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**JMES**

24 August 2016

Department of Planning and Environment  
Attention – Acting Team Leader Industry Assessments  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Madam,

**RE: Smeaton Grange Resource Recovery Facility**

**SITE DESCRIPTION: 52 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange  
Lot 319 DP 1117230**

Reference is made to the above State Significant development application (DA) which is currently being assessed by your department.

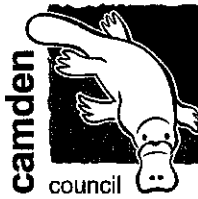
Council at its meeting of 9 August 2016 resolved to endorse this submission with the inclusion of the following additional conditions:

- No entry via Hartley Road after 10pm and access to site after 10pm to be via Camden Valley Way and Anderson Road only;
- Green waste to be contained within an enclosed facility; and
- No odorous waste to be accepted on site. Green waste is not to be stored on site for an extended length of time so as not to generate odour.

Council have undertaken a review of the EIS and have significant concerns regarding the suitability of the proposed development on this site. Council objects to the proposed development as detailed below.

A summary of the key issues is provided below:

- Noise impacts upon residential properties;
- Potential air quality and odour impacts from the proposed development upon residential properties;
- Impact of 24 hour operation;
- Parking concerns;



- Insufficient/inadequate information provided; and
- Public interest.

### Noise

Council staff have reviewed the EIS and have significant concerns regarding the potential noise impacts from the proposed development upon residential properties in Currans Hill to the east.

The acoustic report indicates that nearby residents will be impacted by noise above the maximum noise criteria. The nearest potentially affected noise sensitive receivers are residences located approximately 120m south east of the site. Concerns are raised regarding the night time and morning shoulder (between 6am and 7am) operations and exceedances of the sleep disturbance criteria (i.e. background +15db(A)). The acoustic report notes that the site specific criteria for sleep disturbance is 46dB(A) and it is predicted that the residents may receive up to a 58dB(A), which exceeds the maximum noise criteria of Council Environmental Noise Policy (ENP).

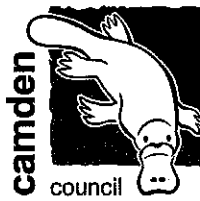
The acoustic report assesses the noise impact against the Environment Protection Authority's Road Noise Policy but not Council's (ENP). Council's ENP must be used.

The quantity of operational plant and equipment has been underestimated in Table 6.1 of the acoustic report, in particular the number of trucks entering and delivering to the site. As such, it is considered that noise generated from the site may exceed that which is stated in the report. This would result in a further exceedance of the sleep disturbance criteria as described above.

The EIS identifies that the site will only accept and not process waste after 10pm. It is not clear if any machinery will be used in the night time for the acceptance of waste. The identification of all machinery proposed to be used and the nominated hours of use must be provided to determine further acoustic impacts.

In addition to the above concerns, the acoustic report has not considered the following and therefore is unsatisfactory for the purposes of understanding the full noise impact:

- vehicle/truck ingress and egress to the site at night time;
- the re-loading of waste materials back into the trucks;
- noise from the tipping of waste;
- noise generated from the beeping of reversing trucks; and,



- if there is any mechanical ventilation/plant equipment for the materials recycling and processing shed.

#### 24 Hour Operation

Council objects to the acceptance of waste deliveries 24 hours per day. The proposed development notes that Council will be given 48 hours notice when waste is to be delivered between 10pm and 6am. This is not acceptable given the exceedances of the sleep disturbance criteria as noted above.

#### Air Quality/Odour

Council staff have reviewed the EIS and have significant concerns regarding the potential air quality and odour impacts from the proposed development upon residential properties in Currans Hill to the east.

It is noted that data used in the odour report for air emissions associated with the recycling facility were sourced from the United States Environmental Protection Authority which do not relate to the Australian guidelines. As such the odour report is considered to be unsatisfactory for the purposes of understanding the full odour impact of the development.

In addition to the above, it is unclear how long waste will be stored on the site before its recycling and removal. Concern is raised that waste stored on the site for an extended period of time will decompose resulting in air quality or odour impacts upon surrounding properties (particularly residential properties).

#### Insufficient Parking

The proposed development does not demonstrate that sufficient car parking has been provided and is unacceptable.

Off street parking shall be sufficient to cater for employees and visitors to the site.

It is stated in the traffic impact assessment (page 19) that there will be 15 employees and 2 visitors on site (totalling 17 people on site).

The proposed plans only identify 7 car parking spaces on the plans. The traffic report states that a total of 12 car parking spaces will be provided. 17 spaces are required.

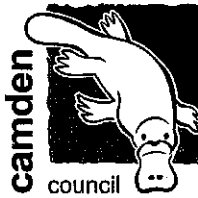
In addition, the location of the car parking spaces within the front setback/landscaped area is not supported due to the potential conflict with heavy vehicles accessing the site and cars entering/exiting the car parking spaces.



