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## RE: DA2020/1756 - 353 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

Dear Northern Beaches Council

I'm really sad to see that the developers have still failed to grasp the essence of Newport village in their proposed redesign of the Robertson Road site. The amended DA doesn't meet the NMP provisions and is still out of scale for the site and the village.

Until recently, Robertson Road was a thriving hub of the community. With some modifications towards a pedestrian plaza, it could have become the centre of the village - a shopping and cultural destination for small businesses, restaurants and art that would be in keeping with the wishes and needs of its community. Instead, unimaginative designs propose retail designs that nobody will want, garage doors and a non-descript cookie-cutter approach.

I hope that the Council will see fit to reject this proposal in its current form and insist on designs for Newport and other Northern Beaches suburbs that are in keeping with our environment.