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RE: DA2021/0744 - 50 Lawrence Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

I object to this development on the basis that it does not adhere to the requirements of developments in this area, mainly regarding height and landscaping treatment. The proposal represents that is far too large and not in keeping with the area. The location is key for the Freshwater Village, being at the Western entry to the Village.

Freshwater residents, rightly, appreciate the amenity of their Village. Local residents are not stupid and can see that the amendments to the initial proposal have not gone far enough.

Another submission made the argument that Freshwater is not Dee Why, which has many very large unit blocks. Sydney may need more residential property but not more inappropriate buildings in the wrong area, like this one.

My specific objections are:

- The proposed 4 storeys and > 11m height exceeds the LEP limits of 3 storeys and 11m.
- Non-compliant with the DCP landscaped area requirement. 25% of the site required.
- The residential component of the proposal dominates the site. This is inconsistent with the land use B2 zoning which requires the provision of a range of retail, business, entertainment and community uses that serve the needs of people who live in, work in and visit the local area. A development disproportionately comprising 70m² allocated to commercial use and 900m² allocated to residential use cannot achieve the intended outcomes of the B2 zoning.
- The sheer bulk of the building continues to overshadow the neighbouring residential property to the south.
- The proposed development is totally out of character with the heritage buildings to its north and the Freshwater Village in general.
- The proposed on-site parking allocation is short of the DCP parking requirement with 19 being required. Given the paucity of parking in Lawrence Street and surrounding streets there is no leeway for parking concessions
- The addition of an extra access driveway in Dowling Street contravenes the intent of the Freshwater DCP to improve pedestrian safety in the Village.
- The proposal requires the removal/relocation of the accessible 167 bus stop in Dowling Street, adversely impacting public transport access for able bodied and disabled public transport commuters to the commercial centre of Freshwater.
- This is basically an application for an apartment building masquerading as a shop top development with the shop area being minimised to accommodate more apartments. This was done by both reducing both the ceiling height and size of the two shops.