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Subject: Forestway Shopping centre DA - Response to matters raised by TfNSW - 22 Forest Way, Frenchs Forest

TfNSW ref: SYD18/01143/10

Hi Tim,

Reference is made to the amended documents and Road Safety Audit submitted to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 31 March 2020 and 25 May 2020 comment. TfNSW has reviewed the submitted documentation and notes that the Road Safety Audit highlights road safety issues with the proposed entry/exit arrangements either side of the signalised pedestrian crossing on Forest Way. TfNSW advises that an unsafe, substandard vehicular access on Forest Way is not supported, and provides the following comments:

- TfNSW does not provide approval in accordance with Section 87 of the *Roads Act, 1993* for the modification of the existing signalised pedestrian crossing to provide entry/exit movements at this location. The proposed exit is relying on a new signal phase essentially making the site a T-Junction, which was not previously proposed in the Traffic Report dated October 2019 or considered/supported by TfNSW. An additional signalised movement from the car park onto Forest Way will impact the existing performance of Forest Way, including public transport and freight vehicles.
- The current Traffic Signal Guidelines state that a signalised marked foot crossing must be provided on each leg of a signalised intersection in a built up area. This is highly likely to impact traffic turning left from the proposed access, as pedestrian protections in the form of left turn red arrows will be holding traffic back into the car park before they are released. This is also likely to lead onto other issues such as poor air quality within the car park.
- The Road Safety Audit highlights possible conflicts between exiting vehicles and pedestrians, and TfNSW does not support a signalised crossing for pedestrians across the exit as per the above comments. Given that the subject site has alternative vehicular access to the shopping centre for all movements, TfNSW requests that the application is amended to relocate the proposed exit further away from the signalised pedestrian crossing on Forest Way or remove it altogether.
- TfNSW previously requested a deceleration lane to be provided for the entry access on Forest Way and a slip lane has been provided that is too short.
- The proposed type F barrier is a hazard to pedestrians and greater separation needs to be provided between the slip lane and the signalised pedestrian crossing.
- There should not be a marked pedestrian crossing across the slip lane/entry due to sight line issues and also potential queuing impacts onto Forest Way due to the short slip lane. Pedestrians will need to wait to cross. Please note if a marked pedestrian crossing is required at this location, then a warrants assessment for a zebra crossing should have been provided in the Traffic Report.
- TfNSW will not provide concurrence for an unsafe vehicular access on Forest Way.
- The pedestrian fencing on the Forest Way median is supported in principle, subject to compliance with the design complying with TfNSW requirements and relevant standards.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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