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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Dear Sir/Madam

I am astonished to hear of the proposed development to install a publicly accessible bowling green in the middle of the Watermark Retirement Village. The retirement village is a private sanctuary set above the Harbord Diggers Club. This development will decrease the residents' communal space, privacy and security whilst increasing noise and foot traffic.

Whilst this development has an obvious negative impact on the residents of the retirement village there will also be considerable negative impacts to surrounding bowling clubs:

- Lawn Bowls struggles to attract new participants as is evident in the number of bowling clubs that have either merged or closed over the past few decades.
- There are half a dozen or so bowling clubs within a five kilometre radius of the Harbord Diggers Club. As participation is not increasing another bowling green in the area will negatively impact these completing businesses.

As mentioned, there are several alternative bowling greens available to those who crave the activity. The Manly Bowling Club is owned by the Mounties (also the owners of the Harbord Diggers and Watermark) and there is a free shuttle service to and from this facility to ensure the sport can be accessed by those seeking its thrills.

Based on the negative impact to the resident of the Watermark Retirement Village, the negative impact to the surrounding bowling club businesses and the convenient alternatives available to those who chose to bowl I believe the Council should reject this Development Application.

Your sincerely, Andrew Bennett