

Consultation Summary

Wita Wirra (Park 18), Pityarilla (Park 19) and Kurangga (Park 20) Shared Use Walking and Cycling Paths: 27 February – 22 March 2015

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Purpose summary

The purpose of this report is to:

- Provide a summary of the consultation responses received, and
- Inform the Community of the progress made in delivering the Wita Wirra (Park 18), Pityarilla (Park 19) and Kurangga (Park 20) shared use walking and cycling project between Peacock Road and Charlotte Street, which forms part of Council's walking and cycling network.

Consultation summary

Public consultation on the Wita Wirra (Park 18), Pityarilla (Park 19) and Kurangga (Park 20) shared use walking and cycling project was undertaken from 27 February to 22 March 2015.

The consultation included:

- 288 letters sent to property owners/occupiers directly abutting the affected sections of South Terrace;
- The use of Adelaide City Council's Your Say Adelaide web page (<http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/shared-walking-cycling-path>) to gain feedback from the broader community;
- Key stakeholders, including precinct and resident groups, being emailed project information and a link to the Your Say Adelaide web page for further details; and
- Corflute signs to advise place-users about the consultation process.

The Your Say Adelaide website attracted a reasonably high level of interest recording:

- 447 unique visitors looking at 2,270 pages (the total for both Park 4 and Parks 18-19-20 shared use walking and cycling paths consultations undertaken concurrently), which indicates that visitors to the website explored through the information (consultation pack and plans) provided.
- 170 document downloads (the total for both Park 4 and Parks 18-19-20 shared use walking and cycling paths consultations undertaken concurrently)
- 20 on-line surveys for the Wita Wirra (Park 18), Pityarilla (Park 19) and Kurangga (Park 20) shared use walking and cycling project.

The majority of the survey respondents indicated they participate in City life, and identified themselves as accessing the City for Play (e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining), a shopper/visitor, worker and/or a resident. A lesser number responded as a student or other.

Two formal feedback forms from the consultation packs were received and three letters/emails were also received. A late response was received from the Bicycle Institute of South Australia, showing support for the project.

Of the 26 responses received, 8 were residents of Adelaide, and 10 from surrounding suburbs. No information was provided for the other 8 respondents.

Level of Support for Project

Respondents showed a high level of support for the project as summarised in the table below. In summary, of the 26 respondents, 24 (92%) supported the project. Support was also received from key stakeholders including the South West City Residents Association, City South Association, Hutt Street Precinct Association and Adelaide Harriers Athletics Club Inc.

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| QUESTIONS ASKED | RESPONSES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Q1. Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? (more than one response was possible) | <table><tbody><tr><td>a) Walk/run</td><td>4 respondents</td></tr><tr><td>b) Ride a bike</td><td>13 respondents</td></tr><tr><td>c) Leisure/recreation</td><td>1 respondents</td></tr><tr><td>d) Commuting</td><td>5 respondents</td></tr><tr><td>e) Would not use it</td><td>0 respondents</td></tr><tr><td>f) Other</td><td>0 respondents</td></tr></tbody></table> | a) Walk/run | 4 respondents | b) Ride a bike | 13 respondents | c) Leisure/recreation | 1 respondents | d) Commuting | 5 respondents | e) Would not use it | 0 respondents | f) Other | 0 respondents |
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| d) Commuting | 5 respondents | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e) Would not use it | 0 respondents | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f) Other | 0 respondents | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q2. Do you support the construction of the project? | Yes: 24 (92%) No: 2 (8%) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

A specific question sought feedback on the proposed tree and vegetation removal/pruning. The general feedback was that where tree removal and pruning is justified it is supported by the community. All verbatim comments are provided in **Appendix A**.

A question was raised by a respondent regarding compliance with the Park Lands Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs) and the consultation process undertaken. These concerns were also raised by the same person at a deputation held at the 27 January 2015 Council meeting and were addressed in a Report presented to Council on 10 February 2015 (<http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/your-council/meetings/agendas-minutes/>).

Progress

All submissions have been reviewed and are summarised in this Consultation Summary Report.

The feedback received has assisted in determining whether any changes to the Shared Path design are required. Based on the feedback received no changes are proposed.

A report to Council was prepared in May 2015 seeking endorsement to construct the path as per the final design. At the 12 May 2015 Council meeting, Council endorsed the construction of the project.