### Insufficient and inaccurate plans and documents

The plans and documents provided are insufficient and inaccurate. These concerns are discussed below:

- *Number of staff* - There are discrepancies between the number of employees identified within the EIS and the number identified within the traffic report. The EIS identifies that there will be 8 employees and the traffic report identifies that there will be 15 employees.
- *Bushfire Assessment* - The site is identified as bush fire prone land. A bush fire hazard assessment was prepared for the proposal by EMM who do not appear to be accredited by the Fire Protection Association.
- *Architectural Plans* - The reduced levels (RLs) on the architectural plans are identified as 'TBC'. The ground levels on the elevation plans are not clear and appear to be representing extensive fill, particularly to the south east elevation. As such it is not clear if the proposed development fully complies with the 11m maximum building height development standard that applies to the site.
- *Landscaping plans* - A detailed landscaping plan has not been provided which demonstrates the proposed landscaping, volume and maturity height.
- *Manoeuvrability* - The proposed plans do not demonstrate that all vehicles can enter and exit the site in a forward direction and are unacceptable. The proposed plans do not demonstrate the swept paths of the largest vehicle that will utilise the site.
- *Traffic Management* - Council does not permit the stopping or parking of vehicles on Anderson Road. The proposal does not indicate how waste vehicles attending the site will be managed to ensure that trucks do not attend the site outside of the approved operating hours and to ensure that vehicles do not queue within the cul-de-sac.
- *Bin storage and truck parking* - The out of hours bin storage and waste truck parking area has not been identified on the proposed plans.
- *Signage* - The EIS identifies that the proposed development will include a sign at the entrance to the site on Anderson Road. The site plan also demonstrates a pylon sign at front of the site. No further detail of the signage has been provided such as an elevation plan of the sign to demonstrate the height, width, colour and content of the proposed signage.
- *Aboriginal Heritage* - Aboriginal heritage has not been addressed which is included within the SEARs information to be included in the EIS.



- *Waste Management* - Insufficient information has been provided on how noise and dust will be managed during the processing and stockpiling of waste outside of the shed.
- *Salinity* - The EIS does not consider saline soils.

#### Contaminated waste

The EIS notes that vehicles delivering waste to the site will be inspected for potential contaminants and classified thereby potentially allowing contaminants into the site. All vehicles making deliveries to the site must be inspected and classed as contaminant free prior to delivering any waste to the site. No contaminated material must be brought onto the site at any time.

#### Fencing

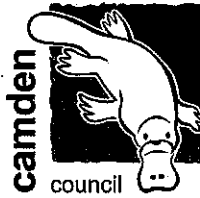
The EIS (page 91) states that *"while some viewpoints will provide full and/or partial views of the proposed shed walls/fence, these comply with the maximum height requirements for the area"*. In accordance with the Section D4.2.5 of the Camden DCP, the maximum fencing height within the Smeaton Grange Industrial estate is 2.1m. The proposed fencing (up 10m high) is inconsistent with other industrial development within Smeaton Grange and will result negative visual impacts. The proposed fencing is therefore not supported.

A 2.1m high metal palisade fence along the site frontage with automatic colorbond gates at the ingress and egress points is proposed. Council does not support this front fence and recommends a decorative masonry fence to screen the proposed used from the street. The use of colorbond gates at the vehicle access points is not supported.

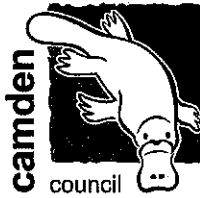
#### Public interest

The proposal is considered not in the public interest in light of the concerns of the residents as documented in the 5 submissions received by Council. The concerns include:

- Concerns are raised that the noise impact assessment confirmed that the 22 nearest residential receivers would be affected by the proposal. The residents would also like to be more involved in the placement locations of noise receptors as there are concerns that the noise readings have not been monitored accurately.
- Residents object to the proposed 24 hour operation of the site due to the impact of noise from the idling and driving of trucks and the tipping of waste on site. There are also concerns that the glare from flood lights would be visible from the residential zone.



- The odour assessment was unable to be viewed by the residents. Concerns are raised that they will be able to smell waste similar to that of Spring Farm Recovery Centre that can often be smelt in Currans Hill.
- The proposal will generate toxic air pollution which raises health concerns for residents and members of the community. Airborne particles will blow east over vast areas of Currans Hill.
- It was advised that green waste would be accepted into the facility. The dimensions of the green waste stockpile have not been provided. There are concerns that even if the green waste is removed after 48 hours of being on the site, the vegetation might have already started to breakdown and create odour prior to being received at the site.
- The proposal will have a negative impact on the immediate environment including Kenny Creek and local wildlife. A study of the existing wildlife within this corridor and potential impact on these species has not been undertaken. Vegetation from other areas brought onto the site will introduce seeds from noxious plants, infest Kenny Creek and flow onto Harrington Park Lake. There is also a concern that the proposed facility will attract pests such as termites in stored timber, rats, mice, Ibis birds etc.
- The traffic impact report states that the existing traffic volumes at the intersections of Hartley Road and Narellan Road were surveyed on Friday 11 December 2015. A SIDRA analysis of the intersections of Hartley Road and Narellan Road found that the intersections are currently operating at near capacity during peak hours. Since the report was prepared, the Camden Valley Way upgrades have been completed and traffic has significantly increased on Hartley Road since December. Currans Hill has only two entrances/exits. The recycling facility will significantly change the volume of traffic within Currans Hill and surrounding suburbs.
- The EIS must include all relevant plans, architectural drawings, diagrams and relevant documentation required under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. A locality/context plan drawn at an appropriate scale indicating a 1-3km radius from the site to include nearby residential dwellings, local features such as heritage items, the location of schools, childcares, and recreation facilities. Residents request that the application be rejected based on it being 120m away from residential homes and within 1km of two schools, swimming pools, childcare centres and children entertainment facilities.
- The EIS does not confirm that the height of the facility will be a maximum of 11m.
- Questions are raised as to why the Minister of Planning advised that a public hearing should not be held.



