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To whom it may concern,

We are neighbouring the Golf Course on Park Road and are opposed to having the Cemetery being placed on our doorstep.

A few points we would like to make are:

- 1) The Catholic Cemeteries Trust say that the Site will be landscaped with walking / bike paths and recreational areas for families to enjoy.
  - Can I ask, have you lost a loved one?
  - Have you been to a Cemetery for a Funeral?
  - Have you been to a Cemetery to visit a loved one?

Well we have recently lost our Mum and totally understand the whole experience, emotions, devastation of organising a funeral and going to Bury someone loved dearly.

By any means a Cemetery is not a place of recreation, it's a place to be considerate to others due to the mourning of a loss of someone dear to them.

I am sure if you do understand you would not want Children / Family's riding their bikes, laughing or making any kind of noise while your laying your loved one to rest, or even while your visiting a loved one after the event.

I believe this is disrespectful to the family's whom a grieving the loss of a loved one.

- 2) We purchased our property 20 years ago, for the fact that it overlooks the Golf Course and the rolling hills and that we would bring up our family in the country side living as we were brought up.

Looking at the diagram from Catholic Cemeteries there will be Head Stones all along our side fence line and back fence line. This is not what we want our view to be, nor did we buy our property to be overlooking a Cemetery.

When this diagram was brought up on the projector at the meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Wallacia Hotel. It was only put up for a few seconds pointing out the changes made about the green area at the front corner of our block and nothing was mentioned how the side fence & back fence to our property was surrounded by headstones and that how this impacts our property.

All the talk is about the other neighbours on Mulgoa Road side, but nobody has considered us, we are neighbours to, and are affected by our side fence and back fence two sides to our whole property.

- 3) There was also discussion that the Catholic Cemeteries Trust have spoken to neighbours of the golf course about the cemetery and about offering compensation.

Well we are a neighbour of the golf course on Park Road and nobody knocked on our door to let us know that a cemetery was on the cards to be placed next door, nor was any compensation offered.

We are Catholics yet we feel that the CMCT give Catholics a bad name by lies and deceit of this commercial development not being discussed and this DA not transparent to our community.

- 4) It was also mentioned that there would be a recreation centre on the golf course along with the club by St Johns, whom have joined in with Catholic Cemeteries, but this would only go ahead if the Cemetery goes ahead!!

Well in my opinion this is Blackmail.

We would welcome a Recreation Centre / Hub like Atmosphere located in Penrith which would create more jobs for the area more growth and more facilities for the community.

For example:

- Swimming Pool for Swimming Lessons / Squad Training for Kids in the area
- Hydro Therapy / Aqua Aerobics for the Retired and the over 55's Village across the road – which would encourage fitness / good health for the older community.
- Gym – Weights, Pilates, Yoga, Fitness Classes, Spin Classes for the whole community
- Child Care / Preschool
- Different Therapy's like massage / Chiro / Physio / Medical Centre Etc
- Of Course, the Golf Course

I am sure this would be welcomed by the community as the area is lacking all these facilities and given that the area is growing with new housing at Silverdale, there are more & more new family's coming to the area and where does everyone go for these facilities Penrith or Narellan and surrounding areas which is over half an hour away.

We should be keeping this growth within our community & support our community not have to travel to be able to enjoy necessities needed.

This is what is needed for the area not a Cemetery.....

A Cemetery is giving false hope for the over 55's Village across the road and not giving an opportunity for the younger community.

If you were living in an over 55's Village overlooking a Cemetery isn't this making you feel like that's the end of the road / depressed, rather than seeing a Recreation Facility and Golf Course and thinking this is giving you hope and long jeopardy to look forward to the future.

Well I know which I would prefer!!

The airport is coming and only minutes away from Wallacia, we need to keep this greenspace and create opportunity not a dead space.

People want to be getting off their flight from either Domestic or International with useful surrounding areas and facilities and not see a Cemetery.

Finally, of course one day everyone is going to die and yes Cemeteries are needed to copy with this, but there are many more suitable places as Tanya Davies has Mentioned to hold a Cemetery that isn't affecting a whole Community that is already existing.

Thank you for allowing us to put forward our views.

