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My submission relates to the proposed Vehicular Access for this development.

With Robertson Road, there is a unique opportunity to create a pedestrian plaza. This plaza concept will provide an enhanced community focus in Newport. It also provides balance to the rest of Newport village area, which sits on a busy multi-lane highway. Vehicular Access, in the proposed form, will prevent any possibility of a pedestrian plaza development of Robertson Road forever.

As part of the future for Robertson Road I would love to see it closed off at more regular intervals to further promote a community feel for the area. As stated above this development does not and will not allow this to happen as I would suspect that the owners and tenants of this new development would complain (as I would) about not been able to access their car park at anytime they wanted and allowing them into Robertson Road would defeat the purpose that this little street has planned. It may be a little street but is in fact the heart of Newport.

In principle I have no objection to progress and understand that this corner needs development (it has sat vacant for a long time), but I would like to see the huge gum incorporated into any new development as it has been growing there a lot longer than any of us have lived in Newport and it has a right to be here a lot longer than any of us will be here for. Any development should blend with and become part of the history and not wipe out the good bits of what Newport is to the residents.

Any future development should not disregard the potential of enhancing the area for the whole of the community.

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