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Penrith City Council
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OBJECTION TO DA17/1092

I wish to lodge an objection to the above DA17/1092 and the proposed development of a cemetery and crematorium in Wallacia. [REDACTED] and am appalled at the proposal to replace the golf course and golf club with a cemetery. I choose to live in a small peaceful rural village and feel that a cemetery in the centre of Wallacia would destroy the village atmosphere forever.

The golf course is a most unsuitable location for a cemetery being right in the heart of Wallacia. The local shops, Wallacia Hotel and residential houses along Mulgoa Road all back onto the golf course. Immediately across the road is 'Regal Oaks' plus residential houses along Park Road and residential housing to the back of the course. To my mind, ideally a cemetery should be separated and built away from existing residences.

The golf course is bounded by Mulgoa Road and Park Road, both of which are single lane roads in either direction. Should a cemetery go in, the amount of regular traffic attending funerals and funeral processions on these roads, and to a lesser extent, Silverdale Road, will cause congestion and long delays on all these roads.

The golf course is not suitable for a cemetery as many areas of the course regularly flood after heavy rain and take a couple of days to drain away. This makes it unsuitable for gravesites.

The golf course has a long history, being opened in 1932. It also has the distinction of being the first course in Australia to open membership for Women Associates in 1933. The land the golf course is situated on was actually bequeathed to the community by the late John Fowler with the proviso that the land is always used for recreation purposes.

I am concerned that following the installation of a crematorium, in addition to the opening of the nearby Badgerys Creek airport with planes flying overhead, and an increased volume of traffic in the area that both a cemetery and an airport will bring, the air quality in Wallacia will suffer greatly due to pollution from all these sources.

A cemetery in the heart of Wallacia will most definitely devalue home prices and affect the desirability of living here. This is unfair and a significant concern for local homeowners like myself. I feel that property prices within 'Regal Oaks', being directly opposite the golf club, will be significantly reduced as a result.

The loss of a recreational facility such as the golf course and a social outlet for the local community such as the golf club will have a huge impact on the lives of local residents as there will no longer be the opportunity to meet and mix with local people. The idea of closing a golf course for a cemetery is laughable and ridiculous. Apart from a small bowling club, there are no other recreational facilities in this area to service the villages of Wallacia, Mulgoa, Luddenham, Silverdale and Warragamba other than the golf course.

I am strongly opposed to the establishment of a cemetery in Wallacia and ask that Penrith Council and the NSW State Government say 'No' to this proposal.

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