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Dear Gareth David,

I am writing to you in response to your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> September concerning the above Development Application which invite local residents to comment on the suitability of the proposed development on Barrenjoey Road Palm Beach. Many attempts at similar developments have been made over the years concerning both this site and that to the south of Barrenjoey House and all so far have met with repeated objection on the part of residents and ratepayers with good reason.

I would like to submit that the proposed development is not suitable for the site on the following grounds:-

\*It is massive in scale- towering way up the hillside over five levels, not counting the underground parking for upward of 25 vehicles, thereby dwarfing the existing,

modest dwellings to either side. With this sort of impact it doesn't fit in with its neighbourhood and in fact looks pretentious by comparison with the surrounding

houses which have existed on their sites for a long time - making that stretch of road a much-loved defacto heritage precinct.

\*In an area that is already very tight as regards traffic, people movement and parking, once shoe-horned into place it would lead to impossible congestion along

this already very busy thoroughfare, particularly over weekends and in summer. As traffic to the central coast per ferry has built up over the years with the

extension of the jetty servicing the populations to the west, Hawkesbury River and Central Coast, foot traffic accessing the ferry service, public transport and

available car parking has likewise increased and the precinct can't handle the increased density which would be caused by five more dwellings, let alone the

proposed shops at street level. It is worthwhile pointing out here that many tradies working on the Northern Beaches by day, but domiciled on the Central Coast

also now park their work vehicles in the surrounding streets overnight adding further pressure to what used to be a quiet neighbourhood.

In conversation with locals the general feeling is that we in this area do not want to see our neighbourhood turned into a precinct mirroring Manly by seeing more and more development applications being passed by Council. I therefore respectfully urge Council that there is a workable alternative to this current suggested development application and that that is to allow a development which provides exactly what was in place before the original buildings on site were demolished, i.e. one small general store to service the community and visitors and one small commercial store - both single story. Any surrounding land could be gazetted as reserve/parkland to compliment Pittwater Park directly opposite with the retention of the bus stop exactly where it has always been.

Yours sincerely,

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