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RE: DA2023/1289 - 1112 - 1116 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

We are the owner/occupiers of 1128 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach. We have resided at this location for 52 years.

We strongly object to the proposal to relocate the bus stop and bus shelter from its current location to outside the residential properties 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1134. Our objection is owing to a reason for doing so, other than the developer wanting to gain a clear entry into their site. Recent history will show that at the time of establishing the current bus stop location and construction of the connecting pedestrian crossing and speed hump an extensive traffic engineering survey was conducted by the relevant authorities. This was in recognition of the ever increasing flow of vehicular traffic and pedestrians in the precinct, safety being of prime consideration.

This review was extensive and covered the impact of the redeveloped Palm Beach Ferry Wharf, which was renovated to facilitate larger and more frequent ferries to transport an ever increasing volume of and use by Western Foreshore, Central Coast, Patonga residents; Tourists and School children. The substantial increase in road traffic including day trippers, tourist vehicles, commercial trucks and vans put pressure on adequate and already saturated car parking. This resulted in the reconfiguration of the Pittwater Park Northern and Southern car parks; the construction of walkways and pavements to safely guide pedestrians to and from the bus stops, car parks, wharf and other amenities. The relocation of the existing bus stop and pedestrian crossing, the insertion of a speed hump, the building of safety barriers and the speed zone changing to a 40 km and pedestrian sharing strip. All of which have achieved their objective.

We contend the relocation now of the bus stop from a commercial area to residential is unnecessary and would undo all the previous advantages, in particular pedestrian safety. Also it must not be overlooked that the proposed new location is unsuitable. The zone provides access to a major sewerage pit which often overflows sewerage and requires Sydney Water servicing and maintenance (hence the current NO PARKING zone outside 1126). Also this area is prone to flooding and pooling owing to runoff along and across Barrenjoey Road.

The Developers reason for relocation of the bus stop and shelter is to gain clear access to a proposed dual driveway. The proposed relocation will create an obstacle across 5 driveways and congestion across both entrances to Pittwater Park North and South and the Palm Beach Wharf pedestrian flow. It is suggested the flow of commuters from the wharf and car parks to the proposed bus stop outside 1124-1132 will bypass the existing infrastructure and heighten the risk of pedestrian safety.

We repeat our strong objection to this proposal.