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Weigall Sports Complex, Sydney Grammar School

Application No. SSD-10421

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Please see attached

① Submission of Objections

② Photographs from lounge & Bedroom windows

Photo One – From my lounge window.

- 1) blue sky that will reduced due to height of Weigall (see Building Context pg 5)
- 2) proximity of washing lines to construction site (see Air Quality pg 4)
- 3) see tennis courts and fence

Photo Two – From my bedroom window with window frame blurred on right of photo

- 1) Tennis courts site as Option 1.
- 2) Boundary fence: Service road to be 2 meters away from fence (see General Objections pgs 2 & 3)

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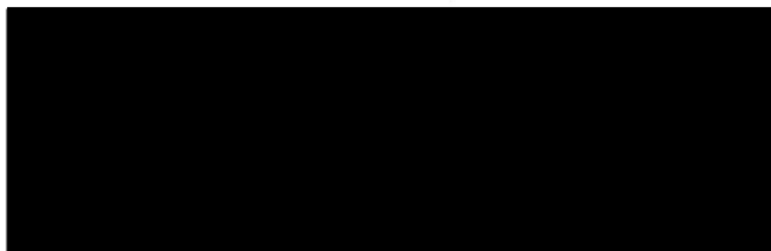
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Signature

Date



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SUBMISSION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE OPTION 1 LOCATION SITE:
CHOOSE ANOTHER LOCATION ON THE AMPLE GROUNDS

[REDACTED], Paddington, 2021 object to the prosecution of this DA as it obfuscates / doesn't mention / glosses over the deleterious reality for residents in [REDACTED] precinct [REDACTED] Lawson st. The applicant has not adequately proposed reasons why other, less life & home destroying, locations have not been selected. Alternative locations must be independently assessed if this DA is to be anything more than rubber stamped.

I [REDACTED] d
[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] n

[REDACTED] How
will I be able to write if the DA site is approved by you?

[REDACTED] g
[REDACTED] I am immensely
grateful to have a place I call home. It is my sacred hobbit hole.

If the DA is approved I will no longer have a place I can call home.

I want to be clear. **I am not objecting to the sports complex per se.** No one at our housing precinct has suggested the school should not build the complex. Everyone in our little community has **many objections to the chosen site on the tennis courts outside our windows.** If the complex was built, for example on site option 4, none of the objections as

listed below will be a problem. I notice the current Weigall club house site was not considered as an option. That site too, will not effect any homes, or quality of life.

I find it unconscionable that the board of trustees, headmaster and AJ & C architects can be so callous about the homes and lives of societies' most vulnerable people. I object to the proposed site as entirely immoral and unethical.

As the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights reminds us:

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood (Article 1).

The proposed site for Sydney Grammar fails Article 1.

It fails my right to a secure and peaceable life and home.

My objections that follow are guided by the social impacts criteria laid out in Section K (pages 3 & 5) during:

- (A) the construction phase of 18mths to 2 years and
- (B) the completed building

I use "we" when the entire precinct is to be negatively impacted and I am objecting on behalf of our community after personal, private and collective discussions with our neighbours and tenants.

I use "I / My" when I speak for my own objections.

The DA itself has page number errors. I have used the page numbering as per the document.

MY OBJECTIONS

Introduction

Generalised objections

The DA is filled with generalisations, motherhood and open-ended statements that can easily be reversed or negated.

- The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment must:
 - independently assess (1) the merits of alternative locations for the sports complex before a determination is made
 - (2) Require further assessments, definitive information, verification of claims before any determination is made vis-à-vis the current chosen site—option 1.
- It will be as if we are **living within** a construction site. The proposed sports complex is to be built within a couple of hundred meters from my bedroom and lounge windows.
- I object to the dehumanising and evasive language regarding our precinct. Our precinct is generally and mostly referred to as "South". There are no architect impressions or photomontages of the Southern view. They have to be produced prior to determination if site option 1 is pursued.
- Appendix Y contains tables of public and private domain view impact. The high impact blocking my view is not mentioned. Attention is given to private residences and not the precinct residents' views that will be blocked and darkened as light and sky will be impacted negatively.
- During construction dust will clog our windows and invade our homes. I am not able to pay for cleaners. Our washing will collect dust (and potentially toxins). I am not able to pay electricity costs of driers. Once the building is complete our homes will have reduced light and sunlight. I am not able to pay increased electricity usage for

heating in winter. I object to such burdens being placed on me (and other residents) by a privileged and wealthy school.

- Our precinct is described as up to 5 stories. In fact **only 7.6%** of the entire precinct has 5 stories. My own building [REDACTED] is 4 stories, like [REDACTED] Lawson st. I am on the [REDACTED] of 4 stories.
- Light spill from the service road during construction and after completion will have a direct effect on my bedroom window. I'll have street lights outside my window at night and more so early mornings in winter. Once the complex is operational additional to street lights, vehicle lights and building light spill will according to the EU Scientific Committees "disrupt the human body clock and the hormonal system, and this can cause health problems. The ultraviolet and the blue components of light have the greatest potential to cause harm"

(http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/opinion_layman/en/field-high-st/index.html).

