

13th December 2021

Chair and Local Planning Panel
C/O
Northern Beaches Council,
PO Box 1336, Dee Why,
NSW 2099

Dear Panel,

Re Submission re DA 2020/1756 351 & 353 Barrenjoey Rd Newport

I refer to the above application, and in particular a decision by a Northern Beaches Council planner Jordan Davies to allow this development to proceed with 34 less parking spot that was originally planned. Newport shopping area already has huge issues with insufficient parking which are well known by the community, shop owners, retailers and documented by NBC.

The community, in the surveys that I undertook for the Newport Residents Association, with over 1300 respondents including more than 1000 from the Newport post code alone, were seeking an option to close off Robertson Road and pedestrianised on a regular basis for special occasions. To achieve this they were asking for underground carpark entrances to suitably positioned to allow for this to happen.

The concerns expressed by community are not about vehicle movements in general but about VEHICLE ACCESS to a car park on Robertson Road. The Newport Master Plan clearly requires a) site amalgamations b) combining underground carparking for potentially multiple sites and c) utilising both a) and b) above to minimise or eliminate carpark entrances on Robertson Road. The Newport Master Plan does not recommend reducing 34 carparking spaces.

However without any published research, no traffic movement survey on Robertson Road or surrounds, no review of carparking capacity with in Newport shopping strip, NBC's Jordan Davies, and I assume his superiors, proposed solution is to recommend to the developer of 351 to remove an entire basement level (34 carparking spaces).

This doesn't allow the closure of Robertson Road for special occasions! As you can't be half pregnant, you either have car movement or you don't!

This loss of 34 carparking spaces for the community just allows the developer to save several hundreds of thousand dollars in building costs. Increasing his PROFIT!

Developer: One – Community: Nil

I would therefore request that you either ensure that the Newport Master Plan is followed in full, or you REJECT this Development Application.

It should be noted that the current landowner would have been well aware of the Newport Master Plan when he purchased the site, as he has executed multiple developments in Newport village and therefore there is no reason that he should be submitting a Development Application that does not meet every single requirement set out within such a Master Plan. In fact, the only justifiable reason for EVER considering such a compromise would be with the proviso that every other aspect of the final DA to be submitted addressed every requirement and intention of the Masterplan, to the letter!

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Moore