Construction is expected to commence mid-2015, all affected stakeholders will be informed prior to construction works commencing.

Further Information

For further information on the project please contact Daniel Keller (Transport Planner).

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Appendices

Appendix A – Verbatim Comments

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Appendix A – verbatim comments (Name and contact details have been supplied)

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? It offers the most direct route yet. More direct, off road, routes will actually encourage people to leave their cars behind to commute by foot or bicycle.

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? I don't believe much would have to be done as there is already a rough gravel path along that route. The more trees we have the better. Riding in the glaring sun is not pleasant.

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Commuting

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? South terrace is not the most friendly of streets to be riding along with the amount of traffic that goes up and down it. The playgrounds along there are amazing but it is very difficult to bicycle there safely with your kids and the shared path will provide the necessary infrastructure to enable this.

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? Minimising the impact on the environment is important but keeping families safe and providing safe infrastructure should be prioritised. Our parklands are there to be enjoyed and need to be accessible. As more people choose to live closer to the city, they will want to walk or ride their bikes as it is often quicker, more enjoyable and easier to park your bike.

6) Any other comments regarding this project: Really like this project! The lack of shared paths along this section of South terrace has always been disappointing. Will be delighted to use it if it comes online. Thanks!

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Walk / Run

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? I support the proposed path, I hope it is to be made from light coloured & water permeable material rather than black asphalt, the Heat Island Effect increases in our city every time more black asphalt is laid.

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5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? To be kept to the minimum necessary.

6) Any other comments regarding this project: This proposed path will connect with existing bike & walkways, joining up the existing walk/bike infrastructure which is important for safe access thru the city for pedestrians & cyclists. I'm very concerned at recent comments in the media by some ACC Councillors who are proposing the removal of parts (or all?) of the Frome St Bike Way. A number of Councillors have referred to the Frome St Bike Path as being 'over engineered' without stating what that actually means. I am anxious we will see a repeat of the shocking waste of rate payers money by a previous Council re Sturt St Bike Path, I sincerely hope this does not occur in this instance.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? My main concerns would be fixing the crossing point at Glen Osmond (?) near south Terrace.

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? Don't give a stuff

6) Any other comments regarding this project: Focus should really be given to the road network, esp finishing Frome or making north terrace safe but it's still an important linkage to the network.

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2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment?

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?

6) **Any other comments regarding this project:** An east-west link from Anzac Hwy to East Tce, through the parklands just below South Tce is sorely needed, for both commuting and recreation. However, some parts of the existing trail creates too much conflict between cyclists and pedestrians around the more pedestrianised areas, particularly around Veale Gardens. I would propose separation of the cycling and pedestrian paths around this area.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment?** Why force a deviation at Unley Road heading east. Path should continue along South Tce to a connection with the From Street pathway, granted Glen Osmond Road intersection creates some issues.

5) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?** Plant more trees for those that need to be removed - and mature planting.

6) **Any other comments regarding this project:** Continue Frome Street bikeway all the way to North Terrace the job is only half done and dangerous past the current works heading north. Please do something about the current Frome Bikeway crossing Glen Osmond Road - the crossing to the North is like trying navigate a mountain and there isn't sufficient waiting room or protection in the middle of the road.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Commuting

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment?** It would be good to enable riders to be able to ride east and west along a bike track. There is currently no track to enable this without taking a detour.

5) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?** As long as the trees are replanted and it improves the landscaping of the area it should be ok.

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6) Any other comments regarding this project:

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? Current paths need better road crossing infrastructure. At present they are dangerous. Could this be included in the new path development?

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? Seems well thought out

6) Any other comments regarding this project: 1. Current paths need better road crossing infrastructure. At present they are dangerous. The new paths should address this for less experienced riders. Lights at all crossing would be good but even just improving roll-overs etc would help. 2. As there was only one choice available above, I would use the paths for both running and cycling. In my opinion, shared paths don't work unless all users follow the rules of use and show respect for each other - this will probably never happen. However, more needs to be done to make users aware of the rules

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path?

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment?

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?

6) Any other comments regarding this project:

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: It would be great if Beaumont Road could be resurfaced. As the main cycle route into the Eastern Suburbs and adjoining the new path being proposed, Beaumont Rd is in very poor condition and is very uncomfortable to ride on.

