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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2017 about the construction of a new shared path in Lambertia Close Park, Mount Gravatt East.

I appreciate your suggestion to install a pathway from the existing shared path at Lambertia Close and asked Ms Chloe Wright from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy (TPS) to investigate. I understand Ms Wright contacted you on 4 July to discuss your enquiry.

Council is committed to creating dedicated bikeways and active travel options with a \$100 million investment from 2016 to 2020. As part of this investment, our Bikeway Local Links program aims to construct smaller projects in locations across the city to provide better cycle and pedestrian connections to commuter bikeways, suburban shopping centres, schools, public transport hubs and recreational facilities.

The next stage of this connection through Lambertia Close Park will complete a pedestrian and bicycle link from Cavendish Road to Pine Mountain Road, by delivering an additional path from Calliandra Close to Pine Mountain Road.

As part of the project, Council investigated options which included a pathway alignment along the creek from the existing path at Lambertia Close to Pine Mountain Road. However, it was not feasible due to a number of site constraints and potential environmental impacts. Internal advice from Council's Creek Catchment Officers identified that the section of creek between Lambertia Close and Calliandra Place is of high biodiversity value to the local catchment area. Additionally, the steep grade of the site and restricted amount of space would require either filling in part of the creek or a suspended structure to deliver a pathway.

Given the environmental constraints, the preferred bikeway alignment has been designed from Calliandra Place to Pine Mountain Road. The new alignment maintains an appropriate clearance from the creek to minimise impacts on the biodiversity corridor and will be accessible from the existing path at Lambertia Close via Tristania Way and Calliandra Place. Both streets have a small residential catchment and a level grade to provide a safe connection.

I can confirm that Council will install signage from the end of the existing path in Lambertia Close through to Pine Mountain Road to direct cyclists between the new and existing paths. It is anticipated that this signage will be installed by the end of September.

I appreciate the time you have taken to provide your feedback on this project. I understand this is not the answer you were hoping for, however, I trust I have been able to outline Council's position on the matter.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please phone Ms Wright on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk LORD MAYOR

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