- No funds have been spent by the State Government and Council in managing waterways and the remnants of the Cumberland Plain Forest in the area.
- Nearby residents request that the land closest to the residential homes be rezoned to change from IN1 General Industrial to IN2 Light Industrial.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Mesiti, Senior Town Planner, on (02) 4654 7769.

Yours sincerely,

*for M R Moore*  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

Enclosed: - Resident submissions received by Council

cc. Mr Chris Patterson MP, Member for Camden

## Jessica Mesiti

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**From:** Claire Bobyk <claire.bobyk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 July 2016 1:14 PM  
**To:** Council Mailbox  
**Subject:** Objection to Proposal at 52 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange, NSW, 2567, with the development application number # SSD 15\_7424

I wish to make an objection to the development proposal at site number 52 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange, NSW, 2567, with the development application number # SSD 15\_7424.

My full name is Claire Bobyk and my address is 104 Paddy Miller Avenue, Currans Hill, NSW, 2567.

My reasons for objecting to the proposal include:

1. The recycling facility would have a negative impact on the environment in the immediate surrounds, inclusive of Kenny's Creek.
2. The recycling facility would have a negative impact on wildlife in the immediate surrounds, inclusive of those native species who have established themselves in the Mount Annan Botanic Gardens.
3. The level of toxic air pollution would raise significant health concerns for the residents and members of the community who live here
4. The recycling facility development proposed is in direct conflict with the health and well-being of prominent community facilities, including established child cares, primary and secondary schools, sporting facilities, and family homes
5. The operating hours of the proposed facility would further create noise pollution, significantly impacting upon the quality of life offered in neighboring surrounds.
6. The operating hours of the proposed facility would further create light pollution, significantly impacting upon the quality of life offered in homes in the immediate surrounds.
7. The recycling facility would significantly change the type of traffic moving within Currans Hill, on Hartley Road, and other surrounding suburbs. This is a negative as the area already struggle
8. While I understand the zoning of Smeaton Grange currently permits such proposals, in the light of residential development in the immediate surrounding suburbs, and further in the light of increasing residential and family populace of Currans Hill, this zoning should be responsibly be reconsidered and rezoned to appropriately restrict the development of Smeaton Grange to a light industrial capacity and protect its local members.
9. Council have a responsibility to both the industry and people within its jurisdiction to uphold the quality of life offered within its landscape, to be both community and economically focused, with sustainable vision.
10. Should this development go forward, a multitude of families, including my own, will reconsider their residency in the surrounding suburbs and move away from such a danger.

I understand my submission will be carefully considered as part of the DA assessment process. I understand my submission will not be kept confidential. I understand that submissions are released when a request is made in accordance with privacy laws and the relevant provisions under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. At this time, I wish to make an explicit request for all personal details or any information that may identify me to be withheld from the public.

Claire Bobyk



**Jessica Mesiti**

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**From:** Andrew & Paula Wardle <apwardle@telstra.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 July 2016 12:15 PM  
**To:** Council Mailbox  
**Subject:** Recycling Plant and Hot Dip Galvanising Plant

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The General Manger  
Camden Council

Dear Sir,

I wish to raise my concerns regarding the combined impact of the Hot Dip Galvanising Plant together with the proposed Waste Recycling and Transfer Facility in Smeaton Grange.

It would appear that Council or National Parkes and Wildlife Service have absolutely no active management plan for the Remnant of Cumberland Plain Forest or the waterway from Kenny Hill and the Nepean River including Harrington Park Lake.

There appears to be no study on the effect of the proposed 2 plants as to the combined effect on each other seeing they will both be on each side of Kenny Creek – one emitting acid residue the other emitting alkali based dust eg – lime products such as concrete, cement, fibro, and plaster board. What is the effect on the wildlife? And the local community in the surrounding area?

1. Vegetation from other areas brought to the site will bring in seeds from noxious plants from outside areas and blow over and infest Kenny Creek and flow on to Harrington Park Lake. There is a concern of the introduction of spiders, pests and vermin, that are not indigenous to this sensitive area of the Cumberland Plains Forest Remnant.
2. The Council or National Parks and Wildlife Service has no active Management Plan, otherwise the blackberry infestation would not exist alongside the Creek and the recycling site. The EIS states that "The North East boundary of the site abuts a vegetated creek corridor(Kenny Creek) with vegetation generally identified as re-vegetated dry sclerophyll forest (shrub under story)" This shows that they have not undertaken a full study of where Kenny Creek starts and goes to, and all the ramifications between Kenny Hill and Harrington Park Lake and the Nepean River.  
The report appears to treat Kenny Creek as a drain (and we all know what goes down drains) They have not undertaken a study as what wildlife exists in the corridor such a birdlife and native animals or aquatic life. Local residents have stated seeing platypus, echidnas, wallabies, turtles, native ducks, water fowls, snakes, kookaburras, varieties of native birds etc among the Cumberland Plain Forest Remnant and along Kenny Creek.
3. It appears that no money has been spent by the State Government or Council in managing the waterways and the remnants of the Cumberland Plain Forest in our area.
4. The toxic fallout(chemical and airborne particles) from the Galvanising Plant and the Waste Recycling and Transfer Facility, with the prevailing winds, will blow east over vast areas of suburban Currans Hill and over sensitive protected areas. The residue that falls into the creek will flow west into Harrington Park Lake on into the Nepean River, possibly killing all in its wake over time and Facilities plan on being here many years! (There appears to be no official environmental management plan implemented, otherwise these types of dirty industries would not get a look in!!!!)

