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

The updated plans are still a concern in a number of regards and the application should be rejected in its current form. My concerns are as follows:

1. Inappropriate increase in car parking

The proposed increase in car parking to 738 spaces is in my view excessive for the location of this shopping centre. The additional parking will increase traffic onto local narrow streets (such as Grace Avenue and Prince Charles Road) and will exacerbate problems with vehicle access and egress from/to Forest Way. Also, the addition of a ramp onto the roof-top parking seems to have reduced the architects options for placement of the vehicle access and egress from/to Forest Way, refer my comments below.

2. Unsafe vehicle access from Forest way

This requires a slow-down lane dedicated for traffic preparing to entre the site. I am a daily driving commuter using the Warringah Road into Forest Way junction and am aware of the problems that the current entry-point causes, being so close to the major junction and with no visibility of stationary traffic in Forest Way from Warringah Road.

3. Unsafe vehicle egress onto Forest Way

It is very disappointing to see that the revised plans have not resolved the issue of the Forest Way pedestrian crossing still proposed to be located in the middle of the main vehicle access to the site with cars entering and exiting either side of it - totally unacceptable. If the ramp onto roof-top parking had not been added, it might have been possible to locate both the egress and ingress south of the pedestrian crossing. The current design is unacceptably dangerous for pedestrians, particularly for a crossing that gets so much use from school children.

4. Ill designed allowance for possible future overpass

Making an allowance in the development design for a possible future pedestrian overpass is a good idea, but it is badly executed in this plan. Such a facility is needed 24/7 and so should allow for open access from the street without need to entre the shopping complex or have access limited by the hours of the complex. Such a design has been achieved at Brookvale with the pedestrian bridge over Pittwater Road. We will need something similar here eventually. Make it open and public.