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

I have been a resident of Newport for the just 6 years since I retired to the Northern Beaches. Newport should and could be a cosy beachside community but requires a precinct to be its town centre. By default, this is Robertson Road. The landscaping and dining that is there currently is the tip of the iceberg on what might be achieved and it is essential that any development adds to this quiet dining street, allowing for closure to traffic for markets and entertainment etc.

I am really concerned about the proposed developments for Robertson Road. Robertson Road serves as the only 'quieter' pedestrian precinct in our suburb. I walk along Robertson Road every day for my coffee, breakfast, and other meals and know there is an opportunity to create something special for Newport with this small street with alfresco dining in cafes and restaurants, clothes shops, markets and entertainment.

This would help create the relaxed, beachside community that Newport really should be, rather than a place you pass by on the way to Palm Beach. Robertson Road is not only the best opportunity to create such a destination, but it is the only and the last opportunity. Please don't allow this development to proceed as envisaged, which would permanently increase traffic flow and stop the coordinated rejuvenation of the town's centre.

Council should reject the proposed developments. It should be mandatory for all the property owners along Robertson Road and adjoining Barrenjoey frontage to come together and coordinate the development of this space together in line with what I understand was the proposed Newport Masterplan of some years ago.

This opportunity will be lost forever if the current proposals go ahead.

I sincerely hope that Council can recognise this opportunity and act on behalf of the Newport community.

Regards

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