

## Relevant Information for Council

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**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Amit Chanan, Director City Projects and Property

**THROUGH:** Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 9.5 – Traffic Treatment - No Right Turn Restriction - Brocks Lane, Wilson Street and Burren Street, Newtown

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### For noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

### Purpose

This memo is to provide additional information on the proposed "No Right Turn" restriction at Brocks Lane, Newtown, as part of the Wilson and Burren Cycleway project.

### Background

In accordance with Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, a report proposing a "No Right Turn" restriction, making Brocks Lane inaccessible for traffic from the southern and eastern approaches, was prepared for the 6 August 2018 Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 6 August 2018, issues were raised regarding the consultation process around the proposed "No Right Turn" restriction for Brocks Lane, Newtown. To address these issues the following information is provided.

The Project Team has developed this design through consultation with various stakeholders and the community and the proposed design provides improved cyclist and pedestrian amenity and safety at this intersection.

Local access changes to Brocks Lane have come about through integrating the separated cycleway and creating a safe and clear T-intersection.

The new intersection design provides easy access for bike riders into the separated cycleway, and retains the contra-flow bike lane in the one-way section of Wilson Street. Bike riders can negotiate the intersection of Burren Street and Wilson Street in a safe and separated cycleway.

In order to retain priority to Burren Street and Wilson Street (two way section east of Burren Street), the one-way section of Wilson Street extends beyond the Brocks Lane intersection. This generates the local access changes to Brocks Lane.

The design has been reviewed by a Road Safety Auditor and has been approved by Roads and Maritime Services.

With the proposed removal of the roundabout, access into a separated cycleway is provided, and pedestrian connections to Macdonaldtown Station are improved.

In the existing situation, bike riders travelling east in the narrow one-way section of Wilson Street are in mixed traffic. Maintaining speed associated with riding in a traffic lane, bike riders typically need to negotiate the roundabout intersection at speed. The revised design will provide a better outcome for pedestrian and cyclist safety.

### **Community Consultation**

Consultation activities for this project have included:

1. A consultation letter sent to approximately 4,000 local residents and businesses informing them of the project and submission details.
2. A submissions webpage on [sydneyoursay.com.au](http://sydneyoursay.com.au).
3. A [sydneycycleways.net](http://sydneycycleways.net) project page with links to the [sydneyoursay.com.au](http://sydneyoursay.com.au) page.
4. The concept design was displayed in at the One Stop Shop in Town Hall House, Redfern Neighbourhood Service Centre and Newtown Library.
5. Five face-to-face engagement sessions in Redfern and Newtown.
6. Social media engagement.
7. Doorknocking.
8. Advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald and Central Magazine

The online engagement was very successful and provided the second highest number of visitors to the project page, and the third highest number of submissions for the February 2016 – January 2017 period. The plans were also viewed 2,084 times.

There was a high level of engagement through social media channels. A Facebook/ SydneyCycleways video post showing the route of the cycle connection with a link to SydneyYourSay submissions page reached 12,500 people, attracted 160 likes, 13 shares and 29 comments.

The project was also posted on SydneyCyclist.org. Both group forums encouraged debate and consideration of different perspectives and concerns. Eight tweets were sent from @sydneyoursay and @sydneycycleway.

Doorknocking was used as an extra tool to help reach residents around Burren Street. Properties on Burren, Pine, Wilson, Watkin, Georgina and Yaralla Streets, Copeland and Warren Ball Avenues and Brocks Lane were doorknocked and calling cards distributed.

Five face-to-face information sessions were held: at Hollis Park and Jack Haynes Reserve on 13 December, and Wilson Street on 1, 6 and 8 December 2016. Locations are shown at Attachment A. Residents were informed of the information sessions via a combination of the letterbox drop and doorknocking / calling cards. The information sessions were also advertised on [sydneyoursay.com.au](http://sydneyoursay.com.au).

As required under Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, the City consulted with local residents and businesses for a period of 28 days and advertised the proposal in The Sydney Morning Herald and Central Magazine.

Further consultation was undertaken on the developed design prepared for the LPCTCC.

Following the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 6 August 2018, further liaison with the residents in attendance was undertaken by City Projects and Property and the offer of meetings extended. The Project Team is currently drafting further information and responses to those residents, including follow up on previous Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPAA) requests with the relevant Information Access Officer.

It should be noted that the traffic information for the project was made available to the resident at the time of the request. A copy of the Bitzios Report, Cycleway on Burren and Wilson Streets, Darlington – Traffic and Parking Issues, the most comprehensive report that covered all traffic considerations for the cycleway was provided to the resident. The Brocks Lane, Newtown Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was prepared for RMS approval and only refers to changed local access to Brocks Lane. This TMP is an extract from the comprehensive Bitzios Report.

## **Memo from Amit Chanan, Director City Projects and Property**

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### **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Attachment A - Maps of Wilson Burren Letterbox Drops and Information Sessions

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**MONICA BARONE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**