

SUBMISSION

Mortdale Resource Recovery Facility (SSD 7421)

I wish to object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

The impact on local roads

The local roads are already heavily congested with vehicles and parked vehicles, and are inadequate for the proposed development. The large number and type of truck movements will cause major safety concerns for road users, residents and pedestrians.

Barry Avenue is currently "light industrial", but in recent times has become a mix of residential many of which are duplexes. The roads nearby to Hearne Street are already impacted by heavy vehicular traffic each day. This development would endanger the users of these roads.

The site is awkward and large, heavy trucks of the type envisaged to use this site, would cause traffic and parking issues.

Vicinity of child care centre

Located in Anderson Road is a child care centre. The dust, noise, odours and air pollution would have a severe effect on the health of the children and staff.

Operating hours

Currently local businesses are permitted to operate between the hours of 7am-7pm Monday to Saturday. The proposed development has sought to have its' hours of operation between 6am-11pm. Other local businesses must adhere to strict operating hours, yet the proposed development is seeking to extend its operating hours earlier and much later than nearby businesses. This is unfair. In particular, residents living in nearby Barry Avenue, Anderson Road and Boundary Road would be subjected to loud, heavy trucks from early in the day until late at night 6 days a week. The adverse impact on the local community cannot be stressed too much.

Narrow, one way bridge between Boundary Road and Hurstville Road

The bridge over the railway line is one-way. It would be impossible to have effective traffic controls in place 6 days a week to ensure that trucks using the Hearne Street site do not take a short cut and use this narrow bridge.

If this scenario does not seem possible, I personally witnessed a B-double truck using the one way bridge on Tuesday, 12 December 2017 at 2.40pm whilst I was leaving the community hall at Mortdale after attending the Planning Assessment Commission Meeting to discuss this matter. If this is happening in daylight hours, one can only imagine the number of trucks which would illegally access the one way bridge.

Benefits versus impacts

There should be a balance between local developments, both the benefits and any adverse impacts. I do not believe the proposed development application is in the public interest as the quality of life for many residents and businesses will be adversely impacted.

For the reasons outlined above, the Planning Commission should reject this application in its entirety as being entirely unsuitable for the area.

