

Monday 12th December 2019

Lindfield Learning Centre Village Phases 2 and 3
Application No: SSD-8114
Applicant: Department of Education

I am writing to you to lodge my objection to the proposed Lindfield Learning Village Stage 2.

On the 20th November 2019 a letter from the Planning Industry and Environment notified neighbouring landowner/occupiers that the Department of Education (the Applicant) had submitted a Response to Submissions for the development of Lindfield Learning Village Phases 2 & 3 located at 100 Eton Road, Lindfield.

Phase 2 construction:

1. Works to accommodate 700 additional students (a total of 1050 students including the previously approved 350).
2. Repurposing of the Phase 1 area.
3. Construction of a loop road around the southern portion of the site for emergency vehicles, buses and drop off and pick up vehicles.

My objection is related to point 3 - Construction of a loop road around the southern portion of the site for emergency vehicles, buses and drop off and pick up vehicles. My objections to this proposal are outlined below.

I live in the neighbouring complex [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] To learn that it is proposed to modify the existing access route for drop off and pick up of children from 7.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, directing some 312 staff, parent vehicles transporting children and 14 school buses – twice a day- will place a significant increase of traffic volume and congestion. Dunstan Grove is a large complex of 129 dwellings and many residents will also be leaving for work at the same time. This is a major safety concern for all LLV occupants and Dunstan Grove residents.

Dunstan Grove is also a very narrow, curved and steep road. It was built for limited access and even now it is tight for cars to pass one another. It is not designed for high volume of traffic especially school buses. Buses will not fit safely down Dunstan Grove whilst other vehicles are travelling in the other direction. There has been no mention to widen the road or construct safe passage for pedestrian access. Nor could this be possible as the road is sandwiched tightly between the LLC and Dunstan Grove complex for roughly 300 meters.

The Owners Committee of Dunstan Grove met for the second time with representatives of the School Infrastructure on the 19 November 2019. Residents of Dunstan Grove were advised by the Committee that construction of the Loop Road will take up to 2 years to complete and that the Construction Management Plan for Stage 2 and 3 shows the main site access being directly at our driveway and building. Again, this will undoubtedly cause road blockage, more noise and numerous delays as trades people park to unload deliveries and building materials accordingly. Residents including myself encountered the numerous delays from 7.00am Monday to Friday and even on Saturday's from 7.30 during Phase 1 construction. This interference was for 7 months and almost bearable. However I strongly object to two years of construction, noise and delays with regard to exiting the Dunstan Grove property due to this proposed main site access, it's simply unacceptable.

Personally, I believe there is no reason to construct a Loop Road on Dunstan Grove when there is already safe access to the school from the eastern side of the building (the main entrance). There is ample room to construct / upgrade bus, vehicle and pedestrian access for Phase 2. It only makes sense to utilise this area to enter and exit the building. It's safer for everyone.

I am in great support of this very impressive school and take an interest in its journey towards its completion as a high-quality learning facility. My plea is to consider the safety of all Lindfield Learning Centre Village and Dunstan Grove residents by implementing an access upgrade to the main entrance rather than a Loop Road at Dunstan Grove.

Regards,

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