Kind Regards

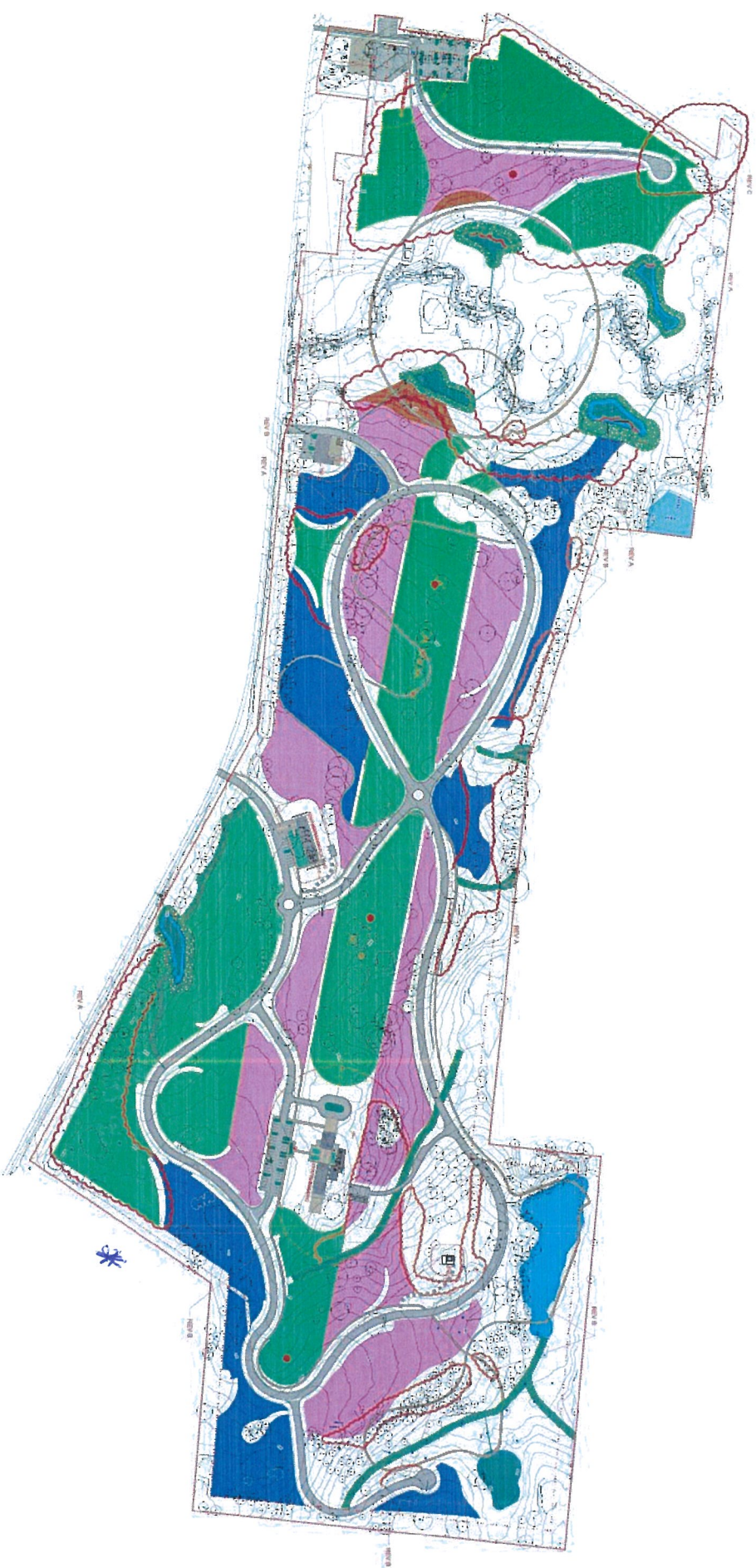


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Issue	Rev	Description	Date
DA		COUNCL	24/10/2017
DA	REV A	COUNCL	06/03/2018
DA	REV B	COUNCL	17/04/2018
DA	REV C	COUNCL	07/10/2018

Project title:  
WALLACIA MEMORIAL PARK  
WALLACIA

Drawing title:  
BURIAL EXTENT AND TYPES

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