

SUBMISSION FOR NEWCASTLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1. My wife and I live in the adjoining apartment block. Our second bedroom is on the third level and faces directly to the building site overlooking the school. Whilst we do not have a major issue with the proposed design of the school our major concern is noise. During the day we open the bedroom window for cross flow ventilation through our apartment. Currently we have an issue with the loudspeaker used to address the children and this can only get worse with the increase in pupil numbers.
2. Overall, it is of great concern to not only us but many of the owners here that the MATURE trees and shrubs are proposed to be removed on the school's northern boundary adjacent our property to make way for a internal road within the school grounds from Corlette Street through to Union Street. These trees currently act as a wind break and noise attenuated for our property. They also in their current position and size give additional security to our property in this area where significant cost has been made to raise the level of security in this vulnerable area of Newcastle.
3. We object to the concept of removing the trees to make way for a roadway which itself is not good planning. Apart from taking area away from play area it must provide a physical danger to children even with the limited operating times presumably early morning and afternoon. Both these times are extremely busy times for Union Street onto which it is intended to exit. The buildup of traffic at the lights will no doubt create a blockage on site and a hold up going back to the entry off Corlette Street. There is no opportunity for a right-hand exit onto Union Street if it is proposed.
4. We do have reservations regarding the traffic congestion on Corlette Street. The significant increase in pupil drop off will see significant increase in vehicles using the already over utilised street, which unless is made one way in the direction of north there will be major clogging which may lead to accidents or at least road rage.
5. We have concerns about the increase in people and vehicles affecting parking in the area. At present there is no spare space.
6. We are concerned about possible loss of disabled parking spaces and potential bus bay increases and loss of further car parking.

We request that these views are given consideration.