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The Right Honourable Cr Adrian Schrinner
Lord Mayor of Brisbane
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Via email to: lord.mayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Dear Lord Mayor

I write to you at the request of Brisbane CBD BUG members in relation to the temporary closure of the footpath at 21 Lamington Ave Lutwyche.

While there has been correspondence from Cr Adam Allen to our Brisbane North BUG colleagues explaining the situation in relation to this footpath closure (copy provided at Attachment 1) – this closure highlights once again the significant improvement necessary in Council's prioritisation of public space use in Brisbane, which currently sees footpath users typically allocated a status well below that of developers/builders (and also motorists). Images of this closure are also provided with this letter.

This footpath closure is immediately adjacent to the Lutwyche Station of the Northern Busway and is also a popular access route to the nearby Kedron Brook Bikeway. Hence, both the unannounced and what is expected to be prolonged duration of this closure has raised the led to CBD BUG members seeking improvements in Council's processes.

The way the development of this site was approved based on a Construction Management Plan showing the footpath remaining open (refer image at Attachment 2), when the footpath then soon closed via a council-issued permit indicates the key deficiency in Council's processes.

Once again, we call for Council to amend its processes. As a starting point Council needs to adopt a policy of footpath users having first priority for the use of footpaths, with all council decisions in relation to temporary closures/detours working within this overarching guiding principle.

As a second principle we call for concerns regarding active traveller safety to be applied only in a positive sense i.e. that active traveller are advantaged by this approach rather than disadvantaged/inconvenienced.

The following details the specific areas of council's assessment of development applications and temporary footpath closures regarded as requiring enhancement.

1. Lack of appropriate council scrutiny of development applications and footpath closure permit applications for the potential impacts on footpath users.
2. No community consultation regarding a footpath closure permit.
3. No local notice for users prior to a footpath closure (in contrast to prior notifications for motorists regarding planned road closures/detours).
4. No readily available information on individual footpath closures (should be on published on <https://developmenti.brisbane.qld.gov.au/> as per other development applications for public scrutiny/awareness).
5. Inadequate provision for footpath users of suitable detours around a footpath closure.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



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6 July 2022

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Space4Cycling Brisbane
Queensland Walks
Brisbane North BUG
Inclusion Moves
Cr Jonathan Sri - The Gabba Ward
Cr Nicole Johnston - Tennyson Ward
Cr Jared Cassidy - Leader of the Opposition in Council

Attachment 1: Letter from Cr Adam Allan to Brisbane North BUG re temporary footpath closure at 21 Lamington Ave Lutwyche

Cr Adam Allan

Civic Cabinet Chair for City Planning & Suburban Renewal



8 June 2022

Mr Andrew Methorst
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Dear Mr Methorst

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2022 about the footpath closure impacting active travel at Bradshaw Street, Lutwyche (footway permit A005922388). The Lord Mayor has referred your enquiry to me as Civic Cabinet Chair for City Planning and Suburban Renewal to provide a response.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised and I understand the closure requires a short detour to the set of traffic lights, approximately 30 metres to the east at the intersection of Bradshaw Road and Lutwyche Road.

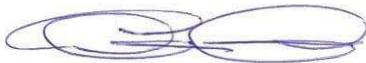
I can confirm the current footway permit is to August, pending construction, and is to ensure the safety of all pathway users outside of 21 Lamington Avenue. Once construction is at ground level, the footpath closure can be reviewed to re-open, pending construction progress. While I acknowledge the inconvenience this may cause, please be assured that Council only permits footway closures for public safety and for the minimum practical time to allow approved construction to occur.

I can also advise that Development Services engineers contacted the developer on 31 May and the developer has agreed to install additional pre-warning signage of the detour. I trust this will be of assistance.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Mr James Mokrzecki, Engineering Compliance Team Manager, Development Services, on 3178 7690.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Adam Allan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a blue oval shape.

Councillor Adam Allan
CIVIC CABINET CHAIR FOR CITY PLANNING AND SUBURBAN RENEWAL

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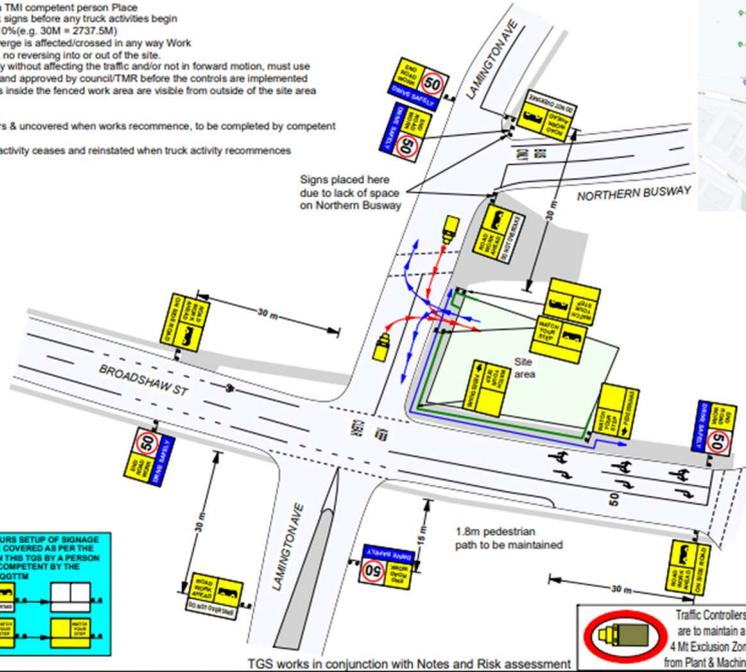
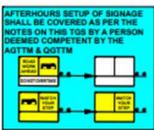
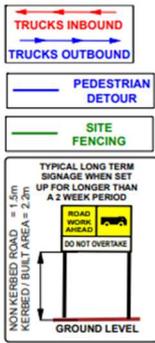
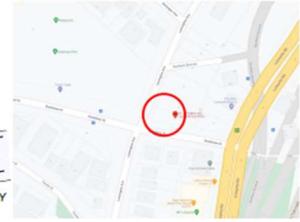
Attachment 2: Image of Traffic Guidance Scheme for development at 21 Lamington Ave Lutwyche

NOTES:

- Signage to be set up, and maintained by a TMI competent person Place end road work, then roadwork ahead/truck signs before any truck activities begin
- Tolerances n on measurements +25% to 10%(e.g. 30M = 27.37.5M)
- Pedestrian signs to be placed before the verge is affected/crossed in any way Work
- Truck access to be in forward motion only, no reversing into or out of the site.
- Any vehicles unable to enter/exit site safely without affecting the traffic and/or not in forward motion, must use Hold & Release controls under a new TGS and approved by council/TMR before the controls are implemented
- Site fencing to be screened, so no workers inside the fenced work area are visible from outside of the site area
- Pack up to be done in reverse order.

AFTERCARE NOTES:

- Indicated signage to be covered after hours & uncovered when works recommence, to be completed by competent persons as per GGTTM08
- Truck symbolic to be covered when truck activity ceases and reinstated when truck activity recommences



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THIS TGS IS NOT TO SCALE

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ACTION TRAFFIC	Client:	Bellevue Queensland	Posted Speed:	50kmh	LEGEND: Traffic Cones/Bollards Work Vehicle	TGS Number:	21-3580V3
	Client Contact:	Julian Zullo	Term of Works:	Long			
	Client Mobile:	0412 072 133	Existing Width:	12.0m			



