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RE: DA2024/0374 - 142 - 146 Pitt Road NORTH CURL CURL NSW 2099

Dear Council,

I refer to DA2024/0374

For background, the community came together and tried to buy the shops in February 2023, but we were unsuccessful. We wished as a neighbourhood of people who use the shops daily to collectively own the shops so we could;

- Decide the future of the shops together,
- Have a voice in what shops to have,
- Have full transparency of what rents were being charged and
- Having an inclusive financial ownership, improving on what was already an amazing gathering place for our local village.

We are concerned about;

1. The number of shops being reduced and
2. The rents being increased such that vital small business is not viable such as café, butcher, bakery, affordable food options

Our concern is one of public utility, as a community we use the shops daily and they are a vital centre of our community and our connection to each other.

DA2024/0374 reduces the number of shops from 9 to 5. Can we consider keeping the existing number of 9 shops. Alternatives might be;

1. To reconfigure the East side marked "waste" of the complex to make space for another 1 shop and
2. To make the larger double frontage shops built as single shops (that may be expanded into doubles if needed, Just like it is now for Barcino as an example) and
3. Make the shops deeper so the apartments are on top of the shops as "Shop top"

Kind Regards,

Shane Arthurson