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Camden Council
Meeting on 26th July 2016

Re: Application number SSD 7424
Smeaton Grange Resource Recovery Facility

Dear Theresa

In regards to the proposed Resource recovery Facility at 52 Anderson Road Smeaton Grange. Residents would like you to share this letter at the next Camden Council meeting.

Currans Hill residents have the confidence, skills, expertise and passion to oppose this application.

Residents trust in the DA process, and understand we have until the 26th August to use all means available to us to send in our objections and concerns. After which we trust that NSW Planning and Environment authorities will make a decision that will be fair and just.

Residents insist that another site is offered for this application. Smeaton Grange is zone General Industrial and Light Industrial. However, it would be fair and just that light industrial industries share the boundary with families, and not General Industrial, which by classification confirms the proposed industry will impact on neighbours. Therefore families in Currans Hill will oppose this application and any other application zoned as General Industrial who wish to share the boundary with homes. The issue with this application is that families do not want garbage collected, dumped and sorted 120m from their homes.

This application will create noise, light and odour that will go beyond the boundary of the facility.

Flood lighting that will goes beyond their premises is a concern as it is proposed it will be used 24 hours which will create sleep disturbances to both families and wildlife.

Odour will be created by green waste. Benedict says the product will be moved off site within 48 hours, however as you know, you mow the lawn on Sunday, forget to put the bins out, then put them out the following week. The offensive sour smell from green gases have already begun before it gets to site. You know yourself, some warm mornings you can smell the trucks coming. Then the green waste will be dumped and stored in the yard in a 5m stock pile in the middle of summer, on the same side as residents. Come on?! This is not fair or just to residents.

Noise will be created. The applicant applied for 24 hour operation, that included accepting deliveries, dumping of concrete, railway balustrades and sorting after 5pm. We know what it sounds like when we hear our own three (3) garbage trucks coming to collect our own rubbish once a week. Spare a thought for residents who will hear that sound 350 times a week, 24 hours a day!

The wildlife corridor along Kenny Creek is under pressure from native birds and other animals, (see photos on fb page No Resource Recovery Facility in Smeaton Grange). Due the land clearing from surround areas, Currans Hill established tree areas have had an influx of birds and other animals. It is not uncommon to see up to 50 birds in one flock. There are concerns if the Ibis pest birds find refuge in the new facility, termites in wood stock piles and other pests to compete with wildlife.

Residents have taken the opportunity to hold a residents meeting for 50-60 people, nominated representatives from the community had a meeting with NSW Dept Planning and Environment, the Environmental Protection Authority, Benedict, State Member of Camden and Camden Council Councillor. Residents are also using traditional media the Chronicle and the Camden Advertiser, plus social media “No Resource Recovery Facility at Smeaton Grange” and “Curran Hill Information Group” as a way of warning families that this state funded, state approved garbage tip wants to move within 120m to homes and 800m to a high school, primary school that includes special needs such as autism, dance studios, childcare, cafes, who have acute sense of smell and hearing.

Residents are frustrated, not only with this proposed facility zoned General Industrial but also the Hot Dip Galvanising plant, 42 Bluett Drive Smeaton Grange (Sept 2015) that is also zoned General Industrial, both wanting to move in almost side by side both on the back of family homes. It would be fair and just that light industrial facilities are proposed to share this space that shares boundaries with family homes.

The families who are buying into Gregory Hills, Narellan, Oran Park and Harrington Park, when they do their searches they can see the industrial site is there, but they would not be expecting that to include a garbage tip.

We ask Council to send support residents by objecting to the Resource Recovery Facility in 52 Anderson Road Smeaton Grange.