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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my concern and anger over the approval of Application No. DA2020/1756. I have never taken the time to write to council previously but this particular issue has stirred something in me that I feel compelled to voice.

As a community, we have repeatedly expressed our concerns over the impact this development will have on the streetscape and amenity of Robertson Road, Newport. I'm not opposed to development, however this particular development is not in keeping with the character or feel of Newport village.

My understanding is that developers and the council are supposed to work **WITH** the community, yet there has been little to no consultation with residents at all. The design of the new development is completely unappealing and the scale is much too large for the Robertson Road streetscape. Furthermore, with access to the underground carpark to be from Robertson Road, this means that we will no longer be able to close off Robertson Road for our Newport village fairs and festivals, community events which have successfully brought our community together for the 15 years that we have lived here. There is no hope that we will have pedestrian access on Robertson Road with this development being passed. We have been steamrolled by a bullish developer who clearly has the support of the council that we have elected, with the needs of that developer being put well ahead of the needs of the community.

When my husband and I purchased our home in Newport in 2007, we did so because the Newport village still had the character of a beach side community. I'm disappointed that development applications can be passed so casually by the council who is supposed to represent our community, when the community has repeatedly opposed this development.

I strongly urge Council to reconsider this development application and spend time with the Newport community to properly understand our concerns and our desire to maintain the existing streetscape and appeal of Robertson Road.

I welcome your feedback and hope that you take the time to reply with more than a copy and paste letter in response which deflects responsibility for Council's decision.

Regards,
Belinda Adderton