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Dear Planning Panel

As long term residents of the area, we are so bitterly disappointed that this DA has been supported by NBC Planners and is now being passed onto your panel for approval.

Again, another farce by NBC re the 'community consultation' charade that has gone on re beautiful Robertson Road and this shameful, monolithic, poorly-designed DA that is heading to the Planning Panel on 15/12/21. Simon Barlow and the Newport Residents Assoc, along with the majority of the local community have worked so hard to get Council and planners to see sense re this DA and its potentially devastating outcome for Newport - to no avail apparently, as this DA has now been supported by NBC planners. Why? How?

We know this panel will be aware of all the issues surrounding this DA. You have an amazing opportunity to uphold the Newport Master Plan, and to encourage developers to design a building that maintains the only central Newport street that can be used as a community hub where people can enjoy music, food and congregate - and can also be blocked off for events. What's the point of having a Master Plan when it can be completely ignored or overturned? Why wasn't the community properly consulted - and listened to? You must reject this DA.

This DA will sound the death nall for Newport, by having a busy parking entrance directly off Robertson Rd. Newport is already a wasteland. Half the shops are empty - but a great design on this site could have enlivened the suburb. We also cannot see how the beautiful gum, that is the feature of the street, will survive. It will be another ugly eyesore of a build in Newport, (among the many others that have already been passed by NBC) - but it has the potential to be something wonderful.

Please do not support this DA. Please uphold the design values set in the Newport Master Plan & encourage developers to design something beautiful, innovative, eco & community-friendly.

Sincerely  
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