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Dear Planning Panel,

Development of housing is important for the growth of a community. However, residential development which negatively impacts community retail and meeting areas is undesirable. Part of the attraction of living in Newport is the "village feel" of the commercial precinct. This village feel has already been diluted by residential and commercial development along Barrenjoey Road through the main shopping area.

The side street Roberson Road should be preserved as a quieter streetscape and low level buildings for dining experiences and a meeting place with open sky views.

To build a multi level residential development on the northern side of Robertson Road will ruin the "village feel" of this part of the Newport shopping centre.

One of the problems with this development as with many developments is the developer moves on after the project and the local residents are impacted for generations by changing their living environment forever.

The garage entrance for the new development will be noisy and extra traffic movement. The design of the new development is unattractive.

Also, when I discuss this project with my friends in the area most people are unaware of this development and therefore through a lack of community consultation you may not be aware of the high level of annoyance of this development proceeding .

Planning Panels in Australia have much to learn from the Planning Panels plans in Europe where the aesthetics and impact on the surrounding area are paramount in a development application decision.

Please do not yield and own the decision of maintaining Robertson Road as a village feel area for local residents.

Much appreciated.

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