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RE: DA2019/1119 - 4 / 0 Bennett Street CURL CURL NSW 2096

We religiously shop each week for groceries at the local farmers markets. We attended Frenchs Forest markets for the past 9 years until its recent closure. We now attend Warriewood markets each Friday. We simply love our markets and its community-like spirit.

However, we are concerned that placing a market in Bennett Street is a decision that does not make sense. We oppose the introduction of a market in this area being: congestion, change of dynamics, noise pollution, property prices, and agenda.

Congestion. The area is one of a residential nature with narrow streets and young families. With markets comes a high volume of cars, increased traffic flow, parking issues and noise pollution. The area is not designed for this purpose in mind.

Dynamics. Congestion will then in turn change the dynamic of the area from one that is relaxed with young families to one that is overly congested and busy. We are concerned about young families and pedestrians. We are concerned the area will become another busy residential area that hinders the freedom of families walking their children and dogs safely on the footpaths.

Noise pollution. What day and time will the markets be operating? Will the markets start later to accommodate and balance the noise pollution on a weekend day, for example a Sunday? If so, what time would it start? We know after speaking with grocers at the Warriewood markets, they too already have concerns with the Mona Vale market and timing and how to keep their produce from wilting in the hot sun? Defeats the purpose of fresh produce, does it not?

Oversuse. The area is already heavily used for a number of sporting events most of the year round, it needs relief from the coming and goings of so many people. In addition to the sport, beach goers are now flocking to nearby Curl Curl beach in summertime. Parking bays are now full in summertime along the beachfront, with beachgoers now parking in residential streets. Last summer was the busiest we had ever seen this area.

Property prices. Having recently purchased a property in Bennett Street, we know that this area comes at a premium. We purchased in this area as it was reasonably quiet with a few exceptions of the sporting events. It is unfair that residents pay the price of this change of dynamic so that the Bowling Club can make a few extra dollars.

Agenda. Which brings about the question, why is the Bowling Club wanting to use their area for the markets? What is their agenda? Is it purely for financial gain or is it taking in to consideration the local people who will be affected?

Hopefully you'll take these points into consideration.

We do love our markets but ideally they need to be located in an area where there is plenty of space and little impact on residents.

We'd happily travel a distance (as we already do) to support the farmers and small businesses.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.