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

The upgrade of the Forestway Shopping Centre, although of benefit to the local community, is not solving the parking and traffic access in sympathy with the current conditions.

The original proposal of having traffic exit and entry out onto Forestway was daft and I could not see how it would work, but just moving the whole lot to Grace Avenue is not solving the problem either.

The current traffic flow on Grave Avenue is abysmal, and I can't see it getting better even after the roadworks on Warringah Road are finished. In the morning and afternoon Grave Avenue is continuous traffic and really quite dangerous for people living on Grace Avenue. This is because local people are trying to bypass the mess on Warringah Rd, Forestway jams. I must emphasize that the portion of Grace Avenue from Sorlie Rd through to Frenchs Forest road is very dangerous with very bad traffic congestion due to parked cars.....and this is the throughway to people who want to avoid going to Forestway.

Putting all the Forestway Shopping Centre parking traffic onto Grace Avenue will just add more congestion and feed more traffic into already overloaded roads, especially the northern end of Grace Avenue which as mentioned above is only just single lane now. In addition if the traffic feeds out this way it will make the traffic along the southern end of Grace Avenue towards Bentley Ave much more heavy and it is clearly not designed for a much increased traffic flow. In summary the largest portion of people who use Forestway are locals, making Grace Avenue the main exit will direct this local traffic into already congested and inadequate local roads that feed off Grace Avenue.

I think the current access to Forestway shops is also inadequate and dangerous and just pushing the problem to Grace Avenue will not help.

I think a better solution is to have a proper exit off Forestway where some of the existing car park is used to have a proper set of entry lanes to push the traffic to the car park and give exit lanes which will feed the traffic out again possible using part of Russell Avenue.

Whilst I understand the commercial wish to use the whole area for shops, I think it is incumbent on the developer to either leave things the same or offer a solution which solves the problem.

A main Grace Avenue Feed will also make the traffic situation very bad for the residents opposite Forestway. We have friends living at 56 Grace Avenue and they have issues with all the traffic that it there now both noise, access to the street etc which would only be worse with the proposed main exit at Grace Avenue.