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

TRAFFIC EXIT INTO GRACE AVENUE

Based on experience with the existing exit, the proposal to allow cars to turn left or right out of the shopping centre into Grace Ave is both impractical and dangerous.

Even now, it is hazardous to make a right-hand turn into Grace Ave to proceed in the direction of the Russell Ave roundabout.

Cars approaching from the right pass very quickly through that intersection.

Those turning left from Russell Ave cannot be seen until they start their turn. Many do not apply enough caution and take the corner too quickly. As a result, they can be on top of cars exiting from the driveway, even if all was clear when the manoeuvre started. Making a simple left turn also requires great care.

Then, there is the added complexity of cars approaching on the left from the direction of the school.

Again, many of them come very quickly.

Note that Grace Ave is very busy during school drop-off and pick-up times, and in the evening peak hour. It also carries many light trucks plus a small number of heavy trucks and buses

It makes no sense to expect drivers to attempt this right-turn with traffic approaching from both sides - and some vehicles cannot even be seen until the last moment!

It is difficult with current traffic volumes, so how can it possibly be feasible in the new plan?

Most of the traffic which now exits into Russell Ave will be forced to use this new arrangement. It is hard to imagine the delays which will occur.

I cannot believe this design was even suggested.

The DP should not be approved until this dangerous aspect is rectified.

FOREST WAY CROSSING

While much effort has been put into analysing delay times for cars around various roads and intersections, the pedestrian has been ignored in this regard.

The wait time at the pedestrian crossing on Forest Way can be up to three minutes! I compare this to the "undesirable" seventy seconds quoted for motorists.

There is no shelter or seating. Elderly or infirmed persons are forced to stand and wait. This is unacceptable when so much preference has been given to the amenity of cars.

This crossing is essential for schoolchildren, commuters and residents. Many people also visit pathology and physiotherapy clinics opposite the centre. It is crowded with schoolchildren in the afternoon.

What happened to the proposal to provide a bridge over Forest Way? It was in the original DP.

Surely it is badly needed here. Forest Way carries many heavy vehicles and traffic volumes will only increase.

Why are pedestrians subjected to such inconvenience and lack of amenity? Is it any wonder that so many people, many of the schoolchildren, walk or run against the lights? There will be a fatality here unless the situation is improved.

I do not believe the DP should be approved without restoration of the overhead bridge in the plan. It was one of the biggest benefits to arise from the upgrade of the shopping centre.