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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2016 about the progress of Council's review of standard bikeway entrance treatments.

I certainly acknowledge the Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group's (CBD BUG) strong objections to the use of deflection rails or banana bars around Brisbane. As I indicated in my letter of 3 July 2015, Council is reviewing the location of bikeway entrance treatments as part of the Enhancing Safety and Cyclist Facilities project within the Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane program. I asked Mr Luke Robertson from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to provide an update of this review and I understand Mr Robertson spoke with you on 5 April.

I can confirm Council has commenced the removal of deflection rails at sites where they are no longer required. Sites are being prioritised based on the function of the bikeway, any inherent safety issues and sites previously identified by the CBD BUG and others members of the cycling community. These prioritised sites include commuter bikeways or high volume paths where there is two-way traffic, and those located on a corner where a vehicle would be unlikely to drive onto the bikeway to access Council owned land.

Council has used this process to identify those sites where deflection rails should be removed, including a number of those on your groups list. These include the deflection rails near the Riverstage in Brisbane City, at Junction Street, Greenslopes, Lambert Road, Indooroopilly, Wharf Street, Chelmer and Bishop Street, Kelvin Grove. Removal of the deflection rails at these priority sites is anticipated to occur before the end of this financial year.

I understand you have also raised concerns about the deflection rails near O'Keefe Street and Fern Street at Woolloongabba. I can advise that these bars are located on land owned by the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads and, as such, Council does not have the jurisdiction to remove them. However, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your concerns to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Roads, Road Safety and Ports, for his consideration and response.

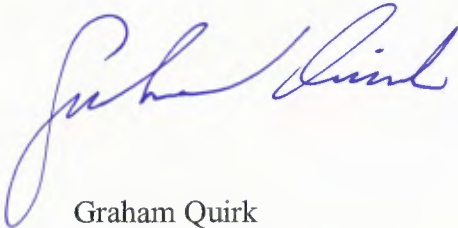
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I acknowledge your comments about consultation with the CBD BUG. As you would be aware, I place high value on the first hand intelligence and experiences of the cycling community. I can confirm that Council is reviewing the design standards for the treatment of bikeway entrances and this includes the current Brisbane Standard Drawings BSD-5001, BSD-5002-1 and BSD-5002-2. It is anticipated that consultation with the cycling community, including the CBD BUG, will occur later this year once potential alternative treatment options and the types of locations across the bikeway network where these may be applicable have been identified.

I hope this helps to clarify Council's position on this matter. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mr Robertson on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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