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RE: DA2020/0543 - 50 Lawrence Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Dear Phil,

I am horrified by this proposal. I am not against development in our suburb but residents and retailers in Freshwater Village have suffered enough. This is just the final straw. We have been subjected to constant disruption through construction in Lawrence and Albert Street for nearly 5 years now. So many retailers have closed because of lack of foot traffic and lack of parking. The street already looks like a ghost town with so many shops closed.

If this development is allowed to proceed, we will have several more years of disruption to what was a peaceful and relaxed life in Freshwater. This is not Pittwater Road. This is a very small Village.

I am not a retailer in Freshwater. I do have a retail business in Brookvale though and the last place I would set up a retail business is Freshwater village as it is dying.

As a resident, I am sick of coming home from work at 5pm and not being able to park anywhere near my home. From September to April, I can drive around for 15 minutes or more to find parking and this is not acceptable. Public transport is not an option as I have to cart goods to and from my retail premises.

More residential development in this area is only going to exacerbate the traffic and parking problem further. I often drive past Dowling Street in the morning and the cars are banked up to the top of the hill trying to exit onto Lawrence Street. I cannot imagine how bad it would be if this development proceeds. That corner is way too busy for any residential development.

Regardless of other people's height concerns, the Village can no longer cope with any more residential development. We are past capacity now.

Michelle