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RE: DA2024/0675 - 80 - 82 Mona Vale Road MONA VALE NSW 2103

Dear Northern Beaches Council,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of six outdoor pickleball courts on the rooftop car park of Pittwater RSL, as outlined in the current Development Application (DA). My primary concern is the potential impact of noise, which has not been sufficiently addressed in the acoustic assessment provided.

Pickleball courts have been documented to generate significantly more noise than traditional tennis courts due to the nature of the equipment and playing style. The distinct "pop" sound from pickleball paddles and balls has led to noise complaints and community issues in other regions. Unfortunately, this risk has not been fully considered in the operational noise emission assessment prepared by Acoustic Dynamics.

Key Concerns:

Insufficient Consideration of Foley Street Residents:The assessment does not adequately evaluate the potential noise impact on Foley Street residents, who are in close proximity to the proposed courts. The primary focus of the noise barrier is the northern aspect of the development, leaving residents on Foley Street vulnerable to disruptive noise pollution. This oversight significantly undermines the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures.
Inadequate Noise Mitigation Measures:The recommendations provided in the report, such as signage encouraging patrons to leave quietly and an acoustic barrier along the northern edge, do not go far enough to protect the residential areas surrounding the development. While these measures might provide some noise reduction, they fail to address the continuous and intrusive nature of the noise generated during play and do not offer a comprehensive solution.
Impact on Residential Amenity and Property Values:The introduction of such a noisy activity to a residential area will inevitably affect the quality of life for nearby residents. Persistent exposure to noise can lead to increased stress and anxiety, particularly during peak playing hours. Additionally, the presence of a noisy recreational facility is likely to decrease property values in the vicinity, further impacting the residents financially.

Recommendations:

Full Perimeter Acoustic Barriers: We request the implementation of acoustic barriers around the entire perimeter of the rooftop courts, particularly on the sides facing residential areas, including Foley Street.

Restricted Operating Hours: The courts' operating hours should be restricted to mitigate the impact during evenings and weekends, ensuring that residents' peace is respected.

Additional Noise Assessment: A further independent noise assessment focusing on the impact to Foley Street residents should be conducted, with recommendations for more robust noise management strategies.

In conclusion, we strongly oppose the development of pickleball courts on the rooftop car park of Pittwater RSL in its current form due to the unacceptable noise impact it will have on the local community. We urge the Council to reconsider this proposal, taking into account the concerns of residents and ensuring that appropriate measures are put in place to preserve our quality of life.

Thank you for considering this objection.