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Norwest Raillink, Department of Planning & Infrastructure, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

<u>Attention : Director Infrastructure Projects - Application number SS1-5414</u> Firstly, we welcome changes for the better and support the proposal as laid out in its conceptual stage.

It would prove a real benefit for the community and rate payers within the Baulkham Hills Shire, it's another move into the future and we don't object or want to stop progress. In saying that, we would like to draw your attention to the following.

Our business is childcare, and our concern covers three main areas.

The children aged from 3 months to 6 year - their safety and well being through environmental factors etc. (ie. Noise level, air quality, exposure etc.)

The families and siblings safety when getting to, entering and exiting the Pre School.

This is our livelihood, with an excellent reputation which has been built up over 20 plus years, we would obviously not like to lose it.

## Modification E.I.S. 1

The change of the original plan (together with what was originally planned) for the initial works program is situated directly opposite our Kindy (the closest point being the outside play area) while the initial works are going on, we would be concerned with:-

*Noise - vibration levels – increased traffic movement both cars and trucks – air pollution from above ground works.* 

## <u>E.I.S 2</u>

The proposed Showground Station which is approximately on a diagonal line from the Kindy has access from Carrington Road into the Station car park as well as the main entrance into the station, together with a lights driven pedestrian crossing, and egress out of the station at the Middleton/Carrington round about.

*Noise - vibration levels – traffic flow on Carrington will be dramatically changed – access to the Kindy will be affected for parents – increased pedestrian activity past the Kindy's entry points.* 

I am sure all these matters of concern can be overcome in one form or another and we would be only too happy to assist and work with the Department in finding solutions.

A couple of brief suggestions :-

*Open up Ashford Avenue at Carrington Road allowing a one way access into the Kindy from Ashford Avenue.* 

Rezone the Kindy to commercial (it is currently one housing block away from Commercial) to re develop the area into retail, commercial premises allowing for small Kindy behind the building (which would be on street frontage).

Relocate the Kindy altogether, perhaps as a purchase or rentable proposition incorporated in or around the station itself.

Thank you in anticipation,

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