5. We spoke to Steve around the corner from us (he is a professional B Double driver) and he said trucks cannot turn off their engines while waiting to be unloaded as they will lose all their pneumatic power and braking capacity. He stated that there is no quiet way of tipping a truck to unload as trucks need to be revving well above idling to generate the power to lift the hydraulics to raise the back up and then the empty trays will make a loud crashing noise as they bounce back into position. There is no quiet way of dumping Rail Ballast! Whatever comes off the back will make a loud noise depending on its composition (i.e. - bricks or concrete). Any truck or trucks waiting outside for the gates to open, or waiting in queue to enter, will still have their engine running. (More fumes!) It appears from the report that major rail /road projects will require out of hours access (10pm-6am) for offloading (very noisy materials in the dead of night and only 120metres from residential homes).
6. It is expected to have 276 vehicle movements a day (on their calculations) and with developing needs from demolition of old homes for High Rises, and from rezoned old industrial sites that will become valuable residential land, the volume of traffic into this 'dead-end' of Anderson Road will increase greatly. It will be more than what this road can cope with, considering the existing traffic accessing the many youth and children activities including the Sports Centres and the Young Academics Day Care Centre that share the same stretch of common road, ie, Anderson Rd, between Anzac Avenue and Bluett Drive. (There is also the proposed volume of traffic and trucks, some with dangerous and corrosive materials that will share this road to access for the proposed Hot Dip Galvanising Plant. Has this latter proposal been considered regarding the traffic in this area?) I think Not!

Camden Council cannot hide behind the fact that the Waste Recycling and Transfer Facility is the responsibility of NSW Planning and Environment and the Hot Dip Galvanising Plant is in the Council domain, you also have a responsibility to your residents and the Environment in your care. Council must speak up against the Waste Recycling and Transfer Facility that is proposed.

Most residents in Currans Hill are opposed to both developments.

Regards

Andrew Wardle  
52 William Mannix Avenue  
CURRANS HILL NSW 2567

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**Agenda**  
**Proposal Application SSD 7424**  
**Smeaton Grange Resource Recovery Facility**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016, 9.30am  
52 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange

**Attending:**

Contact Planner for project      Kate Masters (Department of Planning & Environment)

Environmental Protection Authority      TBA  
Benedict Resource Recovery Facility      TBA

Currans Hill Resident	Chris Harris
Currans Hill Resident	Kaylene Eid
Currans Hill Resident	Andrew Wardle
Currans Hill Resident	Bob Crowe

CC:	Chris Ritchie (Director of Industry Assessment)
CC:	General Manager Camden Council
CC:	Chris Patterson MP
CC:	Councillor Warren
CC:	Councillor Fedeli
CC:	Councillor Fisher
CC:	Daniel from the Macarthur Chronicle

**Apologies**

To be confirmed

On the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016, approximately 50-60 residents attended a residents meeting to discuss the Resource Recovery Facility application. Only a few homes were advised by flyers being placed in the mailbox, therefore the community gathered to seek additional information.

*Please refer to the following 10 questions:*

1. What will be the maximum height of this facility?
2. As per the environmental impact statement, we can not see information on Odour, such as the Technical Framework: Assessment and Management of Odour from Stationary Sources in NSW (DEC). Will residents be able to smell the similar sour stink as reported by Terrey Hill residents regarding Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre and the smell similar to Spring Farm Recovery Centre that can often be smelled in Curran's Hill?

3. The Environmental Impact statement Section 79C(1b) of the EP&A says in Act Table 7.1 says as part of their mitigation measures that no processing (ie sorting and screening) between 10 pm and 6 am. Will residents be able to hear truck noise in the middle of the night? How will residents be compensated for having their peace disturbed?
4. A noise impact assessment (NIA) was prepared by EMM (refer to Appendix F). The assessment was undertaken in accordance with the Industrial Noise Policy, Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) and Road Noise Policy (RNP). The assessment considered impacts to 22 representative assessment locations most likely to be affected by the proposal (refer Figure 6.1)". It confirmed residents would be affected, how will the residents be compensated by having their peace disturbed?
5. The EIS must include all relevant plans, architectural drawings, diagrams and relevant documentation required under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. However, we can not see a locality/context plan drawn at an appropriate scale indicating significant local features such as heritage items; the location of schools, childcare, recreation facilities, and other nearby buildings, shopping, and employment areas, and traffic and road patterns, pedestrian routes and public transport nodes. Residents request that the application be rejected based on being 120m from resident homes. Residents request that the application be rejected based on being within 1km (as the crow flies) to two schools, swimming pools, childcare centres, children entertainment services.
6. 6.1.2 Traffic and transport impacts says that the existing traffic volumes the intersections of Hartley Road/Narellan Road were surveyed on Friday 11 December 2015 and historic tube traffic counts undertaken by RMS were also used (Table 6.1). A SIDRA analysis of the intersections of Hartley Road/Narellan Road found that the intersections are currently operating at near **capacity** during peak hours. Since that report Camden Valley Way has fully opened and traffic has significantly increased on Hartley road since December. Currans Hill has only two entrances/exits. By allowing this extra traffic created by the facility, how will this be managed to allow emergency vehicles such as fire services and ambulance have access to Curran's Hill residents via Hartley Road?