- I am concerned as to the possible impact on the young children whose brains are not yet matured. Lack of sleep will effect their lives and schooling.
- The comparative analysis of site options 1 – 4 is clearly designed for approval of the DA. A correct reading shows anomalies. For example, Option 1 'minimises view impacts' is rated at 5. However the view from my bedroom and lounge room will be entirely blocked by the south side of the building. Option 4 the 'least flood effected' is rated at 1. However Woollahra council flood risk mapping shows Nield st and Alma st to be highest flood risks. This would directly effect the flood risk of Option 1.

(A) Objections during the construction phase of the chosen site:

Appendix O

Risk to human health assessments.

6.2.6 (pg 20)

Due to nature of activities and type of contaminants identified at the site there is a potential for complaints ... dust emissions ... noise and vibrations

I object to the claim that remedial monitoring and actions as per the DA section 8 will be satisfactory. They will do precious little to provide a healthy environment for us.

We are already a vulnerable population. During the construction of Advanx Encore, or Nield and Boundary st, that is further from my home than the tennis courts as proposed site:

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This DA has a direct correlation of potential harm during construction due to contaminants, dust including noise and vibrations that will effect my sleep and the Pemphigus.
- The ongoing waves of vibrations loosened my bed bolts that caused my newish and sturdy bed to be wobbly.
- Our Sewerage pipes are old ceramics. Those effecting my home cracked and I had effluent rising in my toilet, urine leaking on my floor and flooding outside my kitchen and bathroom windows. I had to be re-located (very disruptive and distressing) while the internal pipe was repaired and a new toilet was installed. LAHC have not fixed ceramic sewer pipes. They were merely cleaned up with band aid solutions. I shudder to think this can happen again.

The saying is relevant 'If you haven't walked a mile in my moccasins ...'

Hours of hours of operation

Section 8.1 (pg 35)

- I object to the construction vehicle road (executive summary, pg 156) passing 2m from the boundary fence and turning circle 6m from of our precinct boundary. Surely I don't need to spell out the noise of gears grinding, stop-starting and the reverse beep beeps of trucks that will start at 7am. Voices of people speaking so close to homes will at a early am hours disturb and disrupt sleep and peace at home.
- Already now tradies for various jobs arrive before 7am to get parking places in Lawson st. The increased tradie vehicles will further consume parking space.
- Already people are having to double park on Lawson st and have received fines.
- An increased number of tradies will be smoking & chatting outside our windows in Lawson st. as they are want to do. Possibly also on the building site. If the wind blows our way the smoke will directly effect passive smoking.
- My building has no security. I am [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The proposal construction hours (and noise) disregards the human needs to live and remain as well as possible in our homes.

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
(Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

Noise and vibration

Section 8.6 (pg 36)

I object to the claim that the remediation work will reduce noise and vibrations. It is a fact that given the proposed site it will be impossible to avoid the noise and vibrations of live munitions, drilling, banging and clanging, however "well maintained" the machinery. The proposed site is a couple of hundred meters from my home.

Air quality

Section 8.7 (pg 36)

I object to the DA claim that:

- tends to diminish the effect of the drilling and blasting will have on the air virtually outside my windows. Such construction activities are unlikely to be conducted "under temporary covers". Therefore our precinct air quality is going to be compromised – further effecting our health.
- Our washing lines are even closer to the site than our windows. The dust and contaminants will be settling on our clothes. I do not have a dryer. Nor am I able to pay for increased electricity costs if I did use a drier. The notion of increased drier usage is completely against the environment.
- During a community consultation I raised this issue to, Michael Heenan (CEO AJ & C Architects), who looked at me with glazed eyes and shrugged his shoulders. In the name of Sydney Grammar he has attempted to diminished, silenced and invisibilised us.

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself
(Article 25, UN UDHR)

(B) The completed building

New electricity substation

1.0 (pg 4)

I object to the substation being built so close to our homes. Key issues being noise, EMF and visual

- **Noise and Lighting**
The noise produced by an operating substation can be quite loud to adjacent property owners. A constant humming or buzzing noise may be audible several hundred feet from the substation fence. The sound may be especially noticeable during night time hours when ambient noise levels are lower.
- **Light pollution** may present a nuisance in residential areas
- Substations can raise the risk of developing health problems when placed **close** to people and buildings. Health issues may include: Different types of cancer (or an increased risk of cancer)
- Exposure to ELF EMF at high levels can affect the functioning of the nervous system.
- **Situating the complex elsewhere on SGS ample grounds and thus a substation elsewhere will remove this potential hazard.**

Swimming pool

- I object to the pump rooms for the swimming pools that will emit noise and ventilation discharging potentially hazardous pollutants plus warmer air close to my home windows and into our garden.
- The mechanical plant room on the top floor faces our homes. The nature of the plant rooms and exhausts is unclear in the DA. I object to the one that is facing us, and to the lack of any further information. We don't know if the pool will use organic minerals or chlorine. Relocating the entire complex will ensure health and safety of our homes and gardens. At the minimum any exhausts should not face south with fumes being directed towards us.
- My research shows that the minimum air changes should be two per hour. Other standards ASHRAE 90.1 requires a minimum of four to six air changes per hour for a natatorium and six to eight air changes per hour for the spectator areas.
- For at least a decade we have had convincing evidence that we are polluting the air.
- Many organic disinfection by-products (DBPs) do not cause discomfort, but some have been identified as potential carcinogens, and trichloramines are considered to induce asthma. The decision makers should insist the complex is located where no such additional burden is placed on me (and our precinct).

