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

Thank you for re-notifying us that this DA had been resubmitted.

Our original concerns are the same. The re-design has not taken into account the driveway access from Robertson Rd, nor the bulk and scale of the development.

Having a busy driveway on Robertson Road will destroy the casual, safe, current dining / community hub of Newport. Robertson Rd is the only Newport street that comes alive at night. This area could be re-modelled to be even better than it is now. Sensitive redesign, of the buildings that plan to be developed, could create a vibrant community hub, safe dining options, low vehicle access (definitely no driveways across the pedestrian paths) and offer excellent atmosphere and heart of the village centre.

To have a driveway for entry and exit for the necessary parking, situated across the pedestrian Robertson Rd footpath is not an acceptable design for community safety.

However a single entry and exit onto Barrenjoey Rd for this development, would also create pedestrian issues and traffic congestion. If there is an option for the developers of all Robertson Rd properties to come together and try to create one large underground carpark for both sides of Robertson Rd to share access, with entry from Barrenjoey Rd and exit onto Foamcrest Ave, it could help to achieve a great outcome for all.

Bulk and scale of the residential units above the shops are excessive and do not offer a calm, green nor pretty village atmosphere. There is an option here to really enhance Newport community and the heart of our village. It would be great to see the developer reconsider the residential design. Include more greenery on the outside of the building, larger set backs above the shops below, and ensure that the shop areas below can completely embrace the indoor / outdoor flow to be inviting for the community to enjoy the village for many years to come.

Council the future of Newport is in your hands. How this development proceeds could make or break our village.