7. The report appears to treat the heritage listed Kenny Creek as a drain. They have not undertaken a study as what wildlife exists in the corridor such a birdlife and native animals or aquatic life. Local residents have seen platypus, echidnas, wallabies, turtles, native ducks, water fowls, snakes, kookaburras, varieties of native birds etc among the Cumberland Plain Forest Remnant and along Kenny Creek. What pests will be attracted to the facility such as termites in stored timber, rats, mice, crane birds ect that will compete with native wildlife?
8. Residents wish to start the process of re-zoning in Smeaton Grange. We request for Camden Councils Strategic Planners to review the zoning for Smeaton Grange to change from IN1 General Industrial and IN2 Light Industrial, to just IN2 Light Industrial and to maintain the height of 11m. Reason being is the impact on surrounding properties by General Industrial.
9. Why did the Minister of planning advise that a public hearing should not be held?
10. The applicant has a history of providing misleading information, such as the application process to Camden Council when Benedict did not identify the purpose of the facility. Council requested they resubmit and identify the use of the facility in with their application. On a separate occasion Benedict Recycling was fined for misclassifying waste material around the quality of their Envirosoil as reported on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Therefore resident trust in Benedict is low and the emphasise on using the law to protect the rights of residents is high.

Compiled by C. Harris (resident of Curran's Hill).

25/07/2016

Camden Council  
Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Re: Application number SSD 7424  
Smeaton Grange Resource Recovery Facility

Dear Councillor Fedeli

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

Curran's 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 State funded project.

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 Curran's 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 go 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, Curran's 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 "Currans 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 support residents by also objecting to the proposed Resource Recovery Facility in 52 Anderson Road Smeaton Grange.

**Proposal Application SSD 7424**  
**Smeaton Grange Resource Recovery Facility**

52 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange

27<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bligh, Councillor Warren, Councillor Fedeli, Councillor Fischer, Councillor Dewbery, Councillor Campbell and Councillor Copeland.

As a follow on from last nights council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016, I understand some councillors had already familiarised themselves with the Environmental Impact Study submitted by Benedict on the major planning website, while others were still learning about the finer details outlined in proposed development.

To assist in finding the information, please refer to the 10 points listed below. I hope these concerns might be covered in the report that will be presented by Council to Councillors on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

1. I was wondering if a Resource Recovery Facility falls within the zone of General Industrial or is it zoned as a Waste Facility? Residents request that the land closest to resident homes are only offered to Light Industrial IN1 businesses. Reason being just by classification, General Industrial confirms it will have an impact on surrounding properties.
2. I could not see in writing from the applicant that the proposed maximum height for this facility would be 11m, as per height restriction for Smeaton Grange.
3. As per the environmental impact statement, I can not see information on Odour, such as the Technical Framework: Assessment and Management of Odour from Stationary Sources in NSW (DEC). Benedict verbally confirmed at the residents meeting that Green bin waste would be accepted. I understand the stockpile for green bin waste will be 5m high, I could not find the proposed width for this green waste stock pile? Even if the green waste is removed after 48 hours, I wonder if it could be possible that the vegetation might have already started to breakdown and create odour prior to the load arriving at site.
4. The Environmental Impact statement Section 79C(1b) of the EP&A says in Act Table 7.1 says as part of their mitigation measures that no processing (ie sorting and screening) between 10 pm and 6 am. This confirms noise will be leaving the site boundary. Some residents are concerned about having their their peace disturbed, by 350 trucks driving on site a week to empty loads, especially between the proposed night time hours of 5pm and 8am.



5. I was not able to find information on the glare that might be created from flood lighting. Is it possible that this glare might leave the boundary of the site? If so, I have concerns this would have a negative impact on the sleep patterns for neighbours and wildlife.
6. A noise impact assessment (NIA) was prepared by EMM (refer to Appendix F). The assessment was undertaken in accordance with the Industrial Noise Policy, Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) and Road Noise Policy (RNP). The assessment considered impacts to 22 representative assessment locations most likely to be affected by the proposal (refer Figure 6.1)". This confirms residents would be affected. However, a resident said at the residents meeting that their sound receptor was placed at ground level near a stump of a tree. She would have preferred it to be located outside her bedroom window on her two story house for a true indication. Residents would like more involvement regarding the placement locations of the noise receptors. Some children who live with Autism can be very sensitive to smells and sounds. There are Autism support units at the local school.
7. The EIS must include all relevant plans, architectural drawings, diagrams and relevant documentation required under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. However, I can not see a locality/context plan to show how the facility on this site complements the surrounding facilities, such as within 120m are homes within 1-3km radius from two schools, childcare and recreation facilities. We hope that NSW Planning understand that this waste facility might generate substantially more impact on surrounding properties, than first thought.
8. 6.1.2 Traffic and transport impacts says that the existing traffic volumes the intersections of Hartley Road/Narellan Road were surveyed on Friday 11 December 2015 and historic tube traffic counts undertaken by RMS were also used (Table 6.1). A SIDRA analysis of the intersections of Hartley Road/Narellan Road found that at the time the intersections were currently operating at near capacity during peak hours, (however this information was prior to having Camden Valley Road completed. Many vehicles now take the short cut through Smeaton Grange, Hartley to Narellan Road). I understand roads are public and Benedict have the right to use the roads. However, are there any plans in place to manage the expected 350 garbage trucks a week to visit the facility via Hartley Road, especially during peak sporting times on Jack Nash Oval at Currans Hill?
9. The report appears to treat the Kenny Creek as a drain. I can not see a study on what wildlife already exists in the corridor such a birdlife and native animals or aquatic life. Local residents have seen platypus, echidnas, wallabies, turtles, native ducks, water fowls, snakes, kookaburras; varieties of native birds etc among the Cumberland Plain Forest Remnant and along Kenny Creek. A concern is what pests might be attracted to the facility such as termites in stored timber, rats, mice, Ibis birds ect. Will these pests if any impact on natural wildlife?

