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Submissions

From: Belinda Baker

Sent on: Thursday, August 15, 2024 5:02:09 AM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

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Hi,

As this venue is very close to historical residential houses with little sound proofing could weekend hours please be made to commence from 9am to give local residents a sound break. If this could therefore shift weekend hours to 9am to 2pm this would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Belinda

From: Adrienne Jerram

Sent on: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 7:25:36 PM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

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I wanted to add my support for this application.

It has the potential to foster greater social cohesion and highlight our little village as a centre for culture and innovation.

I know many members of the community are excited about this change and are committed to make the most of it.

Adrienne Jerram.
29 Calder Rd
Darlington.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:02:13 PM
To: DASubmissions
Subject: Comment on DA for community centre in Shepherd Street Darlington D/2024/615

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Friday 16 August 2024

To: Sydney City Council DA Submissions.

Comment on DA for community centre in Shepherd Street Darlington D/2024/615

I write to support Sydney City Council's development application for the re-opening of the community centre at 132-134 Shepherd Street Darlington NSW 2008.

In the past, the community centre served the area well, and I look forward to it doing so again in the near future. I believe a community centre is needed in this neighbourhood and will be used,

I support the proposed opening hours from 7.00 am to 12.00 midnight subject to reasonable conditions to maintain the amenity of the neighbourhood.

I hope Council will put some effort and resources into renewing the premises and bringing the grounds up to a reasonable standard in time for the re-opening.

Thank you.

Peter Prineas

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Carol Marra

Sent on: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:19:18 PM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

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Dear Ben Chamie

I work at and reside at 136B Shepherd St, Darlington, directly across the Darlington Activity Centre which is the subject of this DA. I have been at this location for the past 18 years and therefore am intimately familiar with the history and operations of the activity centre.

I do not object to the continuing use of this building as a community facility.

I do object to the proposed opening hours being Monday-Sunday, 7am to midnight. These hours are not compatible with the surrounding residential uses neighbouring the Darlington Activity Centre. I also note the DA does not explicitly indicate the types of activities that may take place. According to the NSW Environmental Protection Agency, sources of neighbourhood noise should generally be avoided between the hours of 8am to 8pm on weekdays and 7am to 10pm on weekends. Opening hours for the activity centre should therefore more closely align with residential uses, for example 8am to 10pm Monday-Friday, and 8am to 8pm Saturday and Sunday - this will ensure acoustic impacts are largely avoided and we as neighbouring residents do not become the de-facto 'police' of acoustic impacts on behalf of the City of Sydney. While I note the DA includes conditions relating to acoustic impacts, this relies on users of the activity centre being aware of the conditions and abiding by them, none of which can be guaranteed by the City of Sydney as the property owner. I suggest a reduction in the hours of operations is a simpler and more appropriate solution to manage potential acoustic impacts and conflict between neighbours.

I also object to the proposed waste storage area along Rose Lane. There are several bedrooms on our property facing Rose Lane and we are already routinely disturbed by City of Sydney operations along this area (eg, early morning leaf blowers, maintenance works, street sweepers). Waste management tends to occur in the early morning hours, anywhere from 4am onwards, and the movement of a large number of waste bins from the proposed location to the pick up location has the effect of impacting residents amenity and quiet enjoyment of their properties. Rose Lane is a narrow laneway and therefore does not provide sufficient separation between the activity centre and our home to ensure acoustic impacts are mitigated. The activity centre has access to three other street frontages which are wider and easily serviced for waste management purposes. I request that the waste storage area not be situated anywhere along Rose Lane and that the movement of bins be minimised.

I thank you for your attention to the concerns above and trust the City of Sydney will work in collaboration with long-term residents to ensure the Darlington Activity Centre can continue to be a community asset.

Kind regards

Carol Marra
Architect | Director | Churchill Fellow

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ARCHITECTS

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From: Karine Shellshear

Sent on: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:42:37 AM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

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Dear Ben Chamie - I had the opportunity of speaking to you on Monday 19th 2024 and I thank you for steering me to the appropriate documents.

Firstly, and most importantly, I would like to say that I support the re-activation of the Darlington Activity Centre (though I think the signage over the front door is long overdue for modernisation). It is a terrific asset, surrounded by magnificent trees, but sadly the building has been neglected for a very long time and needs a lift to incorporate new community life.

I have lived next door at 136b Shepherd Street Darlington for 40 years. 46 years ago 136 Shepherd Street was converted from a warehouse to residential living. 136 was subsequently subdivided into 136 and 136 B four dwelling units in total - housing up to 10 people. I specify this as a matter of context so as to highlight that we are significant neighbours (both on Shepherd street and the side, Rose lane). We are a historic warehouse residential conversion, with up to 10 people, living in close proximity and impacted by external noise surrounding the building.

