

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW

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Attention: Sara Roach

RE: Submission to MP09_0066 MOD 3 Thomas Street Carpark, Chatswood

On what basis does the applicant judge the Thomas Street carpark to be superfluous? (S3.0 pg 14)

Disabled access and change to ROW

I own and operate Chatswood Pilates Studio at 12 Thomas Street. My business services include teaching Pilates, massage therapy, stretching. My clients include people with disabilities like Parkinson's, cerebral palsy, rheumatoid arthritis, as well as people at different stages of injury recovery. Due to the nature of my business I am open after hours.

Since the sale of the carpark located next door to 12 Thomas St., the access that was previously available to the disabled ramp from Thomas Street has been blocked. There used to be a walkway that was protected by two railings that went from Thomas St. to Fleet lane along our building side of the carpark. Not having this access has made it very difficult for my clients to access the ramp that is located at the back of the building in Fleet Lane.

The changes to the ROW proposed to the development mean that the potential danger for my clients with disability significantly increases.

The tunnel proposed between Fleet Lane and Thomas Street is a concern as there are many questions that need to be addressed including pedestrian security and safety (lights, rubbish, broken glass and loiterers.)

It is not clear to me how, upon completion of the public carpark, how will my disabled clients get to 12 Thomas St?

It is not safe to suggest that my disabled clients access 12 Thomas St by going along Thomas Lane and then up Fleet Lane because:

- The road is not level and is often obstructed with debris as there is a construction site opposite 12 Thomas St on Fleet Lane.
- Fleet lane does not have any street lights
- Motor bikes block the pathway on Thomas Lane making it impossible to navigate
- There is no pedestrian footpath on Fleet lane

Traffic Management Plan

I am concerned that my disabled clients and disabled people in general have been neglected in The Traffic Management Plan that has been approved in relation to access to 12 Thomas Street disability ramp even though it was meant to include details of access.

Childcare centre location

Teaching Pilates and giving massage therapy treatments required a calm and quiet atmosphere. The proposed childcare centre that would be located next to my business will potentially directly impact the viability of my business as noise travels upward and 12 Thomas Street is an old building without proper window seals making noise a significant issue.

Work hours

As it is the work hours already approved for this development will have a significant impact on my business in terms of noise, dust, construction workers etc. If the new application includes requesting extended or changed work hours I strongly object to this proposal.

Building 1 - Setback to 12 Thomas St.

I already have concerns regarding the crowding in and loss of amenity that will be caused by the current development proposal –any further reduction in this setback is objectionable. We are already losing our light and view which will have an adverse impact on my business

In summary: I submit that the consideration of my clients to access the disabled ramp in Fleet lane is insufficient and that appropriate planning as per the legal requirements. I object to any extension or changes to the already approved work hours. I object to the child care centre outdoor play area to be in the direct vicinity of 12 Thomas St. due to the noise impact. I object to any decrease in the already insufficient setback that has been proposed.

Regards,



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