

Media Response

25 September 2025



**Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council
Acting Chief Executive Officer, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:**

The use of the land at 1 Aspen Circuit for motor repairs and vehicle tuning did not require a planning permit as the building is located more than 30 metres from a residential zone.

However, following a complaint from the community in 2021 the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) investigated noise levels from the vehicle tuning business.

The EPA determined the business was compliant and within the required noise limits and noted that no action is required to be taken by the occupier of the premises.

Any issues with noise from this use should be referred to the EPA.

Regarding 59 Willow Avenue, Springvale:

We issued this business a planning permit for the café at this location, as per the requirements of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

We are investigating whether a permit for 'place of assembly' use is required with regards to cars gathering.

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Media Enquiry

23 September 2025

From the Dandenong Journal

I am following up on an old issue regarding vehicle noise complaints from neighbours to a vehicle tuning workshop 1/1626 Centre Rd Springvale.

This issue was initially followed by our editor Cameron Lucadou-Wells.

The last response council gave was:

"This matter is currently under investigation by Council, and we are working with the residents, businesses and the EPA to get a resolution."

- Can I get an update as to what came out of that investigation and what sort of resolution was achieved?
- What findings has the council made in its investigations - including EPA noise readings from the adjoining child-care centre?

Neighbours have reached out saying noise levels have worsened in the area after the completion of stages 3 and 4 which they had opposed but the council granted anyway.

Since then, the area has housed a 24 hour automotive repair shop and Kamikazi Cafe where car enthusiasts also hold regular weekend meetups, seeing up to 400 cars in the area.

- What noise conditions apply to the business - in terms of noise levels, hours of operation, running a dynamometer and traffic on the private roads?
- Who is responsible for enforcing them?

Considering the residents existing noise level concerns after stages 1 and 2 had completed the units development on Centre Rd.

- Did the council add any measures that would have ensured the developers or the corporation would adhere to the noise levels regulations and implement noise mitigation?
- Didn't or does the Etuners require a mechanical engineering planning permit?
- Does the council have power to compel Etuners to now apply for such a permit?

Any extra statement or context information would help greatly.

- What can the council do about the Kamikazi Cafe hosting car meetups which is also featured over social media?
- Does their permit allow them to organise such activities?
- How will the council act accordingly?