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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

My wife and I viewed the Watermark Village approximately eight weeks ago and were shown three vacant apartments which were available for sale. We were so impressed with the facilities within the Village that we purchased apartment 77 and moved in two weeks ago. We then discovered that a DA had been submitted to council to convert the grassed area within the Village to a public bowling green. We understood that this area was for exclusive use by the residents for relaxation, picnics and croquet. This area currently represents the only secure outdoor space within the Village for the residents to relax and exercise.

Whilst our apartment does not face the area in question, we strongly oppose converting it into any facility for use by the general public for the following reasons:-

- 1.) The area would no longer be a secure area.
- 2.) Noise from competitions such as bowls would disturb the peaceful environs of the Village.
- 3.) The serving or consuming of alcohol within the area would exacerbate noisy banter which goes on during bowls.
- 4.) Apartments bordering the proposed bowling green would not have any privacy as potential prying eyes would be able to see into their rooms.
- 5.) The whole area within Watermark would potentially become a public thoroughfare with little control over who enters.

We strongly object to the proposal.

From a personal objective, we moved to a retirement village for security and a peaceful life in our twilight years among other retirees with similar social and community values. This development would negate the primary reasons for moving here.