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

Re DA2018/1924 Redevelopment of Forestway Shopping Centre

I refer to your reference 2020/071547 where council replied to a concern I had regarding traffic down Grace Avenue and at that time Council's own research found "8000 - 11000" vehicles a day just down Grace avenue between Fitzgerald Ave West and Altona Avenue. and Speeds recorded up to 80kph in a 40 Zone!

While this data was all pr-COVId and prior completion of the underpass, if this redevelopment is approved in its current updated plane, with particular reference to the closure of the no right turn onto forestway, the vehicle numbers mentioned above will pail into insignificance compared to what these changes will result in as cars wanting to get onto Warringah Road will have no choice but to utilise Grace Ave and surrounding suburban streets that were never designed nor intended to have this volume of traffic.

What the data from Grace avenue did not show was the amount of daily road rage at the oneway speed hump during the afternoon peaks times. The queues of cars in both directions if as few as 2 or 3 cars are parked in a way that 2 vehicles are not able to pass. The opening of the underpass (not to mention COVID) went a long way to alleviating all these issues but under its current guiese this will all come back with a vengence as Grace Ave will be the only way to get back to Warringah Road.

I strongly urge council to reject the redevelopment until it includes a viable plan for the exit from the shopping centre directly back onto Forest Way and Warringah road that does not involve having to use small suburban roads that were never built or designed with the volume of traffice flow that the redevelopment will bring.