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Dear Jordan

We would like to express our concerns relating to the proposed development of Robertson Road.

We live in Avalon but everyone loves Robertson Road and everyone knows it is the hub of the Newport Community. It's where we meet our Newport friends during the day for coffee and breakfast and lunch, and where we browse the beautiful boutiques and stores, and throughout Newport.

In the evening we absolutely delight in the fairy-lit environment, to sit at one of the pavement restaurants to enjoy a beautiful evening of fine and varied dining. This street attracts both tourists and locals, and yes, even us Avalonians think it's a very special place to visit!

If it wasn't for Robertson Road, Newport would not have a village heart, and it would have little to draw in the shoppers and the diners, and the tourists. It would be very sad to see it changed to the extent it is no longer the village heart. The designs of the proposed development are totally out of keeping with the coastal village environment that is Newport, and will destroy the village feel of Robertson Rd, so it is critical that it is sensitively and creatively developed with the inclusion and cooperation of residents.

Allowing this development will have dire and long lasting effects on the cultural future of Newport and its community, and will be an indictment on all concerned.

Regards

Karen & Mark Alchin