
Sent: 20/03/2022 11:03:46 PM
Subject: Planning Section 455 Modifications Mod 2021/0983

Dear Sirs,

I write to object to the proposed increase in customer numbers to the future restaurant and to express my concern about the scope and details of this development as it stands.

1. The more than double increase in number of patrons at Shop 1 the substantial numbers at Shop 2 and 3, would create chaos with parking in an area already experiencing major parking problems for residents and visitors to the beach, to the existing Deli and to the Wedding Venue, Moby Dick.

2. The closing time at 10 pm everyday of the week is totally unacceptable as the level of noise, transit and traffic disruption would make it unbearable for residents.

It's hard to imagine a proposal such as this being approved in what is really, a residential area.

We have lived near the proposed development for over 40 years and remember the disruption it caused to neighbours when Moby Dick next door to the proposed site, held periodical music concerts. Patrons left the premises late at night intoxicated and walked along Whale beach and Surf Road to catch public transport in Barrenjoey Rd, as they were not fit to drive. They left a trail of destruction, vandalising cars parked along the road and waking residents with shouts and loud noises. Our cars and our neighbour's had scratches, side mirrors and windscreen wipers broken periodically.

This kind of drunken behaviour still happens now, but to a lesser extent, after wedding receptions. With 3 additional licensed venues closing late and operating in close proximity, this unacceptable behaviour is sure to be magnified and become a real nightmare for residents.

To my view, this development as a whole is unsustainable when one considers the large overall number of people who would be concentrating in this small area, the increased volume of traffic, noise, parking problems, pedestrian safety, etc.

Several residents and myself I have repeatedly called the Council and our representative's attention to the dangerous conditions in our small, steep and winding roads, specially Whale Beach and Surf Rd where pedestrians have been injured and a life lost recently, cars crashed, gone off the roads and got stuck unable to negotiate them. Lack of sidewalks and steps to safely climb and descend make it a dire situation.

A serious congestion already exists in the Peninsula due to its geography and small size with limited road access. This is made worst during summer and holydays to the point that many of us have experienced grid locks trying to get in and out of the area. My husband had a bad accident in the surf at whale Beach and we had great difficulty and delays getting to the Mona Vale Hospital then. It is worst now, trying to reach Northern Beaches Hospital in French's Forest. This is not an isolated incident. It has happened to many residents as accidents in the surf and while doing sports, are many.

The increased traffic and pedestrian congestion caused by the 3 venues plus Moby Dick, will be harmful not only to the residents but to the character of the area, which is just not suitable for the scope of this proposal.

A further increase in number of patrons is totally unacceptable.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone