

Councillor Noon - MoN - One way access to carparks in Calvary Hospital vicinity

Tuesday, 23 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

Contact Officer:
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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council asks the Administration to undertake a review of vehicular movement in and out of Bath Lane (off Pulteney Street) due to concerns raised by local businesses and members of the public in the area associated with near misses and a recent accident and that a report is presented back to Council in the first quarter of 2024/25 for consideration taking into account access requirements for emergency vehicles, (ambulances).'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The southern section of Bath Lane between the eastern section and Angas Street was formally closed and transferred to the developers of the Calvary Hospital in 2015. However, it is required to still function as a road.
2. At the time of the agreement, maintaining two-way access along all sections of Bath Lane was agreed to be the best outcome. This would ensure that motorists entering/exiting the car parks along Bath Lane (east) and Bath Lane (north) would not be forced to travel through the undercroft area (main entrance) of Calvary Hospital, reducing the possibility of conflict between pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles, and members of the public who are dropping off/picking up.
3. There are existing right turn bans from 7am-9am and 3pm-7pm Monday to Friday, ambulances excepted, at the Angas Street end and a no right turn ban along Pulteney Street at the intersection with Angas Street that operates from 4pm-6:15pm Monday to Friday. These existing bans leave motorists accessing their car parks no other option than to use Bath Lane (east) during these times.
4. Should Council resolve to support the proposed Motion, further traffic investigations will be undertaken including:
 - 4.1. Traffic surveys including counters and video showing all pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle movements
 - 4.2. On-site observations
 - 4.3. Informal consultation with users of Bath Lane.
5. Should Council resolve to support the proposed Motion, a report on the outcome of the investigations will be brought back to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee in September 2024.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Informal face to face with existing users of Bath Lane
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	\$5,000 for traffic surveys and video
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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