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Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport



Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

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Mr Paul French  
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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2021 providing comments on the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge detailed design and the operation of commercial spaces on the bridge. The Lord Mayor referred your enquiry to me as Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport to provide a response.

I appreciate your feedback and ongoing interest in the project. I can confirm, the primary purpose of Council's Green Bridges Program is to develop a linked network of cross-river connections that will enable residents and workers to replace car-based trips with active and public transport trips, and assist in making our city a cleaner, greener place to live.

However, Council is considering several opportunities for a new restaurant and café on the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge and its city landing, helping to create an iconic destination and new riverside space for Brisbane residents for generations to come. The new spaces will provide the opportunity to take advantage of views of the Story Bridge and CBD skyline and offer recreational opportunities unique within Brisbane.

I acknowledge your concern with the safety of bridge users around the proposed commercial activation opportunities, and note your suggestions for safety measures to be included as part of the project. While detailed planning is still underway, the proposed commercial activation opportunities are not expected to impact on cyclists use of the new green bridge, with access to the food and beverage facility to be provided on the pedestrian side of the bridge.

The bridge will feature a dedicated cycle path allowing cyclists to ride the entire length of the bridge without dismounting. There will also be a variety of places along the bridge for recreational cyclists who wish to stop and enjoy the views.

A management plan will be prepared to address potential safety conflicts between bridge users and food and beverage outlet patrons. Servicing of the food and beverage outlets will also be subject to a management plan to minimise any disruption to the functioning of the bridge. This will include a plan to address potential vehicle movements from deliveries, waste collection, and taxi/Uber drop-off and pick-up at the city landing.

The potential inclusion of the restaurant and café opportunities is subject to further design investigations and approvals. Council will continue to engage with the community and key stakeholders and share information as planning progresses.

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In June, Council awarded a contract to Connect Brisbane, led by BESIX Watpac, to design and construct the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge. Connect Brisbane will spend the remainder of this year finalising the detailed design for the project, with construction expected to start by the end of the year and the bridge expected to open by late 2023, subject to approvals.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the Green Bridges project team on 1800 318 166 during business hours or by email at [greenbridges@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:greenbridges@brisbane.qld.gov.au).

Thank you for contacting the Lord Mayor.

Yours sincerely



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