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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2021 about pathways and shared zones at Howard Smith Wharves, Boundary Street, Brisbane City.

As you know, since opening in late 2018, Howard Smith Wharves has continued to evolve and develop, with Council receiving a number of development applications. With respect to your comments about the entry to the Stanley Restaurant, I can advise this matter is included in an ongoing development assessment process.

However, your feedback about the conflicts on the pathway linking the City Reach Boardwalk and the HSW shared pathway via the shared zone are noted. This route is recognised as a primary bicycle route in Council's Bicycle network overlay, reflecting its strategic importance to Council. I can assure you that these matters will be considered as part of the development assessment process.

In the interim, Council's Transport Planning and Operations (TPO) has reviewed your request for kerb ramps and I can provide the following advice. Unfortunately, installation of entry/exit ramps within a roundabout poses significant safety concerns. Allowing cyclists to enter and exit the roadway at a roundabout adds to the complexity of decision making for both drivers and cyclists in the roundabout. The unexpected slowing down of cyclists to leave the roundabout may also increase the risk of crashes. The unexpected entry of cyclists into the roundabout also increases the risk of eastbound road users failing to give way. Due to these factors, Council is unable to support the creation of cyclist access points into the roadway within the roundabout.

Should you have any further questions about the kerb ramp request, please contact Mr Kevin Chen, Senior Transport Network Officer from TPO, on 3178 2019.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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