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RE: DA2022/0932 - 146 Forest Way BELROSE NSW 2085

The application to have an outdoor social area including a children's play space is extremely important for families in our area. It provides an opportunity for parents to visit their Club with family and have a children's secure area where parents can monitor and supervise in a safe environment.

Small licenced clubs generally and in particular those on the Northern Beaches are doing it tough and which has seen many close or about to shut up shop in recent times. The concept proposed by the Belrose Bowling Club is not uncommon as can be seen at the Forestville RSL and a number of other licenced venues. The ongoing financial viability of the club which I am a member is critical and would be heartbreaking for it to go the way of so many others. The Club has operated since 1955 and is the only Licenced Club in the Belrose / Frenches Forest precincts. This Club has and still does provide a wonderful environment for the Northern Beaches community, giving local schools and sporting clubs such as Cricket, Soccer and Rugby Union to name but a few the opportunity to have their meetings, presentation nights and social gatherings within our area.

Organisations like the Belrose Bowling Club are much needed on the Northern Beaches. Please help us to keep the doors open. The loss of the club would be devastating for our community and Club members alike which includes Lawn Bowlers who rely so much for their sporting activities and companionships.

The proposed outdoor area is a much-needed piece of infrastructure for our community in these troubled times for businesses. My view is strongly supported by the dozens of Northern Beaches residents whom I have communicated with over the past few weeks.