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RE: DA2023/1757 - Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

14th May 2025

Attention: Steve Findlay

Re:DA2025/1757-Forestway Shopping Centre

In response to the letter dated 8th May 2025 from the manager development assessment.

As a resident and owner at 56 Grace Ave, Frenchs Forest we have concerns about the amendments of the traffic changes to the above development which will primarily be funnelled into the narrow local council roads surrounding the shopping centre as per the traffic engineers referral response

The proposed changes would impact the following (safety) issues

- *Diverting the majority of shopping centres traffic into a street that has a primary school bordering Grace Ave puts school aged kids and families at risk. Dropping off school children while navigating heavy volumes of traffic coming to and from a larger development of the shopping centre will be difficult to keep children and adults safe. This more so when busy and everyone is in a rush, especially if they are going to be stuck in traffic.
- *Young families and children living on Grace Ave walk to school and to the shopping centre without any suitable access to cross the road except for one pedestrian crossing further away from school entrance. With increased traffic our school aged students will be put at a highest risk crossing the road.
- *Cyclist and electric scooters will be forced onto the footpath on Grace, Russell and Ann Street due to increased traffic.
- *Loading docks access to trucks block Grace Ave regularly and this will impact the traffic congestion even more especially with the current traffic diversion proposal into Russell, Grace and Fitzpatrick
- *Residents exiting or entry of their property have a visibility disadvantage and compromised safety . More so with the proposed increased traffic.
- *The risk of congestion in the street with both ends of Grace Ave where the street is very narrow only allows one car at a time travel down or up the road quickly and comfortably.
- *Traffic merging into Warringah road from Fitzpatrick is difficult especially in peak hours and unsafe with the oncoming speed of oncoming traffic
- *Grace Ave has a huge problem with potholes and the proposed increased congestion of traffic would add to the degradation of this problem. Council will have to consider the expense

of ongoing repairs regularly.

*increased exhaust emissions has a health impact on the respiratory and overall health of residents of Grace Ave and the surrounding streets that the proposed changes in traffic will cause. Air quality is a major concern with the increase traffic proposed

*Traffic cannot safely cross Forestway from Russell going right/west during peak hours heading towards Chatswood. It is also not permitted from Russell or Grace Ave during morning rush. This leaves shoppers limited access to the direction they might need.

Alternative suggestion for a compromise to residents and Shopping Centre

*Improve traffic congestion and control by removing traffic restrictions on Russell and Grace Ave.

*Install traffic light at Russell, Forestway intersection. Allowing travel westward bound towards Chatswood and eastbound towards Belrose.

*Remove restrictions of traffic exiting shopping centre and travelling west from Russell

* Add flashing signs reminding vehicles of the school zones on Grace Ave and surrounding streets

*Add speed restrictions (hump's etc) on Grace Ave between Russell and Fitzpatrick to slow traffic speeds on the wider parts

*Retain pedestrian bridge from original plans. Our community deserves better access across Forestway safely.

*Pedestrian crossing on Forestway needs to be a priority to avoid students running through traffic trying to catch the school buses.

*By reducing leasable area ie removing swimming centre etc, the traffic volumes would also reduce

*Design a safer egress for traffic volumes from Fitzpatrick to Warringah Rd

*Put footpath on Fitzpatrick to avoid traffic. Currently we need to use road as there is no complete path to use.

*Reduce speed limits on surrounding roads of shopping centre

*Restrict parking on Grace Ave to one side only on narrow ends to help traffic flow (Prince Charles to Sorlie Road and Fitzpatrick to Altona)

Make a clearer sign of No Parking/ Stopping at the side entrance of shops via Grace (just past the roundabout) Large trucks ignore (and have removed signage) by blocking view of cars coming from roundabout while other cars trying to exit shops from the laneway from shops

We look forward to your response from the community and residents feedback on these changes

Regards

Caroline and Gerhard Musik