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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your emails of 17 July and 20 July 2017 about your concerns with pedestrian and bicycle access at the Howard Smith Wharves construction site.

I acknowledge your concerns about the recent Council approval of a Construction Management Plan (CMP) for the development at Howard Smith Wharves (application reference A004603409). I am told that, although a draft CMP was submitted with the original application (A004162925), this document did not form part of the approved plans and documents for the proposal.

As you may appreciate, it is not until after development approval is granted that detailed planning of the construction phase occurs. Therefore, it is not standard practice for Council to approve a CMP as part of a development application. Instead, a condition may be imposed on the development approval seeking a detailed CMP to be submitted for approval to Council prior to site works commencing, as occurred in this instance.

Under the provisions of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA), the CMP is considered to be Code assessable and, therefore, is not required to be publicly advertised. However, I can advise the application is available on Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/pdonline by searching application reference 'A004603409'. Section 12.25 of the CMP exclusively relates to matters regarding cyclists and pedestrians.

As you are aware, the CMP requires that a minimum clear width of 2.5 metres should be provided for the shared path during the construction phase. In addition, the containment fence was to be set back from the path by 0.5 metres. Where possible, the contractor was requested to maintain a three metre clear width. I can advise that this requirement did not change between the original application and the permissible change.

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I can also advise that the shared path is to remain open for the duration of the construction period, maintaining public access to all stages of the precinct and Riverwalk. The location of the path is to be addressed and relocated, as part of the CMP, as each stage of the construction progresses.

With regard to your comments about a six metre shared path, I must clarify this requirement is in reference to the finished development, rather than during construction. This shared path along the east side of the hotel, will run for the majority of the site and will be adequately signed as a shared pathway.

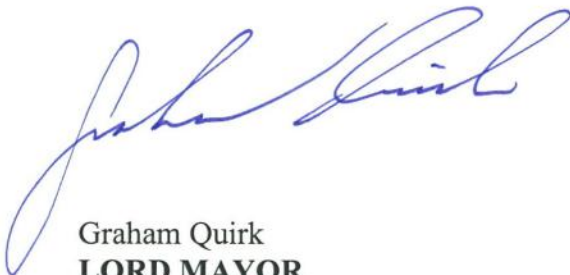
During a site inspection in early June 2017, Council officers confirmed that the shared path widths onsite meet the conditions of the development approval. However, during the inspection, areas were identified with visibility issues. The construction company was directed to remove the shade cloth on the containment fences from bends and corners to maintain lines of sight to allow for clear vision of path users approaching these corners. I have been informed that the appropriate sight lines at these bends have been reinstated by the construction company.

Furthermore, I have arranged for the Suburban Construction Management Taskforce (SCMT) to undertake periodic inspections to ensure that the cycleway provision remains compliant. If you or your members observe any issues that you consider to be compliance issues, I would encourage you to contact Council's 24-hour Contact Centre on 3403 8888 and refer them to the SCMT.

If you have any further questions about the CMP, please contact Ms Kaye Atkins, Acting Team Manager, Development Services City West, City Planning and Sustainability, on the same number.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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