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

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.

In the 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 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 avoid Warringah Road and Forestway (and the traffic lights at Adams Street when travelling South Bound towards the city). It does not look like any analysis was carried out on the impact of traffic along Bentley Avenue.

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) to mitigate the number of cars travelling along Grace Avenue towards Bentley Avenue and the Brown Street traffic lights.