“The prevalence of respiratory symptoms and airway hyper-responsiveness (AHR) is high in elite athletes; swimmers have one of the highest prevalences.” (Bougalt; Loubaki; Joubert et al 2012 Research Institute of Cardiology and Pneumology in Quebec Canada in

Building context

Figure 65 (pg 100)

I object to the claim that the proposed Building 1 is to be adjacent to surrounding higher buildings. Building 1 is to be the same height and not lower than my building i.e. Building 2. Moreso **the proximity** of Building 1 will block light, view, sky and trees from my line of site. Height is not the only factor and it is a significant factor for this **DA location option 1 to be rejected**.

Visual impact statement

Executive summary (pgs 106 – 114)

- Not one photomontage shows the visual impact from my home. This raises the question: Why does the DA fail to illustrate and make clear the devastating visual impact on me (and other tenants at our precinct)?
- The claim that “the buildings do not adversely affect [sic] identified views ... furthers my objection to de-humanising language and invisibilising our precinct residents. Why are the views from my home (and that of our entire precinct) not identified and included as valid for consideration?

My lived experience will be of hugely adverse effects and “affects”.

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law
(Article 6 UN UDHR).

Noise and vibration

Section 5.14 (pg 140)

- Whilst I accept there are standards and the DA suggests there will be compliance I question if the compliance averages include responses to noise and vibration of the vulnerable, ill, aged and mentally fragile. Do those standards include people with complex and severe PTSD? Or refugees from war zones? We have residents with such disadvantages. Common sense would have it that such demographics will respond more severely to noise and vibrations than the standard healthy average age population. Such objections have repeatedly been verbalised at consultations. Decision makers must query why the applicants have such a callous disregard for inflicting trauma on residents.
- Figure 87 (pg 141) claims the benefit to our precinct (i.e. South) with the elimination of current ball bounce noise. That is ridiculous. Again I object to the architects and their consultants blatantly obfuscating. I have more than once (as have other residents) clearly articulated at consultations that we ENJOY the sound of the students on the tennis courts. It is lively and life itself. Ball bounce is not disturbing.
- I object to the claim that the new fence will provide acoustic barrier to us. Such a claim is simply an insult and is deceptive.

Potential ESD initiatives

Section 5.10.3 (pg 136)

“The creation of an integrated community resource ... through shared facilities” likewise in Appendix K we find a re-iteration of the “potential for community use” (pg 3).

- Such claims are directly contradicted by “Community use ... to be provided to external organisations” (pg 18). I am not an organisation therefore will neither share facilities nor be integrated.
- Weigall sports complex Training hours will be Monday – Friday 6.30am to 8pm and Sports competition will be Saturday 7am – 3pm (operational management plan 16 September 2020 Rev A, in Introduction Section 3).

I object to the obscurity claiming there will be community ESD. I personally will have no benefit as I am an individual and the school useage hours are such that will exclude my useage and integration. (Please refer to noise, traffic, sleep and light spill when reading the hours training and competition.)

Concluding Objection

Sydney Grammar is a school with a tradition of making “a difference in the world” (Sydney Grammar School 2019 Prospectus in DA, pg 1). I object to the young impressionable students being subject to injustices of their parents, teachers and board of trustees. The proposed location for the sports complex ignores the value of human life in competition with financial and political power. Clearly the decision maker reading my submission understands that to support the site option 1 as per this DA is aligning with financial power as the sole value to which one should attain. Social justice, equity and the dignity of all as valuable will be ignored. Site option 4 or unexplored site at the existing Weigall club house (New South Head rd) will include valuing the desired sports complex and residents who wont be effected by those locations. This DA should be rejected with the requirement of other sites to be developed.

The school’s teaching philosophy is stated “to develop personal depth ... and integrity” (Sydney Grammar School 2019 Prospectus in DA, pg 1). The site option 1 as proposed fails this philosophy. The sports complex as it is currently proposed aids and abets unconscious biases of the fortunate, wealthy and privileged Sydney Grammar community and networks. Such wilful, intentional action as to approve of the site is unconscionable, unethical and immoral.

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration ...

(Article 7, UN UDHR)

PHOTO 1 - Taken from Lounge Win



PHOTO 2 - Taken from bedroom window -



Louise - JT