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Dear Dr Bean

I am writing further to my letter of 30 June 2017 about your request for an update on the removal of deflection rails (banana bars) from bikeways in Brisbane. I acknowledge this is an important matter for you and appreciate your ongoing interest.

As explained in my previous letter of 13 December 2016, Council has begun removing bicycle deflection rails after making a decision to cease their installation across the city. We have established a removal strategy for all bicycle deflection rails, with an initial focus on removing those that can be removed without replacement. These are generally deflection rails which are not required for preventing vehicle access. I can confirm that Council has removed approximately 50 deflection rails as of 30 June 2017.

I am pleased to hear the concrete lip at Stevens Street, Yeronga, has been improved following our previous correspondence from December 2016. However, I am sorry to learn that the deflection rails at Turbo Drive, Coorparoo, have not been removed as previously expected. Council's Field Services have confirmed they will remove these by September.

The deflection rails at Stevens Street and Campus Street, Indooroopilly, are required to prevent vehicle access. While they cannot be removed until an alternative to deflection rails is confirmed by Council, these sites have been listed as a high priority, given your feedback. Council appreciates your patience as we work through the options for replacement.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Luke Robertson, Strategic Planner from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy, on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk
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