Dear Mr Stokes,

it is bitterly disappointing that the DA for 351 Barrenjoey Road (Grocer) has been approved by the planners at Council,

after so many residents are against this. Why ask us for our opinion if you are not going to listen?

The atmosphere on Saturday, and Saturday evening, in Robertson Rd was fantastic, and a taste of what Robertson Rd could become, it reminded me of St Helena in the Napa Valley, California!!

On previous occasions when they have closed off Robertson Rd, opened the Cafes and restaurants up, live music playing, shops busy with happy people, all enjoying a relaxing and truly wonderful experience, I feel that Newport is as special as St Helena, and how lucky we are to have this on the Northern Beaches, not to mention, Sydney.

The unattractive design and the garage entrance would completely spoil the potential of Robertson Rd, and is in direct opposition to the wishes of the locals. As I said, why ask our opinion if no one shows us the respect of listening.

Yours sincerely Cate Archibald