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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourley Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

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Ref: DA2024/1216 North Harbour marina (Davis Marina)

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter, as I strongly oppose application DA2024/1216 from North Harbour Marina.

I urge the Council to see through the implications of this over-development of a local foreshore area that is tranquil, low-key and is enjoyed and used by the nearby community. It is a typical attempt by a large commercial enterprise to maximise the return on his/her investment at the expense of those living nearby; I have lived in Lower Beach St for 25 years. I don't want others to be denied the quiet beauty of North Harbour that I have enjoyed the size of marine craft envisaged and the establishment of kiosk facilities is quite unacceptable.

Since the new owners took over what was "Davis Marina", adverse changes have already occurred with the cessation of servicing facilities and no tender service.

I have a vision of a quiet but active North Harbour with two marinas (including Manly Boatshed) that put the community first and are part of a working harbour.

Large Vessel Moorage:

This proposal could lead to a potential environmental catastrophe. North Harbour Marina is the only marina on Sydney Harbour open to the ocean. One can see the open sea from the marina. I have witnessed rolling swells come through the marina with waves breaking along the sea wall at the end of the bay. The idea of mooring very large vessels in such an open area is absurd. The reason there are no large vessels in North Harbour now is it's just too dangerous. Marine operators in the bay know this, so it's surprising to me the owners of North Harbour Marina would even make such a request. This is just blatant overdevelopment.

Licensed Cafe/Restaurant:

This cafe/restaurant proposal has overuse implications to the area and its long-time recreational use. Adding cafe/restaurant staff, patrons, and delivery parking to Gourley Avenue, which is already a very narrow and winding road, is an accident waiting to happen. Not to mention, it is frequented by many pedestrians, and picnickers and is part of the 'Spit to Manly', walk.

There is also no dedicated U-turn area for cars to safely use during busy parking times. Fiona Armstrong