10. Residents were confused, when Benedict first applied for permission because residents were advised that that application was not going ahead. Benedict did not identify the purpose of the building. Council then requested they resubmit the application and this time to identify the use of the facility with their application. Also at the on-site meeting, residents asked if they would employ people from the local area. The spokesperson for Benedict shook his head and said "No, we have our own eight staff".

I do not expect a personal response from Councillors, however I hope that these concerns will be raised to assist Council in preparation for meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you for your time and for more information please see  
[http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=7424](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=7424)

Chris Harris (Resident)

BSocSc(SocWel)

## **Proposal Application SSD 7424**

### **Smeaton Grange Resources Recovery Facility**

52 Anderson Road Smeaton Grange.

Dear Mayor.

Following the Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the request for a report to be submitted to council at the next meeting. I would like the following matters to be included in their review if they are within the parameters of Councils review criteria.

Should the following matters be outside review procedures, I will contact Councilor Fidelli to raise these matters on behalf of the concerned Currans Hill residents.

That inquiries be made with Liverpool Council of their experience with Benedict Recycling Facility at Chipping Norton particularly in relation to complaints from residents and neighboring businesses.

That inquiries be made of the relevant Licensing Authorities including E P A. to ascertain if there have been any breaches of their operating conditions etc.

Operating Hours of the Chipping Norton Facility are 06:00 -17:00 Mon – Sat. I understand that this facility is in an old Brick Pitt.

Operating Hours at the Belrose Recycling Facility are 07:00 -16:00. We were told at our meeting with Benedict that this operation is the closest to Residential Areas with homes approximately 250 meters. We were further advised that this facility is in an old Quarry therefore the effects on residents in that area can not be compared to the Smeaton Grange proposal which is much closer to residents.

Robert. S Crowe

Resident

I strongly object to the DA application for the Recourse Recycling Facility at Smeaton Grange on the following grounds:

**1. Its close proximity to -**

- a) Residential homes, being only 120 meters away
- b) The wildlife corridor along Kenny Creek (just a few meters away) and the Remnant of the Original Cumberland Plain forest.
- c) Child Care Centres
- d) Food Warehouses
- e) Outdoor Recreational Areas, Playgrounds, Sporting venues etc

**2. Hours of Receiving and Operating.**

**3. The additional 276 extra vehicles a day, mostly trucks-**

- a) Passing to and from, a Child Care Centre.
- b) The high volume of trucks for this single site when there is yet many more sites to be developed within Smeaton Grange.
- c) The increased danger for residents to exit and enter their suburb.

**4. Types of waste materials being received.**

**1a)** Despite Benedict stating that there will be no impact of noise, dust or odour to nearby residents, it will be inevitable to avoid it. With multi-axle trucks dropping their load of rail ballast, concrete or bricks, an excavator using a Grab to remove large non-recyclable components, an excavator to load the flip flow screen which as a huge vibrating Finlay 883 (or similar) to separate, waste on size and density. This will then be stored in piles and later reloaded by heavy machinery back onto trucks and taken away. It is predicted that the residents may receive up to 58dB(A) which exceeds the maximum noise criteria of Council Environmental Noise Policy(ENP).

There is always dust when dumping concrete, bricks and building material from old demolition sites. Older sites contain lead paint and asbestos and even when sheeting is removed, there remains the fine asbestos dust. Sprinkling systems are not sufficient in windy conditions day or night. Benedict state that all vehicles will have covers and be maintained for minimal noise, but this cannot be guaranteed of other business trucks and vehicles which will be the majority of vehicles coming to the site.

