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Cr David Lagan
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Dear Cr Lagan,

RE: Planning Application Number: **DA17/2053 9th February 2018**

On behalf of the Our Lady's Assumption School Dianella, situated at 43 Chester Drive, Dianella and directly opposite the proposed development, and the Our Lady's Assumption School Board, I am formally making you aware of our strong objection to the proposed development of **165 Multiple Dwellings located at LOT 888, HN 36 Chester Avenue, Dianella WA 6059, Planning Application DA17/2503**.

Acting on behalf of the Our Lady's Assumption School Board, and as the Principal of Our Lady's Assumption Primary School, I am of the view that the proposed development will have a serious negative impact on the students' privacy, safety and health. The school's specific objections are as follows:

1. **Looking into the School Playground:** This is a serious breach of privacy for all of Our Lady's Assumption community members, especially the students. As the principal of the school, it's my responsibility to ensure the students are safe at all times and with the proposed development, I cannot ensure this will be the case. It is also the Council's responsibility to ensure the privacy laws are adhered to.

   Parents should also feel comfortable with the fact that no person can look into the school from heights disclosed in the proposal. They should feel comfortable with the fact that their children are not being watched by unknown persons. This would not be the case if the proposed development moves to the construction phase and people moving into the dwellings as windows are positioned overlooking the school grounds.

2. **Student Pedestrian Access:** With most families using the pedestrian access and an increase in vehicles/traffic within the cul-de-sac, including large vehicles as identified in item 6, student safety is a major concern.

3. **Impact on Student Learning:** During the construction phase**,** noise levels will increase significantly, affecting the students' ability to concentrate and remain focused on the learning tasks.

4. **Parking:** Construction vehicle/workers parking in the available bays and the staff parking at Dianella Plaza, obstruction to student drop off/pick up area on Chester Drive.

5. Impact on local safety and traffic will increase significantly before and after construction.

6. **Large Vehicles:** Heavy garbage disposal vehicles egress/ingress on Chester Drive will obstruct the flow of traffic within the cul-de-sac.

7. The school has been on the current site for over fifty years and it is the City of Stirling Council responsibility that any proposed development that may place student's safety at risk, within the area surrounding or in close proximity to the school, should not be permitted. In the best interests of all the students at the school, especially if occupants will have a clear view of the school, should be a major factor in rejecting the proposal. With the proposed 165 dwellings to be constructed, and the possibility of over 500 people moving into a small confined area, possibility of persons approaching the students will increase significantly. This is a huge concern for the Our Lady's Assumption Community.

I sincerely hope that you refuse the proposed **Planning Application DA17/2503**. If this application is to be decided by an assessment panel or councillors, please take this as notice that a representative for the school will wish to speak at the meeting of the committee at which this application is expected to be decided.

Please let me know the date and time of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Martin
Principal
On Behalf of Our Lady's Assumption School & Our Lady's Assumption School Board

cc.

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