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

As per my original submission, 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.

In the original traffic modelling and analysis it states that "traffic flows on Grace Avenue, north of Russell Avenue and south of the Site Access, would increase by some 70 to 100 vehicles per hour two-way during the weekday afternoon and Saturday midday peak hours". It assumes that traffic heading south along Grace Avenue turns left onto Fitzpatrick Avenue West. In most cases however, the traffic travelling south along Grace Avenue continues onto Altona Avenue, onto Deakin Street and then along Bentley Avenue to Brown Street in Forestville. These narrow roads have been far beyond their capacity for decades and this additional traffic will add to the thousands of cars already using these streets as a short-cut to make a right hand turn onto Warringah Rd, when travelling South towards Chatswood and the City (or residents travelling to Killarney Heights). Many residents in Davidson, Belrose and Frenchs Forest use the lights at Brown Street due to the queues in turning right onto Forestway at Adams Street (Frenchs Forest) and Glen Street (Belrose). It does not look like any analysis was carried out on the impact of additional traffic along Bentley Avenue in Forestville and other local surrounding streets.

Further to this, Bentley Avenue does not have a footpath and is extremely unsafe for walking along with the thousands of cars travelling along it every day of the week and weekend. We believe 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 Forestway Shopping Centre onto Forestway (in particular 2 lanes being able to access a right-hand turn arrow onto Forestway).

The amended plans (October 2019), now allow for no right turn access out of Forestway shopping Centre. 2.1.2 (page 8) states that "due to delays turning right out of Russell Avenue onto Forestway, traffic departing the shopping centre and with a destination of Warringah Road (east) would use Grace Avenue (south) and Fitzpatrick Street to access Warringah Road". Even with the upgrades currently being carried out on Warringah Road, there will still be an increase in traffic heading south along Grace Avenue, Altona Avenue, Deakin Street and Bentley Avenue Forestville, as much of it is local traffic seeking to make a safe right hand turn to travel South on Warringah Road, or to avoid queues turning right at the traffic lights at Adams Street (Frenchs Forest) and Glen Street (at Belrose).

As such we implore you to research the likely effects of traffic flow onto local streets in Forestville, such as Bentley Avenue, which are extremely narrow and already beyond capacity

with the volume of traffic heading along them to travel south along Warringah Road. We believe that there needs to be better access for traffic turning right out of Glen Street, Adams Street and Forestway to travel south on Warringah Road, as well as traffic controlling measures put in place to reduce the heavy volumes of vehicles using Bentley Avenue in Forestville. Thank you.