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Dear Mr. Stokes,

I am writing to make clear my absolute and utter opposition to the plan for Robertson Road development.

As rate payers and members of the community, we don't always have time to be across every detail of development proposals. Please don't discount this submission because it doesn't address every issue in the most technical of ways. We are at a disadvantage as we're not town planners nor engineers nor urban architects.

We are the people who work, live and socialise in the area. We use it. We meet friends here. It is OUR community.

And for this reason, we are very lucky to have Simon Barlow at the helm of this movement to save this teeny tiny but VITAL and VIBRANT road.

I choose to use the words directly from the Save Robertson Road website to voice my protest at the developments that are imminent for this area. No matter that I don't know every detail and can't quote standards and planning restrictions.

Please let us have our say. For the sake of our quality of life and those of future generations. We are at the tipping point where Newport offers nothing much except the Beach. Let's give it a chance at being a VILLAGE. If there's one thing we've learnt from COVID it's that we love our area and we want more places we can enjoy spending time in other than our houses. It is a fair and reasonable request and we are desperate for your help to stop the development until consultation by the Community is undertaken.

#### The Advantages:

1. The disruption to residents and businesses from construction is only experienced once.
2. Property owners/developers realize and are rewarded with more potential floor space by not having to provide access to underground parking, and the pavements and frontages in Robertson Rd and on Barrenjoey Rd are not interrupted.
3. The number of current tenants potentially disrupted by construction are at the moment relatively few.
4. Establishing a high quality model development in the heart of Newport will encourage and attract similar development in the surrounding precinct.
5. Robertson Road will be secured to thrive and develop as the heart of Newport for future generations.

#### The Proposal:

1. The current, and any future development applications be opposed, and the owners and developers are negotiated with, and encouraged to explore the following:
2. The planning and development of the 4 properties on Robertson Road, and the 3 properties South of RR be coordinated and completed at the same time, including a shared underground carpark (recommended by the Newport Masterplan Item 3.4.1 (Land Uses) (viii) Encourage consolidation of lots to provide for efficient underground parking).
3. In addition, explore options and solutions for the planning and design of the buildings fronting Robertson Rd, Barrenjoey Rd and Foamcrest Ave, so the streetscape and amenities are coordinated and harmonized to maximum practical and aesthetic advantage, in line with the Newport Masterplan.

From <https://www.saverobertsonroad.org/the-proposal>.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Thomas