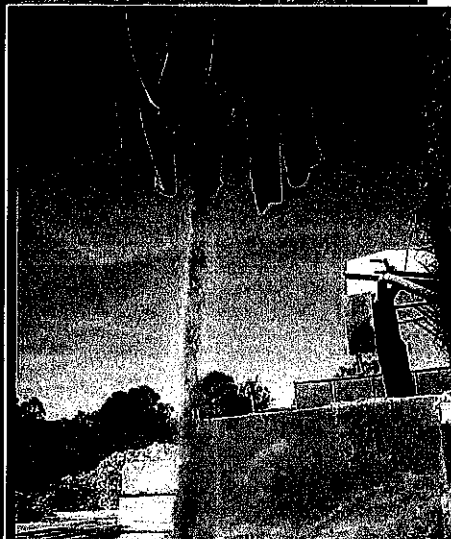
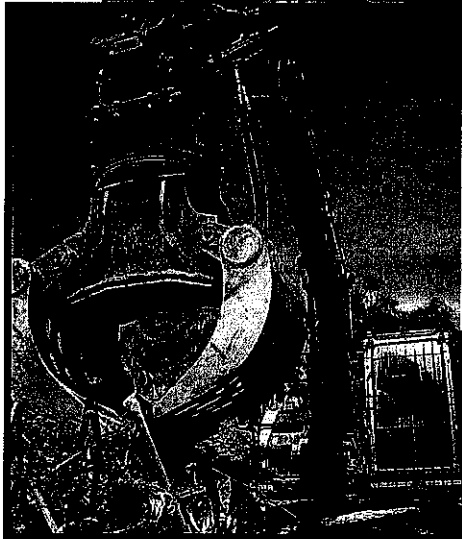
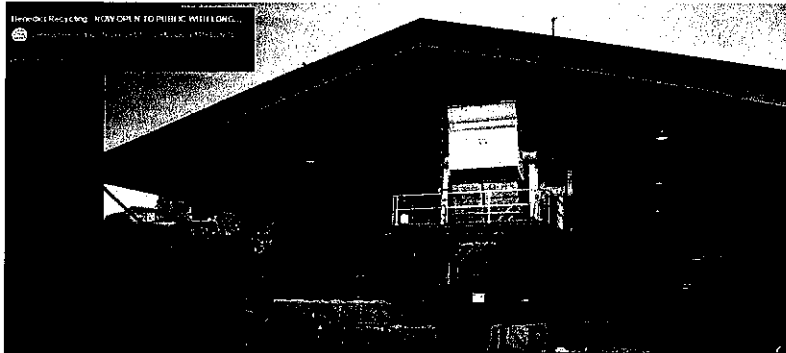
Odour will arise from rotting vegetation. Many Councils only collect residential garden waste fortnightly, and even weekly collections can stink in summer. Residents near the Chipping Norton & Rockdale Plants complain about odour, noise & dust yet their homes are further away than 120meters. Night lighting will also present a problem to some nearby homes.

Equipment being used at similar site in Chipping Norton/ *extract from their website*



Benedict Recycling - NOW  
OPEN TO PUBLIC WITH  
LONGER HOURS

Finlay 833 or similar



**1b)** There are a variety of native animals that take refuge in the corridor along Kenny Creek and through the protected Remaining Original Cumberland Plain Forest. It is important to maintain their environment for their survival. Airborne pollutants, constant noise and vibrations, extended lighting periods could be detrimental to their wellbeing and survival in this area.

**1c)** There is a Child Care Centre a few hundred meters from the site. Children are entitled to play outside in a safe environment without the possibility of inhaling airborne asbestos and lead paint particles and sour odours.

**1d)** There is an adjoining Food Warehouse next to the proposed site and other Food Factories nearby. Unsafe airborne particles landing on these cartons which end up in our supermarkets is not ideal. Warehouse staff working outside could also be at health risks. There is so the risk of fire from self combustion within the pile of vegetation, or cardboard could present a major problem on our food chain supplies. Moss Vale Recycling Plant experienced a self combustion fire and the presence of asbestos recently, 25 July and 4 August, respectively. See below.

**1e)** Many families utilise outdoor venues nearby, such as Playgrounds, Barbeque facilities in parks, Sporting fields and School fields. Our weather invites much outdoor living including the weekend breakfast, and family meals. Odour, dust and noise would rob us of this Australian way of life.

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016



## Asbestos Found at Moss Vale Resource Recovery Centre

04 August 2016

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The Moss Vale Resource Recovery Centre has put a temporary stop on accepting any concrete materials after a small amount of asbestos was found in a sample of crushed concrete.

Council is in the process of carrying out further testing and a full investigation into the matter

In the meantime anyone who purchased crushed concrete from the Resource Recovery Centre during June and July is being asked to contact council.

LISTEN



## Highlands fire fighters called to blaze at Moss Vale on Monday morning

Josh Bartlett

25 Jul 2016, 10 a.m.

FIRE fighters battled an ongoing blaze in Moss Vale over the past few days.

At about 2.15am on Monday, Highlands fires received a call out for a fire at the council's Resource Recovery Centre (RCC) on Berrima Road.

A Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) media spokesperson said fire fighters received a call about a large pile of mulch being alight at the RCC.

The spokesperson said it was a "deep seated fire", which meant the blaze was within rubbish at the site.

They said this made the extinguishing operation more complex for fire fighters.

The cause of the fire remains unknown.

At about 9.40pm Monday, the fire appeared contained, but strong winds caused another flare up.

A front end loader was brought in at 1.30am Tuesday to pull the pile apart for fires to gain better access to the blaze.

The winds continued to strengthen overnight and reached about 90km/h at 3.45am.

Fire fighters continued to monitor the blaze at the time of going to press.

Moss Vale, Bowral, Mittagong and Bundanoon FRNSW crews and Moss Vale Rural Fire Service personnel attended the scene.

FRNSW personnel from outside the region also headed to Moss Vale to assist with the operation.

The RRC was closed for the rest of Monday but re-opened the gates on Tuesday.

A council spokesman said there was no damage to any other facilities or buildings.

The spokesman said the RRC had a "limited opening".

Residents are advised not to bring green waste or concrete resources to the centre.

