

Mixed Use Development - 60 to 64 Showground Road Gosford 2250

Summary of Comments

I have no deep objection to the Development as a whole. However I do object to the inclusion of so called "Special Disability Units" on the top floor of the complex as I believe that they will be uninhabitable due to excessive train and (especially) helicopter noise.

I totally object to the so-called Acoustic Consultants report which, in my opinion, is misleading, based on false methodology, and omits any detailed discussion of relevant helicopter noise.

I also object to the traffic report which, in my opinion, underestimates the effect of the development on northbound traffic in Showground Road.

Traffic Consultant's Report

This report, in my opinion, is false and misleading, as any resemblance to reality is non-existent.

For example it discusses a "PM Peak traffic period" of 4pm to 5pm, which is completely incorrect.

In reality, the PM peak traffic period in Showground Road is between 3pm and 3.45pm, when traffic is at least 100% greater than that of 4pm to 5pm. The reason is Gosford High School's effect of school buses, pedestrian lights outside the school in Racecourse Road and the resulting congestion at the roundabout intersection of Racecourse Road and Showground Road. This creates traffic chaos, which has the effect that northbound traffic (in Showground Road) is at a near standstill all the way from just south of Faunce Street West (ie Gosford Station) up to Racecourse Road roundabout (nearly a kilometre). Local drivers prefer this route with this slow moving traffic jam, to that of driving along Racecourse Road, where the traffic is stopped (for long periods) for 1 to 1.5 kilometres.

The excessive fumes given off by 0.5 to 1km of stopped and crawling traffic, adjacent to the site, has not even been mentioned.

The above traffic consultant's report states that, with additional traffic from the "health complex", the northbound traffic (in Showground Road) between 4pm and 5pm will, at worst, queue for only 197 metres.

In reality, between 4pm to 5pm, current existing northbound traffic (in Showground Road) is at a near standstill all the way from just south of No 64 Showground Road up to Racecourse Road roundabout (approximately a half kilometre).

It is to be noted that Gosford Hospital has a shift change around 4pm so there is much north turning and south turning traffic exiting the hospital car park around this time which adds to the traffic queue.

Any additional traffic will only worsen this chaotic log jam effect.

In my opinion, a new traffic consultants report should be undertaken with actual vehicle counts and queuing/stationary periods for relevant peak traffic periods (2.50pm to 5pm) done.