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Hon. Anthony Roberts, MP,
Member for Lane Cove,
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Dear Mr Roberts

It has come to our notice that the Northwood Shops Planning Proposal included in the Department of Planning Industry and Environment 'Fast-tracked Assessments: Tranche One' has been approved.

We ask that you, our Member for Lane Cove, exert pressure on the Department to prevent this example of fast tracking developments at a time of community stress due to the Corona virus epidemic, and as there are already several aged care developments already planned for nearby, as well as the Greenwich Hospital redevelopment with an aged care component.

We have objected by every means available to us to this proposal as:

- Lane Cove Council has continued to refuse the proposal on the town planning and urban design grounds. We support the Council in this.
- The Society is concerned that the Council be able to enforce adequate setbacks so as to retain and regenerate adjoining bushland tracts, connecting to the Golf Course bushland surrounds and proven so very valuable to residents (& for our wildlife) for their physical and mental health over the Covid-19 'lock-down' months and at other times.
- Traffic is dangerous at the intersection. Entry / exit from the site and changes to the intersection have not been resolved with the RMS;
- The adjacent bushland cannot be adequately protected by the proposed 3m wide buffer;
- The proposed site is not appropriate for an aged care facility and especially since there are currently three aged care/seniors living development proposed nearby;
- No public benefits are proposed to be delivered despite a development that seeks substantial uplift;

If community consultation is to mean anything, the community's objections to this proposed development should have influenced the outcome.

Regards,
Shauna Forrest (President)
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