The Reviva shop within the RRC site will remain closed on Tuesday.

The spokesman recommended residents stay away from the RRC for the next few days.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority has been advised of the incident and will monitor the situation.

2) The hours of receiving and operating are not considerate to the nearby residents. Our homes are a place of rest and refuge. Benedict state that they would receive waste from major works of rail and road between 12 midnight and 6am and as demanded would operate longer hours even 24 hours. Surely after a day's work we are entitled to a night's sleep! Their operation of equipment during the day will be relentless and again our peace and quiet will be forever gone.

3a) The traffic study was undertaken December 2015 and traffic volume has increased immensely since then. With an additional 276 daily movements of trucks and other vehicles, (estimated by Benedict) they will be passing the Child Care Centre twice as the Resource Facility is in a cul-de-sac. Entry in and out of the Child Care Centre's car park is already a safety issue with parked cars on both sides of the street, making visibility difficult.

3b) There are many sporting/ fun activities along this stretch of road and many people have to cross the road from their parked cars. There is no pedestrian crossing available in Smeaton Grange. Considering Smeaton Grange is not fully developed, there will be even more trucks for other sites yet to be developed.

3c) This proposed site is demanding a lot of road usage for one site (276 trucks & other vehicles a day). Residents already find it difficult and it is now becoming more dangerous to exit and enter our suburb at roundabouts with the existing quantity of trucks.

4) The type of waste materials being received is not acceptable for this location. Old rail ballast contains asbestos from brake linings, old buildings contain lead paint and dangerous fibres. Outside vegetation should not be brought into a site next to a waterway which feeds into Harrington Park Lake and then into the Nepean River. The introduction of seeds, spiders and insects could be harmful to our environment. Such can be airborne, or breed and infest and could be predators to the native environment here. Old timbers, some rotting, could be infested with termites. Does Benedict have a management plan to minimise rodents nesting among waste piles of timber or vegetation? We do not want vermin invading our homes. How often will the vegetation stock pile be totally emptied, washed or sprayed out? Will the green waste with branches, tree trunks etc be mulched on site to lower the pile and then stock more before being transported away? This would be very noisy. Benedict states there will be no grinding or shredding on site, but mulching is not mentioned. Does the Fire Brigade or Hazmat have easy access in case of fire? There is only one entry/ access point. Prevailing winds would blow embers across our homes.

**NB: Proposed site, 52 Anderson Rd is partly within the Bushfire Prone Land.**

From: NSW Rural Fire Service, Shane Fitzsimons Commissioner, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Legend: RED - Bushfire Prone Land - Vegetation Buffer 100 meters & 30 meters, YELLOW - Bushfire Prone Land, Vegetation Category 2





**I wish to make it clear, that I am not against such a concept as recycling. It is very much needed but we need to be wise where we locate such sites, so as not to create further problems for the present and future.**

Benedict admit the need for such a facility will grow, so why put it on the smallest site available in Smeaton Grange which is also the closest site to residential homes, when there is plenty of other sites available? The site may be of a lower cost to Benedict, but it will be a very high cost to the residents who live here and eventually to the State's Health costs.

If they obtain this small site, they will only be able to manage the increasing demand by operating 24 hours. It would make more sense to obtain a site closer to where the airport will be built and the future expansion of Industry that comes with an Airport.

All industrial areas that adjoin suburbs should have a margin of Light Industry. No General Industry should be allowed within 1km of residential homes. Many Currans Hill residents were under the understanding that Smeaton Grange was for Light Industry and Bulky Goods only and were happy to live here.

There needs to be better planning for new Industrial Areas. General Industry should be surrounded by Light Industry which would then give a better situation for placing near residential suburbs.

**This is definitely the wrong site for Benedict and for our community.**

This submission has missed the business paper print, however we will distribute this submission (along with any others received between now and Tuesday), to Councillors on Tuesday night.

Nicole

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Please distribute for consideration at next meeting, thanks

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**From:** Robert Crowe <[crowe.robert@ymail.com](mailto:crowe.robert@ymail.com)>  
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**Cc:** Therese Fedeli <[gia@ispdr.net.au](mailto:gia@ispdr.net.au)>

Dear Madam Mayor.

I would like the following matters to be added to my previous submission regarding Councils review of the above application.

**FIRE RISK:**

The Brochure presented to residents by Benedict states that products that would be processed for Recycling would include:  
Dry Paper/Cardboard, Timber and Plastics. This proposes a substantial Fire Risk .

The Coles Warehouse next door to this proposed facility regularly has Fire Brigade Call outs and we feel that the 2 facilities side by side pose a significant risk to local residents. **Has contact been made with the Local Fire Brigade for their input?**

**Health Risks:**

The Smeaton Grange and Narellan Industrial areas have a number of Kitchen Fabrication Companies who Process **MDF** products, **MDF** has considerable Health

risks including Pulmonary Thrombosis and would be detrimental to the health of Local Residents as well as employees and products in the adjacent Coles Food Warehouse.

There is a high risk of these products being included in waste Bins being processed on this site which is in a **High Wind area**

**Employment:**

The Benedict Representatives at the site meeting with residents stated that there was no opportunity for local employment as they intend to use existing employees.

I ask that the above matters also be included in the review being prepared for the next Council Meeting if possible.

Regards.

Robert S Crowe

Currans Hill Resident