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RE: DA2024/1303 - 11 / 0 Melwood Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

Northern Beaches Council
DA Number: DA2024/1303
Re: Objection to Proposed Redevelopment of Forestville RSL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a local resident of the Forestville/Killarney Heights community to formally object to the proposed redevelopment of the Forestville RSL (DA2024/1303).

I strongly oppose this development for the following reasons:

1. Excessive Building Height and Visual Impact

The proposed building height is entirely out of scale with our low-rise, village-style neighbourhood. This development would tower over the surrounding homes and fundamentally alter the quiet, residential character of our area. I do not want a large, dominant structure overshadowing our community.

2. Loss of Community Space

The redevelopment would result in the loss of important community assets - the bowling greens, green open space, and community gathering areas - which are currently used and valued by many local residents. These spaces help foster community spirit and well-being and should not be sacrificed for private development interests.

3. Construction Impacts

The construction phase, which will likely extend over several years, would bring prolonged noise, dust, road disruptions, and safety hazards to our community. The daily lives of residents, especially the elderly and families with children, would be severely impacted. I am very concerned about how this will affect access, local roads, and quality of life during the long construction period.

4. Traffic and Congestion

Traffic in and out of our suburb is already challenging - it is often difficult to exit onto the main roads, particularly during peak times. This development would add significantly more traffic, with no consideration of how this would be managed or mitigated. The additional residents, visitors, and service vehicles would only worsen an already problematic situation.

5. Expansion of Gambling Area

I am deeply opposed to the proposed emphasis on gambling in the new development. The fact that the gaming areas are planned to be larger and more prominently placed than dining and community spaces is entirely inappropriate for a quiet, family-oriented neighbourhood. This is not the type of facility I want to see promoted in my community, nor is it aligned with the needs and values of local residents.

For these reasons, I ask the Council and the Sydney North Planning Panel to REJECT this development proposal. It does not reflect the wishes of the local community, and the impacts would be overwhelmingly negative for Forestville.

Thank you for your attention to my submission.

Regards

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