
From: Nicole Henderson
Sent: 14/05/2025 12:13:58 PM
To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox
Subject: TRIMMED: Re: Objection to Proposed Development application DA2023/1751 - 14/5/25

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Development Application DA2023/1757 concerning the redirection of traffic from Forest Way Shopping Centre via Russell Avenue, Grace Avenue, and Fitzpatrick Avenue to Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086.

As a resident of this area, I have serious concerns about the risks and negative impacts this traffic redirection would have on our local community.

The proposal to redirect a significant volume of traffic, including commercial vehicles, through Russell Avenue, Grace Avenue, and Fitzpatrick Avenue raises significant safety concerns. These are quiet residential streets, not designed for heavy through-traffic. This change would endanger pedestrians, particularly children attending Frenchs Forest Public School on Grace Avenue and elderly residents. Additionally, it would lead to increased noise and air pollution in our neighbourhood.

These local roads are simply not equipped to handle the increased traffic. Their narrowness and existing infrastructure limitations suggest that this redirection would inevitably cause traffic congestion, longer commute times, and a greater likelihood of accidents at intersections and along driveways. There are already signs of road deterioration, such as potholes and surface stripping along Grace Ave.

Furthermore, increased traffic flow could impede emergency vehicle access, potentially delaying critical response times. The existing challenges posed by narrow streets and parked cars would only be worsened by a higher volume of traffic.

This proposed traffic redirection appears to contradict fundamental principles of urban planning, which prioritise directing traffic flow along major arterial roads rather than through quiet residential areas. It seems to transfer the burden of traffic from commercial zones to local residents without adequate justification or plans to mitigate the negative consequences.

I strongly urge the Council to re-evaluate this aspect of the development application and consider alternative traffic management solutions that do not jeopardise the safety and quality of life in our established residential neighbourhoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this objection. I would be grateful for confirmation that this submission has been received and recorded in relation to DA2023/1757.

Yours sincerely,

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