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

Dear Council,

I write in the hope that I can contribute in some small way to making any future developments of the Robertson Rd precinct in Newport, family friendly and sensitive to the long overdue need for a well designed, focal heart for Newport.

At present, Robertson road is the only dining area situated far enough away from the noise and distraction of Barenjoey Rd to have a relaxing meal out.

Planners have an outstanding opportunity to upgrade this currently tired area with designs that maximise its current character whilst at the same time modernising the area.

For example, the tree lighting looks fantastic and encourages a warm friendly atmosphere, whilst directly across the road is a disgracefully neglected Post office yard. At minimal cost, this yard could be multi-purposed as a courtyard dining area at night. Similarly, other buildings must be redesigned to enhance the village feel and restaurant atmosphere.

Residents of Newport, like myself and my family always look forward to walking to Robertson Rd on weekends to meet neighbours and friends. I look forward to any future developments in this area being hyper mindful of the urgent need for sensible and thoughtful re-development that prioritises high quality, village style, human scale development that builds on the quiet, atmospheric nature of the the space.

I suggest it is probably time for the restaurant section of Robertson Rd to be closed and replaced with a plaza for restaurant seating, art exhibitions and live outdoor music etc.

Your sincerely
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