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The General Manager Hornsby Shire Council

Dear Sir

DA/784/2025 - 61 Cardinal Avenue Beecroft - proposed child care centre

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust objects to the proposed development of a child care centre at 61 Cardinal Avenue Beecroft. The Trust notes that this is the second attempt to seek development approval for a child care centre at the subject address. In order to avoid repetition the Trust requests that relevant matters raised in our earlier DA/620/2019 objection be considered in the assessment of this second DA.

While some of the earlier issues raised have been addressed and it would appear based on the SEE that many of the compliance issues can be theoretically achieved, it does not alter the fact that locating a child care centre in such a topographically challenging location with restrictive street patterns and narrow street widths is, potentially, a disaster waiting to happen. The Trust is concerned that if approved there will be ongoing long term problems with vehicle and pedestrian movements, not just for the users of the child care centre but also impacting on surrounding residents. The traffic analysis tends to gloss over the potential problems that exist in this section of Beecroft. Hence the need to seriously note the community opposition to such a development. Listening to the local community is very important in this instance. Hence the need to place extra emphasis on the public interest consideration.

In summary, the Trust continues to object. While planning compliance may be achieved in theory, this location for a child care centre is considered to be not in the public interest.

Yours faithfully, Ross Walker OAM

President Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust 4 August 2025