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Summary of Public Submissions: DA 25/2293 (PAN-524174) – Residential Flat Building – 80-82 Showground Road, Gosford

Comments - Wamberal, NSW

Dear Community Engagement Team,

I am writing in my capacity as Principal of Gosford High School to express our concerns regarding the proposed development at 80 Showground Road. This site is adjacent to our school as well as a neighbouring primary and high school, and the proposed changes raise multiple issues that could compromise the safety and well-being of our students.

My primary concerns include:

- **Increased Traffic and Congestion:** The development is likely to generate additional vehicular traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times, creating dangerous conditions for children.
- **Compromised Pedestrian Safety:** The large number of students using the footpath in front of the property especially those heading to Gosford Train Station raises serious safety concerns. The footpath on Showground Road must be widened and made more accessible to ensure safe passage.
- **Construction-Related Hazards:** The construction process may introduce temporary hazards (e.g., heavy machinery, construction materials, and noise) that could disrupt the safe environment our students need.
- **Insufficient Safety Infrastructure:** The current proposal appears to lack robust safety features such as proper signage, dedicated pedestrian crossings, and effective traffic calming measures.

Additionally, I would like to propose the following considerations:

- **Footbridge over Racecourse Road Roundabout:** To alleviate the increasing foot traffic that is currently contributing to traffic congestion impacting access to Gosford Train Station, Gosford High School, Gosford Hospital, and the University of Newcastle it is worth considering a footbridge over the Racecourse Road Roundabout.
- **Enhanced Parking Facilities:** Given that the Northbound lane of Showground Road leads to a very congested roundabout and rail-crossing vehicle bridge, there should be a consideration for more parking facilities for the 26 proposed homes.

- Upgrading the Railway bridge crossing: An upgrade to the railway vehicle crossing to the northeast of the property should be considered to further enhance safety for both vehicular and pedestrian users.

I respectfully request that these concerns and suggestions be incorporated into the detailed design to ensure that the safety of our children remains a paramount priority. I am available to discuss these points further and to collaborate on strategies that will secure a safe environment for our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards

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## Object – North Gosford, NSW

Submission to NSW Planning: Objection to Proposed Intersection at 80-82 Showground Road, Gosford

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed intersection development at 80-82 Showground Road, Gosford. As a concerned member of the local community, I believe the proposal presents significant safety, environmental, and planning concerns that should prevent its approval in its current form.

### Key Objections:

#### 1. Safety Risks

Showground Road is already a high-traffic corridor with limited visibility due to its slope and surrounding infrastructure.

The addition of a new intersection in this location would significantly increase the risk of traffic accidents, especially during peak school and commuter hours.

Pedestrian safety, particularly for school-aged children and elderly residents nearby, would be compromised by increased vehicle access and turning points.

#### 2. Increased Congestion

The road currently experiences frequent congestion, especially at the intersection with Racecourse Road and near the Pacific Highway.

Introducing a new intersection will further slow traffic flow and contribute to traffic build-up in both directions, affecting commuters and emergency services access.

#### 3. Environmental Impact

The surrounding area includes established trees and green corridors that provide a buffer from road noise and air pollution. Any construction will likely result in the loss of this vegetation.

The cumulative impact of development along Showground Road poses a threat to local wildlife habitats.

### 4. Incompatible with Existing Infrastructure

The proposed intersection does not align with the current urban design and residential character of the area.

It risks setting a precedent for further overdevelopment along this corridor, undermining the local strategic planning intent for balanced, sustainable growth.

### 5. Insufficient Community Consultation

Residents in the immediate vicinity, including homeowners and local businesses, have not had sufficient opportunity to voice concerns or review alternative proposals.

A development of this scale and consequence warrants a full impact assessment and transparent community engagement process before any approvals are granted.

### Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge NSW Planning to reject the proposed intersection at 80-82 Showground Road. We must prioritise safety, preserve local amenity, and ensure infrastructure changes are made in consultation with the community and in line with long-term strategic plans.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind regards,