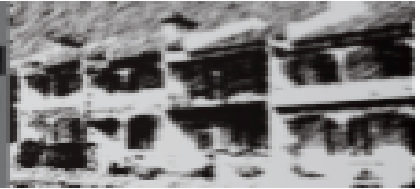


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To NSW Planning and Environment

Submission - Shore Physical Education Centre. SSD 7507

Union Precinct represents the residents and business of the area immediately adjacent to Shore School, and in fact Shore School is part of the Precinct. We apologise for a late submission but as we meet only monthly it was not possible to submit before now.

At our monthly meeting on Sept 7 the Precinct considered the impacts of the proposed development. We have been previously briefed of the development by Shore so have considered the likely impacts carefully, and whilst there is some concern of the building bulk and its impact on residential flat buildings on the east side of William St, that is not our major concern.

The Precinct's major concern is that of **traffic management, and especially the long term arrangements for Union St.** North Sydney Council, as a condition of a previous Development Consent, banned Right Turns from Union St into the "kiss and drop facility" driveway. Signs were erected accordingly, but observations from the residents on the south side of Union St clearly show that the ban is not being followed, nor policed.

The problem arises as the single driveway entrance from Union St is a shared driveway with 3 functions;

- entry to the drive heading north to behind the Dining Hall and other buildings, used for staff parking and service vehicles and food supply vehicles
- entry into the existing staff parking structure
- entry into the kiss and drop access drive by virtue of a hard right turn once in the driveway.

Clearly, it is impossible to police an illegal right turn into a driveway when 2 out of the 3 activities are legal. Right turns at the top of the Union St hill also are a dangerous activity - afternoon sun glare is a serious issue, route 265 buses cannot pass as parking as allowed on the south kerb, and long queues are not uncommon in the afternoon pick up.

In previous submissions to North Sydney Council, the Precinct has consistently called for access into the Union St drive entrance to be LEFT HAND TURN only, with a painted medium strip and/or double lines installed to encourage that.

This development application increases the staff parking structure numbers by 38 additional cars, with the only access from the existing opening for the Union St driveway. So traffic activity is clearly increased at a critical point - the right turn into the Union St driveway. These increased traffic movements result in the Precinct formally repeating our previous demands that, as a Condition of Consent, a condition be inserted as follows -

" Access into the Union St eastern driveway will be LEFT HAND TURN ONLY, and the entrance will now be signposted on both sides accordingly, and a painted and striped medium strip will be installed on the verge of Union St carriageway to enforce correct use of the driveway entrance"

Regards

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