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**RE: DA2024/1303 - 11 / 0 Melwood Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087**

I'm writing to express my strong disapproval on this application.

This goes against all that the club has stood for in the past with a short sighted cash grab .

We moved into the area around 14 years ago and the demographic has changed substantially in the area in that time with an influx of families .

When we first moved in the RSL was abjectly not family friendly but with the opening of the one of the bowling greens and changes it has become a fantastic family asset , filled with families and kids on Fridays when Summer Soccer is next door.

A. This is one of my major complaints on this redevelopment - this family friendly outdoor area will be demolished and NOT replaced. We need as many family friendly areas like this as this area is pretty devoid of a place like this where the family can enjoy a meal and kids run around .

When density inevitably increases around the area these sites are like gold and must be kept .

Currently It is sadly under utilized as club management have pushed ahead with this cash grab , firstly a number of years ago with a proposed "medical centre" in an area with an abundance of health care facilities . This was strongly opposed by members and stopped but unbeknown to us it was just a change of strategy .

In my time living here they have opened the greens to bare foot bowls ONCE and it was oversubscribed and must have been profitable for the club , EVERYONE was enjoying a drink and food. Why not do this every few weeks ???????? (Especially when crying poor over gambling revenue - the management (purposely I believe) underutilize this whole site to push through this development. Bringing me to ;

B. Second the club pushed the line that they needed additional money to reduce the reliance on gambling but here they are retaining the large poker machine area which is a disgrace . They are putting this under basically retirement homes - surely this is against the Council planning or laws if not it certainly should be . As above the club I believe is putting \$\$ ahead of everything else and this is almost criminal behavior .

C. The 3rd area of my concern is the upstairs is currently used (but sadly under utilized again ) for many community social functions and looking at the plans it seems there will now be a basement based area for this !!

Surely this submission does not meet ANY council criteria for responsible community based developments and must be rejected fully .

I seriously think it would be very poor of Northern Beaches Council not to reject these plans outright .

I look forward to your feedback and comments