



Dear Northern Beaches Council

I am writing to lodge my complaint against the development application for Multi-Residence Seniors Development of medium development into an R2 low density environment (DA2020/1172) at 54 Bardo Road, Newport 2106.

I strongly object to the proposed development due to its size, the overdevelopment of such a small space, the lack of parking on Bardo Road already, the safety of our children during construction, the noise of construction (including the builders use of stereos) and the nature of the project which is out of keeping with the area.

Newport, and especially Bardo Road is becoming severely overdeveloped. Single house plots have been replaced with dual dwellings which are now becoming large apartment buildings and applications such as this. There is not the room or the necessary building codes in place to accommodate this. The noise levels in the street are already extreme, increasing as more buildings and density increases, especially without adequate sound proofing in the buildings.

This increased density has also made the road a serious safety issue for everyone. Increased parked cars down both sides of the street have made it a one way street, in which getting out of your driveway is dangerous each and every time, and even more dangerous for the children walking or biking even on the sidewalk. There is no room on the street for trucks and large vehicles, no line of sight to make their entry and exit safe, and people walking, biking and driving will be placed at risk.

Noise is a severe problem, especially at this time and in this residential area. Many people are working from home due to Covid 19 and will be severely inconvenienced if not unable to work due to this development. The street also has many shift workers who sleep days who will have their sleep severely impacted if not impossible, making them a hazard at work due to lack of sleep. Radios, building noise and trucks will also impact on the children in the kindergarten, as will the dust and air pollution – this could cause severe asthma and lung issues in a delicate group of people.

The development will require more trees to be cut down, and the large number of dwellings in such a small space is ugly and not in keeping with the area. Mental stress due to lack of privacy, increased noise and no privacy or space are a huge concern for everyone.

I also feel that the development is too large for the space and the streetscape not in keeping with the area.

Please block this application. The street cannot sustain this development. Parking, the busy road already reduced to one way with cars going both ways, the noise and the dust pollution have the potential to actually cost lives and certainly impact substantially on the mental health and safety of all residents in the area.

The area is low density – do not allow developers the power to override this. People’s health is more important.

Regards Katherine Clarke

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