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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

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I am utterly dismayed by this proposed development, and strongly object to it.

I am a resident of the over-55's village which surrounds this grassed space. I am now in my eighties, widowed for over 16 years; I was led to believe by the Mounties representatives, that although there would be a club on the lower ground level, the NSW Retirement Villages Act ensured that "reasonable peace, comfort and privacy" would prevail on the Upper Ground level.

This village is comprised of 6 separate buildings arranged in a horseshoe shape around the 'village green' and adjacent vegetable garden. This area is not large, is the only grassed area for the residents who put it to multiple uses, and indeed for many of the residents it is the only place where they can sit in the sun to chat or read a book.... Curtailing the residents outdoor space by the amount proposed will mean there is too little outdoor space for the size of the village.

The prospect of it becoming a bowling club, for all Mounties members AND their guests, available to them all day every day, is distressing to say the least.

And what of the frail aged, who will only increase in numbers with time? Where will they be able to enjoy the outdoors, safe in the knowledge that their neighbours will be looking out for them? This outdoor area in the heart of our community will become an alien space, the more so the older we get.

Noise will be a major problem - we know already that the buildings, being in the shape of an amphitheatre, collect and amplify sound. The DA says this is a good thing - our buildings are to protect the neighbours in Evans Street and Carrington Parade from the noise - but what is there to protect us?

Replacing the grass with Astro Turf is likely to make it unusable in summer. Two nights ago , a segment on the ABC 7.30 Report reported on "hazardous levels of heat" in Western Sydney playgrounds using Astro Turf.

The CEO of Mounties said this week that he 'made a promise to the lady bowlers 10 years ago' and 'I never break a promise' he said. But what of his responsibility to the many more of us who believed in him and his 'dream' (his word) that a retirement village adjacent to club facilities could be special?

If this DA is allowed to proceed, that dream will have become a nightmare.

I urge Northern Beaches Council to reject this application.

Diana Neale 31st October 2020