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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regards to the Forestway Shopping Centre redevelopment proposal (DA2018/1924). I believe that this will provide fantastic new facilities and services for our area. However, I am extremely concerned that no suitable entry/exit point has been agreed upon near the centre to take traffic on and off the main arterial routes (Forest Way and Warringah Road).

The original proposal, to have a right hand turn from the shopping centre on to Forest Way, was rejected by RMS / Transport for NSW and current modelling now shows that there will be a significant increase in cars travelling south along Grace Avenue towards Altona Avenue (and therefore surrounding roads). As a resident on the corner of Bentley and Brown Street, it is foreseeable that traffic on these streets will increase further as shopping centre patrons find the nearest road to turn right onto Warringah Road safely with traffic lights, creating a 'rat run' on our local back streets. Traffic in the morning is already extremely congested in the morning on Brown Street (to the point that sometimes we are unable to exit our driveway for 10+ mins as traffic banks up to our corner) and this will only compound the problem. Additionally, the congestion will be exacerbated once Russel Avenue is closed, as is currently proposed by transport NSW longer term. Grace Avenue and surrounding roads are single property family dwellings and not subject to rezoning but will be significantly impacted by increased noise, congestion and safety risks, should the current plan go ahead. It is important to keep the traffic on these residential streets at a lower level, especially with so many school children using these routes to walk home. Car parking spaces at Forestway Shopping Centre will increase by 73% from 428 to 738 so the impact on traffic in our area will be major and long term.

I request that, before this development is allowed to go ahead, the RMS / Transport for NSW and developers identify and approve a suitable entry/exit point that takes traffic on and off the main arterial roads (Forest Way and Warringah Road) in a safe and efficient fashion (close to the centre and preferably with traffic lights) and do not funnel this traffic onto our backstreets.