

LLV Modification 6 – Out of School Hours Care Relocation

Our submission to the review of LLV Modification 6 is informed by prior issues encountered during the unauthorized relocation of the service in 2022.

During that time, the school and service operator demonstrated a disregard for established planning approvals and guidelines set by the Department of Planning & Environment. This lack of compliance created significant stress and disruptions for neighboring residents and undermined trust. Despite eventual resolution, neither OSHC party acknowledged the impact of their actions on the community.

Given this history, we approach the current modification with strong apprehension, as in the past these parties have shown limited regard for due process, planning authority guidance, or their neighbors' concerns.

Key Issues and Recommendations

1. Safe Access and Parking

- The proposed modifications addressing safe access for parents and children—such as managed parking, legal entry/exit points, and pedestrian pathways—are supported in principle.
- Throughout 2022, parents and children slamming gates and shouting from 7am to as late as 7pm caused significant disturbance for residents. Our concern is that the OSHC operator will resort to what is most convenient to them and allow random entry and exit at Dunstan Grove. Our request is that it be explicitly documented that no entry or exit is permitted via Gate 10, P16, P17, or P18, except for emergency procedures for after hours parents and children. This restriction is critical to prevent disruptions to Dunstan Grove residents who have a fair expectation of peace and quiet after school hours.

2. Play Areas and Noise Management

- We support the allocation of purpose-built play areas with soft surfaces and open spaces, as shown in the submission drawings.
- In 2022, the OSHC service exclusively used hard-surfaced areas for unsupervised play, resulting in significant noise disturbances, including children kicking soccer balls against gates (10) and fences. Unlike the morning and lunch breaks during school hours, OSHC noise was loud and relentless throughout both morning and evenings. The operator made no effort to moderate noise or divert children to more suitable areas.
- To avoid a repeat of past issues, we request clear documentation that the areas adjacent to Gate 10, P17, P18, and the emergency underpass and driveway are strictly out of bounds for any after-hours activities. It should also be noted that the school has restricted access to this area during school hours via a highly visible yellow chain across the underpass driveway. We can only speculate that the noise during breaks was disturbing senior school activities, however something like this is required for managing OSHC activities. Further to this point, a more practical approach would be to simply move the waist high metal gate/fence currently located in the middle of the underpass, southwards towards the pink line indicated on the attached drawing. This arrangement would require no ongoing effort from the OSHC operator.

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The site plan shows a building layout with various rooms and spaces. Key areas include:

- EXISTING TERRACE** (top left)
- SHARE COLLAB** (top left)
- EXIST. STAIR** (top left)
- EXIST. LIFT** (top left)
- EXIST. STAIR** (middle left)
- SHARE COLLAB** (middle left)
- EXISTING TERRACE** (bottom left)
- TDOR PLAY SPACE** (bottom left)
- YEAR 1** (top center)
- YEAR 2** (middle center)
- COMMON SPACE** (center)
- YEAR 4** (bottom center)
- YEAR 5** (bottom center)
- PAA** (top center)
- TOILETS** (top center)
- OSHO** (top right)
- UNISEX TOILET** (top right)
- ACCE** (middle right)
- OSHC** (middle right)
- OSHC** (middle right)
- EXIST. STAIR** (bottom right)
- EXISTING RAMP** (bottom right)
- PAA** (bottom center)

OPTION: Existing waist high gate/fence indicated by green line, be moved south to the same effect as the above chain link option. This is a preferred option as no additional effort is required by the OSHC operator.

Conclusion

The performance of the school and the service operator in the past has caused considerable and completely unnecessary stress for Dunstan Grove residents. While the proposed modifications address several key concerns on paper, their effectiveness depends on strict adherence by the school and operator.

Clear, enforceable guidelines must be established to prevent a recurrence of past issues and ensure a respectful relationship between the service and its neighbors.

We trust the Department of Planning will consider these concerns and ensure robust compliance measures are in place.