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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2020 about the proposed ferry terminal at Howard Smith Wharves and the public notification process for the development application due to recent restrictions associated with coronavirus (COVID-19).

I am pleased to hear that Council's project team responded to your enquiry about the Howard Smith Wharves ferry terminal by email on 30 April.

As you are aware, plans for the new terminal were announced in November 2018, with artist impressions unveiled in December 2019, in combination with further promotion on social media channels. To enhance the whole precinct, the project team worked collaboratively with HSW Nominees on the terminal location, with the final design taking into consideration the existing layout of the Howard Smith Wharves precinct and anticipated passenger movements.

The concerns raised in your letter about the precinct and shared pathway have been raised with HSW Nominees for rectification.

I can confirm that the intent of the proposed new terminal is to initially cater for cross river CityFerry services. I can also confirm the terminal has been designed to enable future CityCat services as required. It will also provide an additional way for the public to travel to the precinct, with a connection to the New Farm Riverwalk and surrounding suburbs such as Fortitude Valley and Kangaroo Point via the Story Bridge. Council does not currently plan to extend the Riverwalk, however, I have noted your feedback.

As part of Council's commitment to keep the community updated about the project, information about the timing of construction will be provided by the project team as work progresses. Further information is available on Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au by searching 'Howard Smith Wharves ferry terminal project'. You can also contact the project team on 1800 884 681 during business hours or email ferryinfrastructure@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

I can advise that the development application (application reference A005352537) is currently being assessed by Council's Development Services against the requirements of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014* (City Plan) and in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act).

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The application is impact assessable against the City Plan, which required a period of public notification in line with the requirements of the Act. This was undertaken by an independent company on behalf of the applicant and included a notice published in the Courier Mail on 31 March, and placement of a notice on each frontage of the subject site from 31 March to 24 April. Adjoining landowners were also notified about the application directly on 30 March.

The Act specifically requires the public notification of development applications to include the notice within a newspaper circulating generally in the locality of the premises.

I appreciate your concern that payment was required to gain access to the online version of the Courier Mail edition containing this notice and I acknowledge your comments about its readership. I am told this was an acceptable notification as per the Act requirements.

The other methods of public notification are intended to inform members of the public most likely to have an interest in, or be impacted by, the proposed development. While these measures may have been seen by fewer residents at the current time, I can confirm this has been carried out in accordance with the Act and that Council had no legislative authority to insist that further measures be taken to distribute this information.

On 20 March, the Queensland Government's Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, introduced amendments to legislation to introduce flexibility for the Minister to suspend or extend any of the statutory timeframes across the planning framework. To date, the Minister has not required any change to the public notification of development applications.

Current applications under assessment are also published on Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au via PD Online. Everyone can search for applications in their area and view all the applicable documents and plans.

I am advised you lodged a formal submission during the notification period. I assure you the matter raised in your submission will be considered during the assessment. You also have appeal rights with the Planning and Environment Court should you not be satisfied with Council's decision following the assessment process.

If you have any further questions about this application, please contact Mr John Neville, Team Manager, Planning Services City West, Development Services, on 3403 9893.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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