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Adrian Schrunner, Lord Mayor
Office of the Lord Mayor
Via email: Lord.Mayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au

My dear Lord Mayor

Re: Proposal for a car-free New Farm Park

Congratulations on being re-elected to represent the people of Brisbane as Lord Mayor.

Would you please consider providing a safe space for people to exercise whilst social distancing by removing motor vehicles from New Farm Park?

Many people use the road in New Farm Park to walk, run and cycle for exercise. People of all ages can be seen using the park's roads most days. Motor vehicles parked on the road reduce the space available for people to enjoy this wonderful park. Vehicles driving on the road present a danger and are a disincentive to people using the road for exercise, particularly children and people with a disability.

I have had low vision as a result of eye surgery and my mother uses a wheelchair. As a person with low vision I found the paths in New Farm Park difficult to use. At the entrance with the arches, the path is not sealed and you can't see a way through to the rest of the park. The ring road is obviously for cars and the paths crossing the ring road don't line up, forcing you to go down a road made narrow by parked cars and no space to dodge oncoming cars to access the next path. The paths are also narrow and many paths are not sealed. Allowing people to safely use the ring road would make the park more accessible for everyone including people with a disability.

Precedents for removing cars from public parks include Central Park in New York and Centennial Park in Sydney.

Car parking is available adjacent to the park on Brunswick Street, Sydney St, in the Powerhouse car park and other streets around the park.

We have written to Councillor Vicki Howard seeking her support to improve the safety and amenity of residents who use New Farm Park by removing motor vehicles from the park.

Yours Sincerely

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