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RE: DA2020/1756 - 353 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

I strongly oppose the application for the following reasons:

1. Robertson Road properties (four or five in total) should be amalgamated and developed as one, as proposed in the Newport Masterplan.
2. If this development proceeds as presently proposed the access will be directly onto Robertson Road - destroying a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Robertson Road developed into the plaza type heart of Newport.
3. Newport Masterplan which clearly states that properties should be consolidated to share underground parking - this development does not.

Over the past year locals had been encouraged by Council's moves to close Robertson Road for community events - both of these events were successful despite poor weather for the first event and Covid and subsequent lack of marketing for the second event. That said the community could see the benefit of a pedestrian plaza at the "Heart of Newport". I would ideally like council and councillor to be forward thinking and go a step further and consider the four or five properties on Robertson Road and the Council owned carpark on Foamcrest Avenue all being considered as a blank canvass to truly develop the "Heart of Newport". A true champion of what is best for the community, might go a step further and include the land owned by Woolworths added to the overall scope of a redevelopment.

Thus I ask Council and Councillors to look at the big picture and a blank canvas and how you can truly make a long term and meaningful change to Newport by working with the community and the owners of the aforementioned properties, rather than ticking and flicking a small and insignificant DA which will result in a once in a lifetime opportunity lost.

Have courage and work with the community.