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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 17 February 2016 about the Coorparoo Creek Park downstream works and the recently reinstated bike path, which adjoins Morley Street, Coorparoo.

As you may be aware, Council is delivering the Coorparoo Creek Park project, the first stage of the Norman Creek 2012-2031 Master Plan. The Master Plan aims to reinstate part of Coorparoo Creek and create a new open space within inner city Brisbane. Enabling works for the project included the construction of a new bridge to accommodate creek widening between Morley Street and the railway line. As part of the bridge works, Council undertook minor works to the existing shared pathway for cyclists and pedestrians where it intersects with Morley Street.

I appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback from CBD BUG members about the design of these minor works, including your concerns that Council did not consult with the CBD BUG as part of the design of the project. I understand Council has made minimal changes to the shared pathway to accommodate the construction of the new bridge. As these works were a small component of the larger works to replace the Morley Street Bridge, I understand the project team determined that consultation with the cycling community would not be necessary.

As you point out, Council does not generally support the installation of banana bars unless there is a clear risk that motorists may enter the bikeway. Banana bars were not originally included in the design for this specific site, however, when the bridge replacement was completed and the interface with the shared pathway was clear, the project team identified a risk that motorists could inadvertently enter the pathway, and so the banana bars were installed. It is unfortunate that there was not an opportunity to consult with the CBD BUG and I agree that an alternative solution may have been identified.

As I have previously advised, Council is reviewing the use of banana bars across the active transport network with the view of removing those that are no longer warranted. I have asked this location to be considered as part of Council's review.

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City Projects Office has investigated the remaining specific concerns you have raised about the project. I can assure you that the bridge and ramp complies with current design standards, including requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*. That being said, the project team have advised that further enhancements could be made to the interface between the shared pathway and the bridge and road, including the installation of tactile surface treatments and other line markings to better indicate the location of the ramp to approaching cyclists.

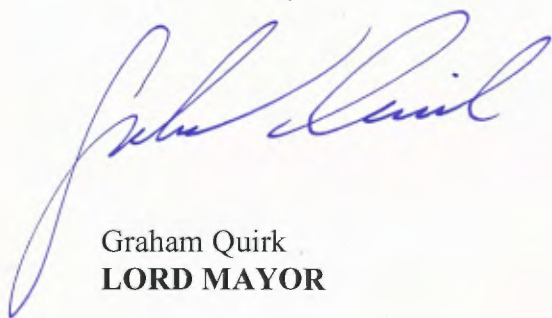
I also appreciate your comments about the sight lines for cyclists as they approach Morley Street. I can advise that the give way signs encourage cyclists to slow down and take care as they approach the road. I would always encourage cyclists, who are concerned about sight lines and visibility, to take a slower speed to ensure they can stop if required. While Council will not be removing the give way sign, I have asked the project team to investigate and, if appropriate, install additional pavement markings to warn cyclists that they are approaching the road.

Further works are still required to widen the creek alongside Churchill Street as part of the Coorparoo Creek Park project. The timing for these works is yet to be confirmed, however, Council will continue to consider the needs of all road users in the area.

I trust this information addresses your concerns. If you have any further questions about the Coorparoo Creek Park project, please contact the project team on 1800 669 416 or email cityprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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