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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit a very very strong objection to this submission. Newport is very vulnerable to such proposals as it desperately needs to claw back some of its village-like atmosphere which has slowly but steadily been eroded. The bulk and scale of this proposal does not suggest it will be in keeping with proportions best suited to the village and for this reason alone it should not be granted. Another consideration is that having a pedestrian only street would be such a great feature for the village and this would not be viable along Robertson road if this proposal was granted.

I'm dismayed to learn that the DA does not meet requirements as per the Newport Master Plan and that height limits also exceed the DCP and LEP. WHY are such limits imposed if they are then to be disregarded? What is the point of the exercise if the restrictions are then watered down or worse, ignored?

A vibrant and pleasing village has become especially important to us now that COVID is part of our day to day life. We all want a local hub that is conducive to use for the community. There are so many missed opportunities in Newport that make it second rate (some that we can do nothing about such as having a main road run through it) that we must NOT let any further inappropriate DA's be granted without thought to the community who will use it.

An over-sized retail facility whose bulk and scale and height does not fit with the proportions of a small village such as Newport and which simultaneously prevents the creation of a pedestrian street should not be allowed to go ahead. The purpose of the Newport Masterplan was to keep these ideals in mind. Something this proposal totally ignores.