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

Re: Proposed Development Application No: DA2020/1756

I have been a resident of Newport for nearly 7 years. Newport should and could be a cosy beachside community but lacks a precinct, a heart, to be its town centre. This can only be Robertson Road. The landscaping and dining that is there currently is the tip of the iceberg and it is essential that any development adds to this quiet dining street, allowing for closure to traffic for markets and entertainment etc. The current DA plans would destroy the vision that has been there for many years and this amended DA does not meet the Newport Master Plan!!

I am really concerned about the proposed developments for Robertson Road. Robertson Road serves as the only 'quieter' pedestrian precinct in our suburb. I frequent Robertson Road for coffees, breakfast, and other meals and know there is an opportunity to create something special for Newport with this small street with alfresco dining in cafes and restaurants, clothes shops, markets and entertainment.

This would help create the relaxed, beachside community that Newport really should be, rather than a place you pass by on the way to Palm Beach. Robertson Road is not only the best opportunity to create such a destination, but it is the only and the last opportunity. Please don't allow this development to proceed as envisaged, which would permanently increase traffic flow and stop the coordinated rejuvenation of the town's centre. Any vehicle entrance on Robertson Road will destroy any hope of Robertson Road having a pedestrian plaza.

Council should reject the proposed developments. It should be mandatory for all the property owners along Robertson Road and adjoining Barrenjoey frontage to come together and coordinate the development of this space together in line with what I understand was the proposed Newport Masterplan of some years ago. Much of the developments in Avalon are well done and show what can be done. Don't let this development with its large retail facades go ahead and lose the opportunity to create something special for our suburb.

This opportunity will be lost forever if the current proposals go ahead and are not in accordance with the Newport Master Plan.

We sincerely hope that Council can recognise this opportunity and act on behalf of the Newport community.

Regards

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