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My dear Lord Mayor

Go Between Bridge Cyclist Crash Hazard

I refer to your letter of 22 April 2016 (LM02220-2016) advising that the dangerous run-off-path recovery area on the northern side of the Go Between Bridge would be addressed in the forward budget. Work to reduce the hazard has been undertaken. We thank you for this.

Our original letter of 29 March 2016¹ also drew your attention to a lamp pole and other traffic support poles on the southern side of the bridge near Spice Apartments. These poles still remain on the swept path of people riding bicycles from the Go Between Bridge and heading west – see accompanying photographs. The Spice Apartments are now generating significant pedestrian traffic, and although construction fencing has been removed, sight lines have not been improved at the crucial point where the path turns north up Bouquet Street.

Council appears to have recognised the hazard by deviating the edge lines, painting the path surface with colours used elsewhere as threshold treatments to LATM areas, and painting a small GIVE WAY sign on the surface approaching the hazard. As advised in your 2016 response, the pathway has been widened. However, while it was widened, this has not addressed the issue of a collision with the light pole.

You have taken a cheap way out and not removed the hazard. This is fundamentally at odds with the Safe System Approach to road safety² and represents a possible legal liability for Council should an incident occur here.

We call upon you to relocate both the street light pole and the traffic direction signage poles from the swept path of cyclists.

I look forward to your response in these issues.

Yours faithfully

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¹ <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/1970/01/0/CBD-BUG-letter-LM-Go-Between-Bridge-20160329.pdf>

² <http://roadsafety.gov.au/nrss/safe-system.aspx>