Regarding the reactivation of the Activities resource, I welcome creative and constructive use of the Council Activity Centre on Shepherd street, in terms of the capacity to engage the community:

Activities that bring the community together: that provide access to skills development and recreational enhancement; creativity; stress management activities (mental and physical); services to the community and for the community - hopefully well planned in consultation with the community.

The facility should serve as an asset that regenerates community building, breaks down isolation; stimulates positive communication and enhances the wellbeing of the neighbourhood, when well managed. In this way, well balanced community goals are enhanced through shared resources and a shared vision of mutual wellbeing.

For such reasons theoretically, I am delighted to support the use of a neglected and abandoned asset, restored to life and functionality - a multipurpose asset for the community.

There are however some points of concern I draw your attention to:

- I am aware of informal consultations that have taken place through word of mouth - I was not able to attend these as they were all at the same time and clashing with regular week-end commitments - I received no feedback.
- I have had ***no formal consultative notice from Council*** to discuss its proposal, usage and management/co-ordination of activities, necessary for one to provide accurate feedback.
- I have offered informal ideas through others but have had ***no prior opportunity for planned discussion and feedback*** of any kind - yet our building is most closely and directly impacted.
- I have read the material provided as background and I note that whilst the proposal pertains to the revival of an activity centre and its functionality, ***no mention of any specific activities*** have been outlined nor examples, nor ***specifics on volume or capacity of people at any one time or on an ongoing scheduled basis***
- I am ***concerned as to the hours specified being 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight*** in that our dwellings would most certainly be impacted by noise/sound pollution - the hours of operation should be commensurate with environmental planning laws on noise pollution in residential areas. It seems odd not to specify any activities yet to be so specific as to hours of accessibility! Already there is the noise impacts of the early morning (Monday usually) leaf blowers whose task appears to be to blow leaves and tree debris out of the building and

onto the laneway. Previously (in years gone by) cleaners would arrive at 3 or 4 in the morning - using the side entrance on Rose lane (scraping open the side gate with chains and locks) and disturbing those of us just adjacent making attempts at sleep.

- The document refers to **a management strategy** however a management strategy is not attached.
- The document incorporates a management plan but it is unclear as to what is being managed - what activities? upkeep of amenities? regular maintenance? staff being allocated? ongoing concerted effort for adequate exchange/interface with the community.

Having outlined these concerns I am nevertheless HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE of the re-use of the building and it's scope for opportunities to engage positively with the community. Without clarity of expectations and greater elaboration on proposed activities, explaining why opening hours need to be so extensive - it is difficult to give clear feedback.

My recommendations are that:

- Council **formally consult** with neighbours and the community **outlining the kinds of activities it proposes** and its management strategy for ensuring community cohesion;
- Council **ensure that the opening hours conform with environmental laws** on noise pollution (or any other pollution) so due consideration is extended to residents in close proximity.
- Council **addresses planning issues re "authorised vehicle parking" around the activity centre** wasting much needed parking space (mostly unoccupied) so that competing parking interests are more readily met (Council occupies 8 parking spaces half of which are from 8:30 am to 6pm Mon to Friday) these need to be rationalised in view of greater circulation.

Overall, I see this as a very positive opportunity to bring the community together, engage in creative, peaceful and harmonious ways, however lack of clear understanding as to what is being proposed risks disharmony that is antithetical to the well meaning community building intended. Please therefore rationalise the opening times, clarify the activities - volume of people and the Council's management strategy - all of which can contribute towards positive community engagement for the future.

Many thanks for this opportunity to feed back on the proposal as it stands to date.

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Karine Shellshear

Researcher/Writer/Advocate

BA B Soc. Stud.(Hons1), M.Housing (Hons)

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From: Karine Shellshear
Sent on: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:54:25 AM

To: DAsubmissions
Subject: Re: Thank You For Your Submission

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Further to my comments, I have just noticed some of the general activities proposed:

2.1 Overview The land is zoned R1 General Residential. Under the Sydney Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012, community facilities are permitted with consent. This allows the building to be used for the physical, social, cultural or intellectual development or welfare of the community. This building has multiple rooms and spaces that are available for a range of community activities. These may include, but are not limited to provision of physical, social, cultural or intellectual development, welfare services or activities, meetings, classes, rehearsals, workshops, conferences, functions, community events, administrative, clerical, professional or similar activities.

These general activities are good to know - but do not explain the timing 7am to midnight - is that every day?

Thank you!

On Tue, 20 Aug 2024 at 11:43, DAsubmissions <DAsubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

Thank you for your feedback

We will carefully consider the issues you have raised as part of our assessment.

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Bill MacKay
Manager Planning Assessments



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Karine Shellshear

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From: Xia Xiaojun (Jacob)
Sent on: Thursday, August 22, 2024 8:02:31 AM
To: dasubmissions
CC: jacobxia
Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

Caution: This email came from outside the organisation. Don't click links or open attachments unless you know the sender, and were expecting this email.

Dear Ben

I am a resident of 130 Shepherd St Darlington. I welcome the reopening of the Darlington Community Centre but am very concerned about the proposed operating hours.

