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

I write to register my strong objection to this DA (2020/1756-353 Barrenjoey Rd Newport). Having grown up in Newport in the 80's, moving away to work in the later 90's, we then chose to return to Newport to buy our family home and raise our family. Why Newport? Because of all the suburbs and communities along the Northern Beaches, Newport has retained its identity as a genuinely warm, welcoming, low key, low density beachside community which has grown organically, supporting decades old local businesses and has held onto its inherent fabric of respect for and pride and joy in its environment. Newport cares about its streetscape, its ambience, its village atmosphere, its businesses and its people.

As long term residents of the northern beaches we have watched with dismay as our neighbouring suburbs have become increasingly over developed, inappropriately stuffed communities with cheap, badly designed accommodation and services that have consistently resulted in local businesses being driven broke and the subsequently vacant retail properties remaining vacant for years on end.

This development is in direct contrast to the recommendations of the Newport Masterplan 2007, which included item 3.4.1 (Land uses) viii Encourage consolidation of lots to provide efficient underground parking. Consolidation being the key word. The development of Robertson Rd has opportunity to further enhance Newport's genuine village atmosphere, by looking at the project as a whole, how it can be sensitively and appropriately designed to contribute to the community and be of benefit for all, not just the developer.

Please, reject the development application as it currently stands.

Regards
Saffron Carter