

To: Mr Jason Maslen; Dept of Planning and Environment
Subject: Proposed Loreto School Developments



Dear Mr Maslen,

Please find enclosed emails we have sent to our local Member, Mr Alister Henskens, our Mayor, Mr Philip Ruddock and Mr Matthew Miles, Planning Officer Hornsby Council, setting out our objections to the proposed Loreto Development/s.

Now , before any plans are approved, is the time to ensure that Loreto faces it's obligations towards it's local residents, as well as to the student body and provides ample parking within the school grounds for all it's needs. Obviously with all on-site parking there will be a bank up of traffic movement with people entering and exiting school gates, but this would be far safer than the existing arrangements where we already have unsafe conditions on Mt Pleasant Avenue.

You will note that we haven't addressed the traffic situation at the Pennant Hills intersection. We intend to take up that matter with RMS when we discover whom to contact.

Please accept our apologies for the lateness of this communication, but as you see, we were only made aware of this proposal recently.

We look forward to your reply,

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Cc: rbrowne@hornsby.nsw.gov.au; inicita@hornsby.nsw.gov.au;
jmcintosh@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Proposed Loreto Development Plans

Dear Mr Mayor,

My husband and I live in Waratah Way, a private road that comes off Mt Pleasant Avenue and is part of the Adventist Aged Care facility. Our objections to this proposed development is twofold.

Parking areas within Loreto on the Plan seem totally inadequate.

Loreto should be compelled to provide ample on-site parking to cover all needs. Sports days, special functions, pick up and drop off areas, all students, staff, visitor parking.

Further, there should be no on-street parking made available to Loreto at all. (We notice provision for visitor parking has been made in Mt Pleasant Avenue on the plans.)

Indeed, we would suggest that the parking currently available to Loreto in Mt Pleasant Avenue be discontinued as soon as on-site parking can be made available, and that part of the street be kerbed and guttered and returned to the residents.

The above objections also hold true for the proposed Child Care Centre.

This 80 place facility would face Mt Pleasant Avenue with provision for only 20 parking spaces.

80 children, 20 or so staff, deliveries of goods and services? Parents dropping off children. 20 parking spaces?

We've been told that not all the children would be dropped off at the same time. True, but it still doesn't make allowances for peak periods. Nor does it make allowances for staff parking, deliveries, visitor parking. Once again, totally inadequate parking provisions.

Note also that the location for the facility would be roughly where the tennis courts are currently, a location where the street curves slightly and is in a slight dip. Cars exiting the driveway would be partly obscured. Any parked vehicles would make matters more difficult.

Negotiating Mount Pleasant Avenue is already difficult enough during school terms. In places the street is reduced to a one lane road due to parking on both sides of the street by residents, students, staff, parents dropping off or picking up children, etc., etc., etc. We worry about the trucks going in to the Loreto construction site. Will they be allowed to bank up in the street awaiting their turn to enter Loreto? It seems there still questions to be answered before plans are passed.

Please note, we are also writing to RMS regarding installing traffic lights on the Pennant Hills Road corner.

Many thanks,

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 16 July 2019 8:19 PM
To: 'ElectorateOffice Ku-Ring-Gai'
Subject: RE: Letter from Alister Henskens

Dear Mr Henskens,

Thank you for your reply to our letter, however I think we are somewhat at cross purposes.

When we mentioned the Loreto Development, we were referring to the proposed expansion of Loreto school. We had no knowledge of a proposed Loreto Child Care Centre, though obviously it is of huge interest as it would further impact Mt Pleasant Avenue and the intersection on Pennant Hills Road.

Our letter was prompted by the Building proposal for Loreto to expand their school. Stage 1, by the building of boarding school premises which will front Mt Pleasant Avenue, (with provision for visitor parking in front of the boarding school house. We object to the street parking area being proposed.) When Stages 2 and 3 are complete, there will be an almost doubling of the student body which will see a huge increase of traffic movement on Mt Pleasant Avenue, with attendant problems at the Pennant Hills Road intersection.

Once again let us repeat, we do not oppose Loreto growing their school. Our concern is for how that development affects Mt Pleasant Avenue and its residents, ourselves amongst them.

We are very disappointed that Loreto did not see fit to advise this Facility of their plans when other local residents were advised, especially as we advised in our previous letter, we are the largest single user of Mt Pleasant Avenue.

Thank you for your advice so far (well noted and will be acted on) but it seems we need further help, especially as time is very short.

We look forward to your reply,

-----Original Message-----

From: ElectorateOffice Ku-Ring-Gai <ElectorateOffice.Ku-Ring-Gai@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 July 2019 5:35 PM
To:
Subject: Letter from Alister Henskens

Please find attached a letter from Alister Henskens SC MP

From:
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 8:35 PM
To: 'devmail@hornsby.nsw.gov.au'
Subject: Proposed Loreto Child Care Centre

Attn: Mr Matthew Miles

Dear Sir,

My husband and I live in Waratah Way, a private road that comes off Mt Pleasant Avenue, and is part of the Adventist Aged Care Facility. We at this facility have only very recently become aware of both the development application for Loreto School, and this separate application for the Child Care Centre.

We wish to register a strong protest about the Child Care Centre.

Mt Pleasant Avenue is a very busy street

During school term parts of Mt Pleasant Avenue are reduced to a one lane road due to parking on both sides of the road, cars coming and going dropping off and picking up children, staff parking, etc., etc., etc.

The proposed Child Care Centre is to be built where the tennis courts are currently and will face Mt Pleasant Avenue. At about this point the road curves slightly, there is a slight dip, a bit more curve and a rise in the road. A driveway going into a parking area would be partially obscured from both directions and would be even more dangerous if there are cars and trucks parked on the road.

Presuming even that the facility will have total off street parking, whereby parents drive into a dedicated parking area to drop off and pick up their children, a facility for 80 children s will mean an extra minimum of 180 vehicle movements per day, probably closer to 200.

Combine this with existing traffic problems, Loreto having ongoing building construction for the next umpteen years where trucks going on site will enter the school premise via Mt Pleasant Avenue and you have an accident waiting to happen.

We wish to make it clear that we have no problems with Loreto expanding their student body, but strongly suggest that before ANY plans for the school development are approved, it should be absolutely clear that abundant parking be provided within the school – for students, staff, parents, drop-offs, etc., and that no kerbside parking at all be allowed at all for school purposes.

We look forward to your reply,