

# Submission to Ashfield Council regarding

**Development site:** 230 Victoria St Ashfield, lot: 11 DP: 1002099

**Development Proposal:** 10.2016.053

**Submitter:** Yeo Park Infants' School Parents and Citizens' Association

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To whom it may concern,

As the parents and carers of the ninety children who are the immediate neighbours of the proposed cafe site, the Yeo Park Infants' School P&C (YPI SP&C) consider ourselves significant stakeholders in this proposed change of use, and would ask that our concerns (mentioned below) be addressed before any such change of use occurs.

To gauge the sentiment of the parent population, a survey was conducted (IP address locked, to limit multiple submissions by individuals). Fifty responses were received, representing a likely majority of the families with children attending the school.

While broadly in favour of the proposal, the families surveyed expressed a preference for a child-care facility in this location, to a cafe. We understand that the location is currently zoned as a child-care facility, and has been used as such in the past.

**We would like the following questions addressed:**

- Has there been any attempt to reinstitute a child care facility in the location?
- Why was the use of that location as a child care facility discontinued?
- What is the reason for the proposed change of use?
- What would the opening hours of a cafe at this venue be limited to?
- Would this be a licensed premises?

We would also like the following concerns addressed, before the change of use occurs.

The main concerns, in order of greatest number to least are:

1. We worry that increased traffic to the area would put the onus on Yeo Park Infants' School to fence the grounds. As well as the trouble, responsibility, and expense this would impose on the school, the parent body is strongly opposed to fencing the school grounds.

2. We worry that increased road traffic will cause safety issues around road crossing, and increase difficulty parking during school drop off and pick up times, appointments, and events.
3. Please note that there is no School Speed Limit sign outside our school, only one up at the corner closer to Trinity. Many visitors to the area might not be aware of the presence of Yeo Park Infants' School, and thus assume the speed restriction is for Trinity Grammar only. Could the Council help with additional signage?

**Can the council please provide an impact assessment, with specific attention to the above concerns?**

4. We worry that patronage of a cafe in the park would increase the number of persons smoking in the area.

**We would like an undertaking from the council to provide more signage notifying park users of the Ashfield Council policy of June 2011 prohibiting smoking within 10 metres of Cafes, Sports grounds, and YPIS.**

[http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au/files//your\\_council/policies\\_plans\\_and\\_reports/policies/s/moke\\_free\\_public\\_parks\\_and\\_sports\\_venues\\_policy.pdf](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au/files//your_council/policies_plans_and_reports/policies/s/moke_free_public_parks_and_sports_venues_policy.pdf)

5. We worry that increased use of the area by cafe patrons would increase the number of dogs in the park.

**We would like an undertaking from the council to provide more signage notifying park users of the Ashfield Council policy for dogs on leashes, and ...**

**We would like an undertaking from the council to provide more dog litter bins with bag facilities for the park.**

Thank you for taking our considerations into account,

Stephen Brewer  
President, Yeo Park Infants' School Parents and Citizens Association