approval has been received and the delivery program has been finalised.

We look forward to continuing to share information with you as the project progresses.

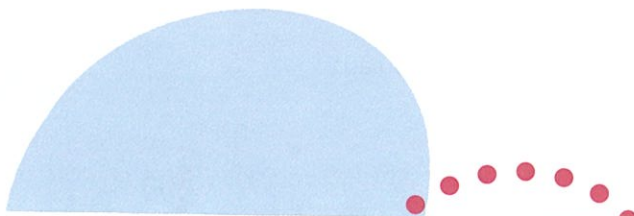
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Proposed site plan with planning pathways



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