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

Robertson Road is unique. It's collection of assorted 'quirky' buildings and shopfronts makes it ideal for creative and small businesses and independent cafes, that form the basis of any strong community. It's the place where many of us go to shop small and local, to meet our friends.

I have, for many years, worked in the arts and design community. I believe that streets like these are essential for the health of our creative future. I abhor the developers white-washing of these for the sole purpose of making a profit. There is nothing remotely creative in the plans proposed. Indeed, they appear to reflect similar, unimaginative developments in ribbon towns throughout Australia. The fact that the 'gateway' property at the other end of Newport and a similar corner site in Avalon has struggled to find long-term tenants since their construction, surely demonstrates that people don't want to be in them.

I urge the council to reject this application.