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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 6 February 2013 requesting that the bike paths that are currently fenced off between Mann Park and Campbell Street in Bowen Hills be opened. I apologise for the delay in responding.

After I received your letter, I sought advice directly from City North Infrastructure, which represents the State on the AirportlinkM7 project.

I have been advised that the new pedestrian/bicycle path linking Mann Park to the existing pedestrian/cycleway bridge over Enoggera Creek could not be completed until after the Airport Link toll road had opened. The design required the agreement of BrisConnections, Rivercity Motorway and Brisbane City Council.

The cycle and pedestrian path located near Enoggera Creek is still under control of Airport Link construction contractor, Thiess John Holland, and therefore is still a construction site, fenced and clearly marked as such.

The pathway will be opened once outstanding contractual issues relating to the reinstatement of the area are resolved. Brisbane City Council must also agree that the area is in a satisfactory condition before the pathway can be opened. Once agreement is reached Council will control and maintain the area.

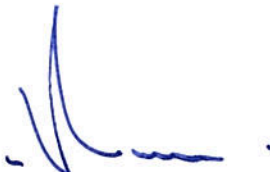
As these issues are taking some time to resolve, an additional temporary cycle path was constructed by Thiess John Holland and opened in late December 2012, safely linking the path in Mann Park to the pedestrian lights at Bowen Bridge Road.

This new path is signposted and well lit, providing a completed connection for pedestrian and cyclists using the northern cycle network while Thiess John Holland steps through the final approvals process.

As part of the Airport Link projects, more than 3.5 hectares of new green space and 13 kilometres of improved pedestrian and cyclist paths have been built, providing better connectivity for people living on the northside.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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