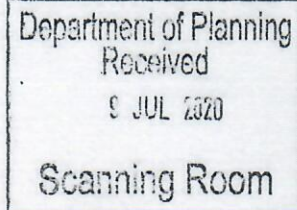




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(Attention: Ms Amy Watson
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Dear Ms Watson

Re: Modification to Bonnyrigg Housing Estate Concept Plan
(MP 06_0046 MOD 5)

I refer to your letter, reference MP 06_0046 MOD 5, dated 22 June 2020. As a resident and ratepayer of Bonnyrigg for 35 years, I wish to comment on the above Plan Modification.

I have no problem with the proposed amendments covered by the eight bullet points in your letter.

What I believe to be a crucially missing bullet point is the one detailing the additional parking areas. An additional 500 dwellings equates to anything from 500 to 3000 extra people – possibly even more. This population increase would all occur within a geographically delineated area – not the suburb of Bonnyrigg as a whole.

1. This could easily equate to 500 extra vehicles, just for the residents alone. Some of these people will not own vehicles, whereas other families will own two or three vehicles. It is not realistic to suggest that all residents simply catch public transport because there is a T-Way stop nearby. People in South-Western Sydney often travel large distances to work and there are more workers coming into the Bonnyrigg Estate area.
2. Extra people mean extra visitors – for example relatives and friends. Where is the extra parking to accommodate them?
3. Given the demographics of Bonnyrigg Estate, there is a higher than average proportion of people with special needs. Over my 35 years living here I now notice that more residents are ageing, in line with general population trends. Some of these residents currently require carers, so more people mean more services will be required –

in other words, more visitors who drive. (I have rarely met a carer who catches public transport and I've worked in the disability sector.)

4. Currently parking is becoming increasingly problematic around Bonnyrigg Plaza and the Bonnyrigg T-Way stop. Increasingly commuters park in Bonnyrigg Plaza all-day long. Again, with an extra 500-3000 residents there will be even more pressure on parking around the T-Way and in Bonnyrigg Plaza itself. It would be very unwise to increase road safety issues around the Bonnyrigg T-Way stop due to poor planning. Should there be plans to re-develop Bonnyrigg Plaza Carpark, they would occur at a future date, if at all, given that the current pandemic has changed many business plans. I am concerned with road safety now as well as increased traffic problems in the future.

I would very appreciative of a detailed well thought-out reply – in writing – to this letter. I look forward to receiving it at the earliest practical time.

Many thanks for your careful perusal of this letter.