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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission Regarding Revised Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy

I am writing in response to the Department of Planning and Environment's (**the Department**) 'Revised Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy' and in particular the proposed refining of the Marrickville Station Precinct (**MSP**).

As set out below, we have a number of concerns with the proposal.

Impact on the character and community of Marrickville

My husband and I have lived in Marrickville for the last 13 years and are raising our three children here. Marrickville's charm is that it remains a predominantly low rise suburb with a distinctly inner west feel. To date, Marrickville has not seen apartment blocks of 10 to 12 storeys, and this has allowed Marrickville to preserve its character.

In my view, the plan for the Marrickville Station Precinct would change forever the character of the area. Marrickville would start to look more like Green Square, rather than an inner west suburb. We support limited development in the area, but apartment blocks of 10 to 12 storeys would change the character of Marrickville completely.

Parking and access

Parking in Marrickville has become significantly more challenging over the past 13 years. Our street has recently had limited resident's parking restrictions imposed due to the increase in parking congestion. This congestion would no doubt worsen with large scale development of the type proposed.

Schools and hospitals

Over the past decade other areas of Sydney have seen high rise development without an increase in schools or hospital capacity. I have not seen any plans for new schools or hospitals and therefore there is a risk that similar mistakes are being made.

Sporting Fields

My children are active members of the Marrickville Red Devils Soccer Club and Marrickville Cricket Club. As a spectator of both codes it is clear that existing facilities are barely sufficient. With many thousand new families in the area I cannot see how existing council facilities will cope. I have not seen any plans for new cricket and soccer fields or any other new sporting facilities. This is a significant concern.

Thank you for considering the issues I have raised in this submission.

Regards,

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