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RE: DA2023/1224 62 Myoora Road TERREY HILLS NSW 2084

After living in Terrey Hills my entire life, to hear that renovations are progressing for Flower Power to expand and change its entry and exit point to halfway along Cooyong Road is extremely saddening and unneeded

The proposal from Flower Power seems logical initially, until you look into its concerning underlying factors such as safety, cost and community disruption.

The most important factor being safety is the key element that should be focused on, and itself should be a viable reason for going against the development plans. Moving the entry and exit point closer to a school is endangering the lives of obviously children, but also adults who drive and walk through the area. It is already a concerning role for a parent to look out for their children near a round-a-bout or intersection, but increasing this duty for another heavily trafficked driveway produces further anxiety. Drivers themselves coming out of Flower Power may feel overwhelmed as cars are approaching them a lot sooner from the round-a-bout, making them lose focus on the other direction at which somebody could be walking from. It is essentially just an accident waiting to happen for pedestrians and drivers.

Aside from pedestrians, horses also use the opposite side of Cooyong road quite regularly and will be impacted by the movement of the entry and exit point as well. They'll be unable to ride on an unimpeded strip of land and be forced to walk past pedestrians instead on a small footpath. Using an example, you have a mother with an infant in a pram and a toddler loosely walking beside her while a horse is coming in the other direction, one of them will have to give way and currently, the horse is able to walk across to the otherside of the road when it is safe to do so. If this same scenario was to happen with the new entry and exit point, the horse will be unable to cross the road and instead have to attempt to walk past the mother with the pram and toddler next to a small footpath, or walk onto the road to do so. It's pretty obvious that both parties should have the right to use community pathways which they have already been designed for. Safety should not be changed or limited for the benefit of a business that is already thriving with its current setup.

If the safety concerns are not a strong enough reason to prevent the changes of Flower Powers entry and exit points, the cost to the community and its disruption might be. With low-hanging power lines and misplaced power poles blocking the proposed design, they will need to be moved at the cost of the council. Its exit point will also create more traffic along Cooyong road which is already crumbling from excess vehicle use as seen near the entrance of the round-a-bout. No doubt, trucks will be entering and exiting from this change meaning heavier

traffic is also using the road which is capped at a 3 tonne road limit

Safety concerns should be a strong enough factor to repel against Flower Powers' idea, with a strong potential for injury upon its implementation. If it's not, hopefully, the cost to the community and its disruption are seen as further reasons to stop the change from happening