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

To: Northern Beaches Council General Manager

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My wife and I have been residence of Newport for the past 15 years, we have 2 children at Newport public school.

We are deeply concerned about the proposed developments for Robertson Road. We have watched the developments along Barrenjoey Road in Newport over the past decade and have been saddened by the cold, ugly, unsuitable end product, which seems to really only benefit the developer.

Newport already suffers the 6 lane highway through it's town centre, Robertson Road serves as the only 'quieter' pedestrian precinct in our suburb.

As a family we frequent Robertson Road and feel there is an opportunity to create something special for Newport with this small street. We have visions of inviting, alfresco dining in cafes and restaurants, clothing boutiques and a a safer place for our children to gather with friends for many years ahead. Robertson Road has potential for closed street community markets and entertainment on a more regular basis. This would attract more visitors to Newport and create the relaxed, beachside holiday feeling that we all crave. Robertson Road really is the last opportunity for Newport to have such a space.

To think that we will instead be getting more cold, driveways and roller doors taking up this prime community space is disturbing. We suffer enough of this in Newport shops already.

It would be distressing to see the proposed developments go ahead.

Council should reject the proposed developments. It should be mandatory for the 4 property owners to come together and develop this space together rather than the disjointed proposals that will leave the street under construction for many years. We believe this was proposed in a Newport Masterplan some years ago?

It is inevitable that there is to be shop top apartments in the street, however, we feel it is important to maintain (or enhance) the sunny, beach-side, eat-street 'corso' that Newport community can be proud of. We feel this opportunity will be lost forever if the current proposals go ahead.

We sincerely hope that Council can recognise this opportunity and act on behalf of the Newport community.

Many thanks for allowing our input and your consideration on this matter.

Regards,
Matt and Sonia Jeans.