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Issue	Comment
The removal of native vegetation.	The issue of native removal has already been addressed in Condition 17 of the existing planning permit outlines that "No native vegetation shall be destroyed, felled, lopped, ring barked or uprooted, unless a separate planning permit is issued."
Concerns with the septic system.	The applicant was requested to examine the possibility of the connecting the proposed use to reticulated sewerage network generally to the west. As a result of the discussions with Western Water, the applicant has agreed to connect the proposal to reticulated sewerage and outlined they were willing to have existing conditions relating the waste-water treatment system (septic) removed, and new conditions requiring the proposal to be connected to reticulate sewerage be placed on the permit.
The safety concerns with child care centre due to creek tributary.	The child care centre and the operator would still need approval from the Department of Education and Training to operate the Child Care Centre. Safety concerns (relating to internal and external arrangements) would be assessed by the Department of Education and Training.
Potential traffic issues (congestion, delays, and safety) along Gisborne-Melton Road.	VicRoads has also now provided confirmation that condition 23 on the existing planning permit (VicRoads conditions) have been satisfied.
Lighting afterhours.	 Outdoor lighting is not shown on the plans, and Council's Engineering Services have not indicated that lighting will be required. If lighting is deemed to be required by the permit-holder, it will need to be addressed as an amended permit application or a separate application.
Noise pollution from kids playing will impact on the peaceful and tranquil environment.	The establishment of Child Care Centre within residential areas is quite common, and the noise associated within Child Care Centre would normally occur during its operating hours. The hours of operation (unchanged) during Monday to Friday (from 7AM to 6PM) is considered to be quite reasonable, as there is generally more ambient noise during weekdays. Furthermore, the Child Care Centre will not operate late into the evening, when

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	less ambient noise is expected.
Concerns raised that the sensory garden play area, will become a de-factor play area.	The new sensory play garden area, which was on the plans that were placed on public notice, has now been removed. The plans re-submitted by the applicant, which form part of Appendix 3, no longer show the provision of sensory garden play area. The applicant has chosen to the remove the sensory play garden area, as they did not want a minor component of the proposal to be an area of contention, with the objectors.