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

DA 2020/1756 351 & 353 Barrenjoey Rd NEWPORT

As a Newport resident for over 15 years, I wish to register a strong objection to this latest DA. When my daughter and grandchildren used to visit from Singapore, and now from just 20 minutes away, the first thing they want to do is to go to her favourite café in Robertson Rd for a cosy village catch-up. It is the only part of Newport that still has that real village feel.

Of course, I also meet there with neighbours and friends and one of the reasons is that it is one of the few places that reliably offers the enjoyment of a sunny spot to sit and that's not hard up against main road traffic. Looking at the drawings I see that this building, if approved, will actually cast more shadow over the street. This is definitely a move in the wrong direction

Robertson Rd shows its real assets when it is closed to traffic and plenty of room for all ages to enjoy activities as well as a relaxing drink or meal. It is Newport's outdoor eating haven. The stark glass façades of the shopfronts onto Robertson Rd, don't look as if they will attract the kind of tenants wanting to provide that easy mix of indoor eating flowing to outdoor. And I'm amazed to see that the beautiful old eucalypt on the footpath, which has been a feature of the street the whole time I've lived here, is being destroyed to further detract from a welcoming atmosphere!

I am even more disappointed to see that a new driveway for dozens of cars, halfway up Robertson Rd, is included in the developer's plan. On what I know of the masterplan for our village, it was my understanding that its pedestrian-friendly nature was to be expanded, not degraded by granting permanent access for more cars?

New developments are surely aimed at improving the social aspects of our village. On the evidence provided I can only see this proposal detracting from it. Please reject this development application.