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Mr Paul French  
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Dear Mr French

I refer to your letter of 3 June 2011 requesting a safe route for cyclists from the Central Business District to the northern suburbs.

I understand that Mr Lindsay Enright from Council's Transport, Planning and Strategy branch met with you and other CBD BUG representatives on 7 July 2011 to update you on the progress of the Queensland Government's UII Northern Brisbane Bikeway project and other issues you raised in your letter.

I am aware of the importance of providing a high quality safe infrastructure to assist cyclists commute to and from work and in supporting other opportunities for cycling across Brisbane. As part of Council's \$100 million bikeway program, Council has upgraded a number of important cycle links in the northern suburbs, including along the Kedron Brook, Downfall Creek and Cabbage Tree Creek Bikeways.

As you identified in your letter, the development of the UII Northern Brisbane Bikeway (UII Bikeway) is being undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). Council is represented on the Working Group established by TMR to advise on the project. However, the Working Group was last convened in November 2010 and TMR has not formally submitted a proposal to Council for its review.

Council is fully supportive of the development of a high quality cycle facility between Chermside and Bowen Hills. I can assure you that Council has not held up TMR's project. However, Council is aware that this facility needs to be built to a standard that can adequately provide for both existing and future cycling demands in this corridor and cater for a wide range of trip purposes and cyclist experience.

With respect to the review of the existing on-road cycle route between Shaw Road and MacDonald Road, I understand that Mr Enright has proposed a joint safety inspection on the 15 July 2011 to review the matters raised in your letter. I have requested Mr Enright provide me with a briefing following the site inspections outlining the key issues and identifying specific actions. This inspection will include an audit of the existing cycling infrastructure, a review of the legibility of existing signs and line markings, and consideration of the feasibility of peak travel period cycle lanes. However, please be aware this review will need to consider all road users along this corridor and Council's desire for TMR to progress the UII Bikeway as early as possible.

I also understand Mr Enright has advised you that Council has completed the design for upgrading cycling facilities in O'Connell Terrace, Bowen Hills. These works are listed on Council's Minor Bikeway Rolling Program and will be undertaken when funds become available.

With respect to the lighting of the section of the exiting bikeway along Enoggera Creek, I understand the Lord Mayor has written to Mr Ball outlining that as this section of the bikeway is included in the Queensland Government's UII Bikeway project, the issue of the future bikeway alignment and lighting will be considered as part of this project.

I trust this above information is of assistance in.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julian Simmonds', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Councillor Julian SIMMONDS**  
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