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Mr Jacob Curtis
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Dear Mr Curtis

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 2016 about the new Brisbane West Bicycle User Group (BUG) and any planned updates to Council's City Plan 2014 Bicycle Network Overview.

As you may know, Council is a strong supporter of cycling to ease congestion and promote an active and healthy lifestyle. Council values our strong partnership with Brisbane's BUGs to improve safety for cyclists both on and off road, provide better facilities for cyclists and ultimately get more people out of their cars and on to a bike.

I was pleased to hear you have convened a new BUG to advocate for our western suburbs. I have asked Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to add Brisbane West BUG to Council's list of bicycle interest groups to ensure you are involved in future consultation on bicycle infrastructure.

I appreciate your interest in public consultation undertaken by Council as part of any updates to the Bicycle Network Overlay which is included in the *Brisbane City Plan 2014* (City Plan). The Bicycle Network Overlay helps guide Council's decision making for future cycling infrastructure. Through the 'Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane' program, Council has invested more than \$120 million between 2012 and 2016 and we have made significant changes to our cycle and active transport network.

Accordingly, I consider it important our City Plan reflects current usage and demand and I can confirm Council has commenced a preliminary review of the Bicycle Network Overlay. This review process involves using network planning principles to identify existing and future routes of significance, drawing on feedback previously provided by the public and interest groups, such as BUGs. The results of the review may be considered for a future amendment to City Plan, however, as the amendments to City Plan are dependent on a range of other factors, I cannot confirm an exact timeframe. To stay informed about the City Plan and to receive regular updates including proposed amendments, you can register your interest by emailing CPAdmin@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

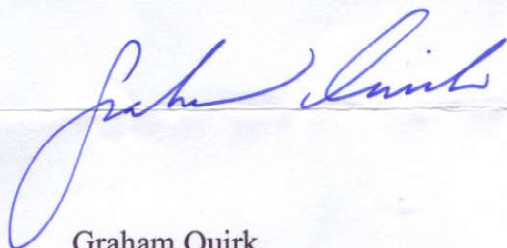
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Any major amendments to City Plan will require public consultation, which will provide an opportunity for you and your members to contribute your detailed knowledge about cycle routes across the western suburbs.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to contact Mr Mark Pattemore from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to discuss how Council can work in partnership with you and your members to improve cycling infrastructure across our western suburbs. Mr Pattemore can be contacted on 3403 8888.

I hope this information has been of assistance and thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Graham Quirk
LORD MAYOR

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