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RE: DA2018/1924 - Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

We are very excited at the prospect of Forest Way shopping Centre being renovated and extended.

We have serious concerns however, for the traffic implications along Bentley Avenue, Forestville and surrounding local streets.

For decades now, there has been insufficient access for the residents of Davidson and the South West side of Frenchs Forest to access Warringah Road and travel South (when exiting from Sorlie Road onto Grace Avenue). Most use Brown Street in Forestville to access Warringah Rd which has meant a rat run has been happening along Grace Avenue, Altona Avenue, Deakin Street, Bentley Avenue and Brown Street. The traffic lights at Brown Street are often backed up (sometimes back to Bentley Avenue in the morning).

Streets such as Bentley Avenue Forestville (which is very narrow and has a sharp blind corner within it) have thousands of cars travelling along it (often speeding) on a daily basis, without any traffic calming strategies in place.

It has become almost too dangerous for adults (let alone children) to walk along or attempt to cross.

This situation has been occurring for years. Due to the limited access to turn right onto Warringah Rd, the new Northern Beaches tunnel has had little effect on improving the situation.

Of greater concern now, is that RMS has rejected Forestway Shopping Centre's plans within their DA to have traffic lights with a right hand turn onto Forestway. The projections are that traffic on Grace Avenue (and therefore surrounding local roads) will increase significantly. Car parking spaces in the centre will increase by 73%.

All of this traffic from Grace Avenue will continue down the narrow local streets (Altona Avenue, Deakin Street, Bentley Avenue and Brown Street).

We believe before the Forestway Development is allowed to go ahead, that traffic controlling measures need to be put in place along Bentley Avenue and that there needs to be traffic light access in and out of either Forestway Shopping Centre, or a street near the centre (which can also be used by those exiting Sorlie Road (from Davidson and Frenchs Forest) wishing to travel South along Warringah Rd.

Kind regards,
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