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Oppose

I oppose this submission on the grounds that the scale and operation of this centre would be against the city planning code for a Character residential zone in the CityPlan 2014. It will be located at an already busy and often dangerous T-section of Chiswick and Cecil Roads. I'm actually shocked that anyone would think this was a good site for a childcare centre! There are already near misses frequently at this location particularly close to school drop off and pick up times and later in the afternoon between 4:30-6pm. To add more traffic would pose a serious risk to pedestrians (children included), cyclists (also children) and motorists (children as passengers). As well as parents dropping off and picking up their children, there would be deliveries and refuse collection along a stretch of Chiswick Road which is used by cyclists and pedestrians.

At the exact location where this centre is proposed is where traffic backs up on Chiswick Rd to turn right into Cecil Road. Traffic continuing straight ahead pass on the left (when there are no buses there). Motorists turning right from Cecil Rd onto Chiswick Rd often only have a few seconds between cars to accelerate across. At times I've seen the residents of the properties proposed to be developed into a childcare centre trying to get out of their driveways and it is dangerous. This is not a suitable location to add more traffic.

On the location map I also noticed that is heavily biased towards the west where most of the land there is bush. If they showed an honest representation of the local catchment there would be more childcare facilities included to show that the area is actually quite well serviced for child care options.

Demolition of part of a pre-1946 building is also against the City Plan 2014 in a Character residential zone with a traditional character overlay. This should not be allowed.

Removal of mature native trees is also proposed. This should not be allowed.

Please do not approve this application to go ahead. It will undoubtedly lead to serious traffic incidents and put our children in danger as well as being against the City Plan 2014.