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

This area of Newport is unique. It is the only commercial strip of shops/ restaurants where there is outside dining not on the main road with traffic noise. If more boxy apartments are built with garage access on Robertson Rd there will be more traffic and it will ruin the endless possibilities to turn this little strip into a pedestrian only wining /dining location with outdoor music and lighting.

There are just no more places in Newport with the potential to convert and or upgrade to be a real northern beaches attraction for markets ,outdoor music and dining that are removed from the main road noise.

Anyone who is local knows and loves the charm of that end of Robertson road. Once this sort of development is allowed without foresight as to the amenities which could be put in place that opportunity will be lost forever.

Objection must be had to the traffic and garage entrance being on Robertson road and a complete rethink of the street frontage of any development to ensure that its potential as a public space is not lost forever. There will not be any do overs if this one development proceeds. The street frontage and pedestrian nature of this area is unique and irreplaceable.