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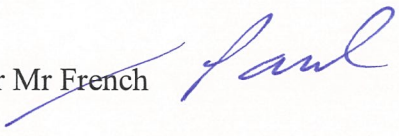
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Dear Mr French

  
Thank you for your email of 15 April 2014 about the Stop sign on Fagan Road at the intersection of Butterfield Street and Aberleigh Road, Herston. As you know, I value your feedback and your advocacy on behalf of Brisbane's cycling community.

I appreciate your concerns about the safety of cyclists at this intersection and asked Mr David Clarke from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch (TPS) to investigate this matter.

Mr Clarke has advised that signage at the Fagan Road approach to the intersection was changed from a Give Way sign to a Stop sign in mid-2009, following concerns raised by local residents about speeding vehicles on Butterfield Street. Traffic survey data at that time revealed a high percentage of motorists were exceeding the speed limit in both directions along Butterfield Street. As a result, Council determined that a Stop sign would enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians at this intersection.

I acknowledge your comment that the Stop sign does not comply with sight distance requirements set out in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). However, it is important to note that, under the MUTCD guidelines, consideration is also given to the speed of traffic.

While the MUTCD requires a sight distance requirement of 30 metres in a 50km/h zone, I am advised that this requirement needs to be considered in the context of speeding drivers. Mr Clarke inspected the site and observed that the critical sight distance at this location, looking to the left from the Fagan Road approach to the intersection, is only slightly longer, at 33 metres. Therefore, in the interests of safety, it is not proposed to change the Stop sign at this time.

However, as to the time it takes cyclists to cross the wide pavement at the intersection of Fagan Road and Butterfield Street, I can advise that Council is currently exploring options to enhance accessibility for cyclists at this location and that your feedback will be considered as part of this process. I have asked Mr Clarke to contact you in early June to discuss any outcomes that may arise.

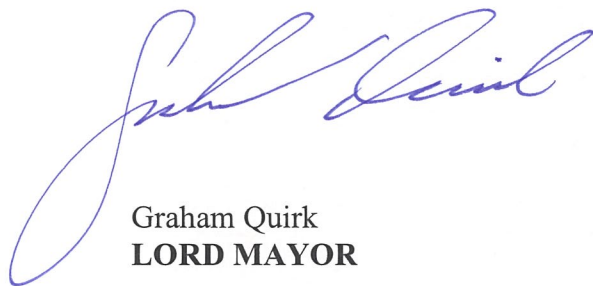
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I note your comment about police enforcement of the road rules at this intersection and appreciate the steps your organisation has taken to gain a clearer picture of the level of compliance. While I acknowledge it can be difficult for bike riders to get back up to speed after they have come to a complete stop at this intersection, cyclists, along with all road users, are required to obey the road rules at all times.

I trust that this information is helpful to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact Mr Clarke on 3403 8888.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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