

## Response to SSD 79276958 – Objections to proposed development

To: Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I grew up living in 30a Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield and wish to object to the proposed State Significant Development (SSD) 79276958 by LANDMARK GROUP AUSTRALIA PTY LTD. The property I grew up on is adjacent to the proposed development on its southern perimeter.

My reasons for objecting to the changes proposed are trying to preserve the character and charm of the suburb I grew up in. I believe that the proposed development will be damaging to both the environment and the fabric of the neighbourhood.

The proposed development area is near the creek and the riparian zone, this large scale construction could easily damage the fragile native ecosystems that this zone is intended to protect and this must be considered before continuing with this planned construction. Furthermore, the noise pollution from the construction could very easily disturb animals and drive them away from the area and potentially put them at risk on the road in the process. Similarly, the trees and plants in place around the existing homes often provide shelter and homes for birds and bats as well as being essential to the area's character of homes surrounded by greenery, which will be damaged by the removal necessitated by construction. Clearly, the proposed development will damage the nature that is a quintessential piece of Lindfield and irreparably harm the wildlife currently present.

Beyond the environmental impacts and the importance of the environment to Lindfield, this construction would have a significant and detrimental impact on the fabric and character of the neighbourhood. The building overlooking the houses on Middle Harbour Road would violate the privacy and dignity of the owners of the homes along Middle Harbour road, as they will now have apartments looming over them into their backyards and houses. This is further exacerbated by the construction workers that will be present working on the building prior to its completion having an unfettered view of these residents and disrupting their lives for the duration of the construction, only to be followed by the occupants of the new apartment building doing the same. Furthermore, a large swathe of the Lindfield area is heritage protected to conserve the charm of the neighbourhood, this will be permanently damaged by a large apartment building sitting on top of the hill looking down at all of the homes present below it. A heritage conservation area is meant to be protected for its "special historical and aesthetic character", a large development project that is neither historical nor fitting with the surrounding aesthetic would be a clear breach of this. The proposed development would have a monumental impact on the character of the neighbourhood, taking it from an area of homes with character, quality, and history and instead to one sold to the highest bidder to develop, which is not fitting of Lindfield.

Ultimately, I hope that this construction can be reconsidered to ensure the disruption to both the environment and the character of the area can be minimised, allowing for the existing wildlife to continue to live peacefully and the residents to feel comfortable and relaxed in their own homes.

Kind regards.