The Darlington Community Centre is located in a residential area surrounded by terrace houses and University of Sydney Darlington campus, in a normally very quiet area. Our house is across Ivy street from the community centre with two bedrooms' windows directly facing the centre. We are a household of four with two school aged children.

The proposed hours of 7.00am to 12.00 midnight, 7 days a week 365 days a year seem to be excessively long. Despite the noise restrictions on the DA there will be potential noises from late night activities and also from people leaving the centre late night talking, laughing, saying goodbye to each other, opening/closing the car doors and starting engines of cars parked in the neighbourhood. All of these will impact our family's enjoyment of our home and our mental health.

We respectfully ask Council to consider the reduced opening hours to 7.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Friday, and 7.00am to 5.00pm on weekends and public holidays.

Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Jacob Xia
130 Shepherd St Darlington

From: Simon Draper

Sent on: Sunday, September 1, 2024 5:13:31 PM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

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I support the reopening of the community centre for community uses, including for events by hirers. I have no problem with music or events. However, I am concerned that the hours of operation will be permitted to be 7am to 12 midnight, seven days per week and the potential impacts if there are users/hirers using it for parties and musical events late at night. I have read the Plan of Management and it does not provide sufficient confidence that there will be no late night disturbance or noise in this residential area. The Plan of Management should provide that:

- amplified music should generally finish by 10pm Sunday to Thursday and 11pm Friday-Saturday
- volume of music should be low enough to avoid impacts on neighbours.

Basically, it should be a fun place for events but not become a noisy night time venue in the midst of this residential neighbourhood.

Simon Draper

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:33:35 AM
To: DASubmissions
Subject: Re: Further submission on DA for community centre in Shepherd Street Darlington D/2024/615

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Monday 19 August 2024

Sydney City Council
DA submissions

Re: Further submission on DA for community centre in Shepherd Street Darlington D/2024/615

I wish to add to my submission made last week on the above development application.

On further consideration I think the proposed closing time of midnight is too late for a residential area.

The closing time should be brought back to 9.00 pm with increased restrictions on activities, and noise limits, after 5.00 pm that will ensure neighbours are not disturbed.

Thank you.

Peter Prineas

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Nick Roucek

Sent on: Sunday, September 8, 2024 12:03:52 PM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Development application number D/2024/615 i

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I support as broad use of this space as possible with as few rules as possible. I support the 7am to 12am opening times. I would also support commercial and community use. We have far too many rules in Sydney, just let people do what they want as long as they aren't hurting anyone.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: Emily Stone

Sent on: Sunday, September 8, 2024 4:55:00 PM

To: dasubmissions

Subject: Submission - D/2024/615 - 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008 - Attention Ben Chamie

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Hello City of Sydney

As a resident of nearby Boundary Street, I am concerned about the potential disruptions caused by the **late 12am closure time**.

I am aware this scheduling has been set from the standard 'town-hall' times. This 'town-hall' however is in close proximity to a very quiet neighbourhood.

I suggest an alternative closure time instead of 10:30pm, with applications for extended hiring time available on a case-by-case basis.

Due to the immediate proximity to The University of Sydney, I am also concerned the hall will be used for social parties including alcohol.

Thank you

Emily

From: Nathan McCarthy
Sent on: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 4:13:33 PM
To: dasubmissions
Subject: Comment on DA

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Comment for DA on the community centre in Darlington 2008 (Harry Burland)

I just wanted to make a comment on the proposed opening hours 7am-12am.

I have had a lot of feedback from neighbours regarding this timeframe, with comments arising about the issues that may arise with noise issues late at night.

I propose that all loud/ social activities must cease at 10PM, although I think quiet activities like artists work spaces should continue until 12am.

I am a painter living in Darlington who works a day-job, the restriction of the hours past 10pm would prevent me to work for a long time on an artwork/ property clean up.

I believe between 10-12am quiet activities can be done, like painting.

Perhaps we allow later sessions for those who have had more trustworthiness, to ensure people don't just book until 12 and play loud music.

Thanks for reading my comment.

Nathan McCarthy,
Local Darlington resident.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:22:22 PM
To: council
Subject: Objection DA Ref D/2024/615

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To Ben Chamie,

Please keep my personal identifying information private, not for public display including, but not limited to, Name, email address and home address.

I object to the re-opening of the Community Facility at 132-134 Shepherd Street DARLINGTON NSW 2008, as currently proposed in Development Application D/2024/615 in the following areas;

- 1) Proposed hours of operation are not appropriate in the Residential Area. Hours of operation should be limited to 7am - 9pm.
- 2) Proposed Use should not be for Hire but freely available to book by local residents and community groups.
- 3) Proposed operation should not allow Alcohol on site. Functions requiring Alcohol in the area are well catered for by the many Pubs in the area including The Rose Pub 200m away from this facility. Alcohol consumption on site is not in line with community well being objectives of the facility.

Regards

[REDACTED]