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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 30 August 2019 about a fatal cyclist crash at Hudson Road, Albion, in August 2018.

I share your concern about the crash involving a cyclist last year and my sincere condolences are extended to his family and friends. As you are aware, the investigation of serious accidents, such as this, is undertaken by the Queensland Police Service (QPS). Council will always provide assistance and information as requested by the QPS as part of their investigation. Therefore, it is not appropriate for Council to pre-empt the QPS investigation or any subsequent investigation by the Coroner. However, I can assure you that Council will review and implement any recommendations put forward.

I can assure you Council strongly shares your desire for a safe and well-connected cycle network, which is why we continue to improve this network through the Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane Program. The public comments about cycling collected as part of the Move Safe Brisbane Pedestrian Safety Review are being considered in the ongoing Active Transport Network review.

I note your reference to the Move Safe Brisbane Pedestrian Safety Review and, more specifically, Outcome 5. As you are aware, the crash occurred prior to the completion of the Move Safe Brisbane review which was released on 5 December 2018. However, regardless of this, Move Safe Brisbane and its outcomes are targeted at pedestrian safety specifically. At this time, Council has no plans to conduct a road safety review at Hudson Road, unless this is requested by the QPS. Council has remained in contact with the QPS and the latest information provided on 11 September is that this matter is currently being considered by the Coroner.

As you can appreciate, Albion Overpass is an important connection in the road network and provides access to and between a number of properties through to the wider road network and on to the Port of Brisbane. This means there is expected to be a higher proportion of commercial traffic to service the industry and business that access along and from Burrows Street, Hudson Road, Sandgate Road, McDonald Road and areas to the south. The overpass is the responsibility of Queensland Rail and any changes to the network that would impact on this would need to be agreed with them.

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I can confirm there are no current restrictions on the left-turn from Hudson Road onto the Albion Overpass, or advisory signage associated with it. I understand that it is standard practice at many intersections across Brisbane for larger vehicles to use two lanes to make a left-turn movement and this is permitted under the Queensland Government's *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009* Part 4 – Section 28.

Council is also undertaking transport modelling to inform preliminary design options for the intersection of the Sandgate Road/Abbotsford Road/Frodsham Street intersection (Albion Fiveways) and the surrounding network. The objective of this work is to improve road connections between Sandgate Road, Abbotsford Road, Kingsford Smith Drive and the Inner City Bypass.

These investigations will also inform long-term plans for the intersections in the surrounding network, including the Hudson Road/Albion Road intersection. While a design of the potential upgrade at this location has not yet been finalised due to the complexity of the local road network, Council is conditioning land dedications from adjoining developments as they occur to allow for future improvements.

You may be aware that planning in this area is also contingent on the outcome of major development applications, including for the Queensland Government's Albion Transport Orientated Development (TOD). As part of this process, Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads are negotiating with the developer to provide an east-west connection to the North Brisbane Bikeway as part of the development. Please note that, while the exact details of the design for this connection have not been finalised at this time, Council has agreed to defer it to the second stage of the TOD. Therefore, I am unable to provide a timeframe for when this will be finalised. However, a number of elements will be delivered as part of Stage 1 of the TOD. This includes provision of a minimum 4-metre wide shared pathway across the site's Albion Overpass frontage, which will ultimately connect to the North Brisbane Bikeway.

While I understand this may not be the response you were hoping for, please be assured that Council is continuing to investigate opportunities to make improvements to the road network at this location for all road users.

Thank you again for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely



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DEPUTY MAYOR
For Adrian Schinnerer
LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor is currently away from the office and has asked that I sign on this occasion to avoid further delay.

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