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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2018 requesting Council to install kerb ramps on Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention and asked Council's Transport Planning and Strategy (TPS) to investigate further. I understand Mr Kiran Sreedharan, Senior Transport Network Officer from TPS discussed your enquiry with you on 23 and 30 January and carried out two site inspections of the proposed location.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the safety of all road users is Council's main priority. In this case, the safety assessment noted that the pathway emerges onto a blind corner, which means the reaction time of any motorists travelling on Stanley Street and any cyclist emerging onto a high pedestrian area would be limited.

I acknowledge you are disappointed with Council's safety assessment of your request, which determined the kerb ramp cannot be supported in your preferred location. As Mr Sreedharan explained, the option of a kerb ramp further down Stanley Street to improve visibility was also considered. Unfortunately, there is insufficient footpath space to install a kerb ramp in accordance with Queensland road standards.

I also acknowledge that the majority of cyclists do travel with care. However, I hope you may appreciate that Council has a duty of care to minimise risk to all road users and any changes to the active transport and road networks must meet engineering safety standards.

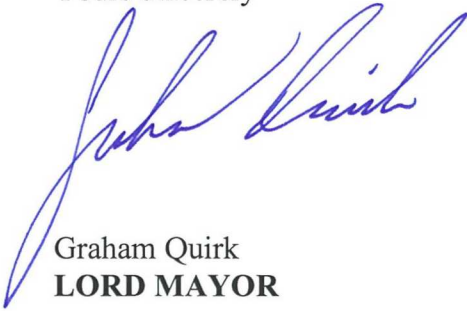
While I understand this is not the answer you were hoping for, as Mr Sreedharan mentioned, Council will consider an alternative solution to improve active transport connectivity in this location as part of future investigations in the area.

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If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Sreedharan on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Quirk', written in a cursive style.

Graham Quirk
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