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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your letter of 9 April 2018 about your request to remove the light pole and traffic direction signage from the Go Between Bridge. I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention.

In accordance with the feedback in your previous letter, I requested that Council officers improve safety at this pinch point on the Go Between Bridge. The project team considered a range of different solutions to address the location of the sign and light pole.

I am advised that the light pole could not be relocated from this point, as it is required as part of the street light network in this location. There is nowhere nearby that could accommodate a streetlight to provide similar levels of illumination and removing it would create a dark spot for pathway and road users at the beginning of the slip lane to the Go Between Bridge. This outcome would be unacceptable from both a road safety and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) perspective.

In assessing the relocation of the sign poles, Council considered a number of options, including putting in a single pole close to the Spice Apartments complex and suspending the sign. A pole of this nature would require a deep, wide footing. Unfortunately, in this location there are a series of high voltage electrical conduits feeding the bridge and the nearby Parmalat factory that would prevent its installation. The project team considered a pad footing for the pole, however, there was not enough area or depth to construct the slab. A location on the other side of Bouquet Street was also considered, however, this location also had a large number of services preventing installation.

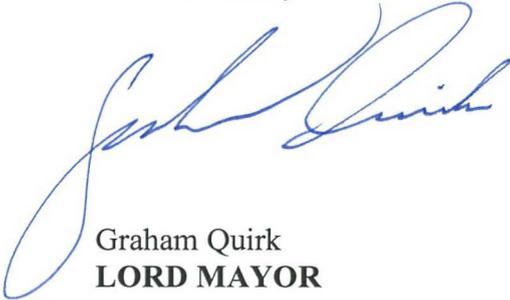
While I acknowledge it is not an ideal situation, the design was the result of extensive investigations into the existing environment and completed in accordance with Council's accepted standards and quality procedures, including safety in design. Given the constrained urban nature of the environment in this location, Council considers this the best possible outcome to ensure safety for all users at this stage.

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If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please contact Mr Luke Robertson, Senior Transport Planner from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy, directly on 3178 0317.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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Graham Quirk
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