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2. Applicant Name and Number
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3. I object to the proposed redevelopment.
4. My reasons for objecting are as follows:
 - a. The proposed new four storey building is not located in the most suitable position on the school site.
 - b. As an ex-pupil, late 1940s to 50s, I, like two other residents in Palmerston Road (both ex-pupils), were always under the impression the original weatherboard building was Heritage Listed and could not be demolished. The building was opened in 1927. If the building is not Heritage Listed it should be.
 - c. Traffic Problems.
 - i. The No Right Turn from Edgeworth David Avenue into Jubilee Street has not been thought through. Stage Two of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital will commence in the not too far distant future (12 months) and the main entrance of the hospital will be in Derby Road not Palmerston Road. Motorists from Wahroonga/St Ives will turn right from Edgeworth David Avenue into Jubilee Street and straight into Derby Road to the new main entrance of the hospital. If the No Right Turn at Jubilee Street is put in place motorists will need to go through the Edgeworth David Avenue/Myra Street intersection, turn right into Palmerston Road then turn right into Burdett Street then left into Derby Road. Someone did not think this idea through properly.
 - ii. The one lane each way proposal on Edgeworth David Avenue is totally ridiculous. Currently the traffic coming from Hornsby to St Ives is banked up at Wentworth Avenue waiting to get through three sets of traffic lights with two lanes of traffic on both sides of Edgeworth David Avenue. One lane each way will see the traffic up to Westfield Shopping Centre (page 11 at section 2.10 of GHDs Traffic Report).

- iii. I note on page 37 of clause 4.5.1 that outputs indicate that the Edgeworth David Avenue/Myra Street intersection will perform unsatisfactorily. It does now. What will be done to correct this problem?
- iv. I also note on page 11 clause 2.10, it is recommended that another pedestrian crossing be installed in Myra Street. I assume this will be traffic light controlled. This will cause additional traffic holdups. There is a pedestrian crossing in Myra Street now. Why do we need another one?
- v. School Parking – as part of this new school building project, two “drop off” lanes should be constructed on school property. One in Myra Street and one in Edgeworth David Avenue.
- vi. Currently I see parents parking in the shopping centre car park waiting to pick up children in the afternoon. Why should they park on private property? The shopping centre, in my view, should install a boom gate system.
- vii. Where are the construction workers going to park when the demolition takes place and when the new building is being constructed? My experience with the hospital redevelopment is that construction workers will park anywhere. They parked in the specialist doctors’ car parks in Palmerston Road.
- viii. Parking around the hospital and the school is a major problem and a solution needs to be found before major projects like stage two at the hospital and the school are commenced. The new hospital car park holds 550 vehicles. The traffic consultants for stage one of the hospital redevelopment advised that approximately 950 car spaces were needed on the surrounding streets after stage one was completed.
- ix. Cars are now parked on both sides of Palmerston Road from Edgeworth David Avenue to Burdett Street preventing school pickup in the afternoon in particular. When stage two of the hospital commences 65 car spaces on the hospital site will be removed, only making the parking problems worse.

5. I have made no political contributions.

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