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RE: DA2020/1756 - 353 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

I am writing again to express my concern at the proposed amended development. I feel at this point Northern Beaches councillors must publicly declare their abandonment of their "Newport Village" vision or direct the developers to fit in with this vision - at this point, it seems it is being left to the residents to battle it out with the developers.

If we are to realise this vision, then the vehicle access/driveway on Robertson Road needs to go.

More importantly, at least to me, is the retention of the solar access on Robertson Road, especially early mornings in winter when locals used to congregate for their coffees.

Also, the eight retail areas look all the same - uniform boxes with no toilets which means they are more ground floor "offices" rather than retail and will attract physios, offices are other businesses as opposed to cafes and restaurants and quirky shops such as the unique Pony Rider and French shop which have given Robertson Road its charm and hinted at its potential to rival the quirky little sidestreets of LA and NYC. Similar "aluminium and glass" boxes in the nearby arcade were empty for months and I believe one remains untenanted. Another relatively new "space" on Barrenjoey Road near Zubi Café also remains empty as a result of poor design - a local chef wanted to establish a restaurant there but were put off by there being just a single toilet.

There are no "slots" between any of the retail spaces - just one big block with no apparent scope for any outdoor dining?

Finally, I am gathering this building is now within the height limit? I moved up here after the DCP was adopted which sets an 8.5m height limit. The original DA exceeded this limit, which I would argue is too high given the completion of a similarly tall building opposition will turn Robertson Road into a dark, windy alleyway - and definitely not a "sunny plaza" for residents wanting respite from the traffic on Barrenjoey Road.