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RE: DA2020/0442 - 231 Whale Beach Road WHALE BEACH NSW 2107

Dear Northern Beaches Planning Panel,

We have lived in Palm Beach for over 25 years and are frequent visitors to Whale Beach and the Whale Beach Deli otherwise known locally as "Whaleys". The falling down, dilapidated existing building has been an eye sore for all those years and is in much need of clever rejuvenation.

After reviewing the submitted DA, I am thrilled to see the wonderful design, especially the beach front cafe, parking options for disabled access, easy and safer access from the beach to Whale Beach Road including lifts and stairs. The proposed new building has a passageway through the centre of the building which is a fantastic aspect. The design is of a high standard and seamlessly fits with its surrounding luxury homes, many of which appear larger than the proposed development.

Up until a couple of years ago, there was previously a restaurant called "Ripples" and years before that called "De Beers" as well as a "Kiosk" just across the car park from the Whale Beach. The restaurant was a lovely place to eat, and the kiosk was a safe place for people, including my grandchildren, to walk across The Strand, from Whale Beach, to get burgers, snacks, ice creams and the like.

Both the restaurant and the kiosk have been demolished which we understand will be replaced by a house, leaving no public amenities close to Whale Beach on Surf Road. Currently, beachgoers, such as my extended family have to walk up Surf Road to "Whaleys" Deli on Whale Beach Road to get decent food and drinks. Walking up Surf Road from the beach is unsafe, steep and difficult for people to make the journey especially when shepherding hungry and excited children.

It is very important that the new design incorporates a Cafe on Surf Road, which is much easier to access from the beach, safely and without having to walk up a steep curved hill, with bad visibility for cars and pedestrians.

We totally support this development and are delighted to see the huge improvement to the current situation, which will make a very positive contribution to the Whale Beach community.

We hope that the council will process and approve this development application as fast as possible.

Best regards

Val and Ron Ewen