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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

We are original owners and residents of Watermark Freshwater Village and have a number of serious concerns with the proposal contained in Development Application DA2020/1233.

We are very concerned that the proposal contemplates the development of a bowling green, which is to be potentially open to all Mounties members and their guests, for very extensive operating hours. The bowling green will be in the middle of our retirement village gardens and will be surrounded on three sides by residential apartments. This garden area provides the only space within Watermark Freshwater Village for the residents to enjoy a sunlit outdoor area. This is precious, as not all of the apartments receive direct sunlight.

If the proposal goes ahead it will be all too easy for non-residents at bowling green events to simply walk into the residents garden area, impacting our quiet enjoyment of our homes.

Further, the Operational Plan of Management supporting the DA (Management Plan) lists a series of proposed activities to be held on the bowling green. However, the Management Plan goes on to say that future use is "not limited" to these activities. Therefore it could be open slather on future uses. Who knows what a future Mounties management team might allow? This provision is much too broad.

The Management Plan also allows for the tens of thousands of Mounties Club members to book the bowling green area, but does not state for what purposes. Once again, this is much too broad.

Residents have been repeatedly assured by current Mounties management that barefoot bowls will not be allowed on the bowling green. However, the Management Plan states ..."When playing barefoot bowls or used for exercise/ picnics, the maximum number will be 50." So barefoot bowls is specifically mentioned as a possible activity. There is nothing to stop a future Mounties management team allowing barefoot bowls.

We were amazed to learn that the bowling green area is licensed premises. A licensed bowling green with regular events increases the likelihood of safety, noise and security issues for all residents. It is highly problematic to have a licensed area, open to the public, plonked in the middle of the retirement village residential gardens.

For the above reasons, we oppose the DA.

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