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1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? No, the proposed path seem to follow the existing dirt paths

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? No

6) **Any other comments regarding this project:** Improved signage for bike riders to give pedestrians warning of their approach. Most bike riders DO NOT use a bell as a warning, and many come dangerously close to walkers. Bike speed limits should also be considered as a safety precaution for pedestrians. Are provisions also being made for bike riders to safely "Park" their bikes.

Current practice through-out the city is for bike riders to chain their bikes to any and all public infrastructure including trees, street signs, park bench seats, etc. You only have to look at the bikes chained to the Taxi Rank sign on North Terrace outside the Casino to see the flagrant abuse of public infrastructure by bike riders. Bikes are chained over signage clearly asking for bikes NOT to be chained there, this is despite a purpose built and installed bike rack being 5m away!!

This is becoming a blight on the city landscape, and no by-law enforcement appears to be taken.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Walk/run

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment?** Regarding Path in Park 20 along South Terrace. This is a high traffic area for pedestrians, particularly school children and joggers/runners, as well as Car drop-offs for the Parklands, School and playground. So by sealing this pathway from a gravel to bitumen, it should be more serviceable, especially in the wet months. Our Adelaide Harriers use this pathway regularly on our training runs.

5) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?** -

6) **Any other comments regarding this project:** Another request is that lighting is considered along this pathway.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Commuting

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment?** It's a rather busy area for cars so a benefit to allow slower less confident bikes off the road where possible will increase the transport options along the route.

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5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? would love to keep the big ol gums, but then having to weave in and out of them on the bike can be problematic for sight etc... good luck with this decision

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Ride a bike

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? Looks ok to me.

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: It will be best if connected to the future proposed shared path along South Tce between the Frome Bikeway & East Tce.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Commuting

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: Will there be bicycle crossing signals installed at the Unley Road / South Terrace intersection? (if not already present)

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2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?** I oppose the removal of old, established, significant trees. The removal of smaller and/or diseased trees is acceptable. Any trees to be planted after the completion of the project should be native to the area. This will encourage the presence of native bird and insect species, create and maintain a distinctly Australian feel to the parklands, and reduce water usage by ensuring that the vegetation is adapted to the local climate.

6) **Any other comments regarding this project:** It is well-known in all areas of risk management that protective equipment is the least effective way to protect people from danger. Physical separation is the most effective. Off-road cycling paths are known to provide significant safety improvements for cyclists. By making cycling safer, and creating the sense that cycling is safer, more people will be encouraged to ride. Adelaide City Council should follow the lead of the Northern Territory government by providing a local exemption to Mandatory Helmet Laws, by allowing adults (over 17) to ride without a helmet on off-road paths. This has been the case in the NT for over 20 years, and the NT has a much higher participation rate of commuter cycling, as well as being significantly safer, than the rest of Australia where helmets are mandatory. https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-australia/cd2ae7ea784237bf0e6ec4939a29a387f1e79374/file_answers/files/003/056/607/original/cycling_facts3.pdf?1426905047

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2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) **Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning?** -

6) **Any other comments regarding this project:** segregated paths for pedestrians and cyclists should be considered, especially along commuter routes. Have different pavement treatment to clearly identify pedestrian and cyclists, (bicycles - bitumen and pedestrian - red paver) - Stop being cheap and do it properly. This especially important between Unley and Peacock Roads as there will be a children associated with Pulteney behaving unpredictably. This section of road has high numbers of parked cars and potential dooring instances so a greater attraction to use a bike path.

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? Walk/run and Leisure/recreation

2) Do you support the construction of the project? No

3) **Comments regarding your answer:** Walking and cycling are both excellent forms of exercise and doing either or both allows people to enjoy nature and the many benefits of the Park Lands. But, share use cycle and pedestrian paths are a bad idea. Bicycles are swift and silent. Many have no warning device and the pinger used by some is not easily heard above ambient traffic and bird noises.

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Pedestrians can easily change direction, in a second for any number of legitimate or unwary reasons. Children and the elderly are most at risk from silent fast-moving bicycles.

Cyclists too may suffer injury or worse from a collision with pedestrians.

If there is a need for more cycle ways then construct them alongside or adjacent to the pedestrian paths and so avoid the problems outlined here.

I note that the project is planned to be constructed in mid 2015 and I also note that the review of the Frome Street to Charlotte Street bikeway is not due to be completed and considered by Council until mid 2015 which does not allow for any lessons learned from that review, to be actioned or incorporated into the current proposal before it is implemented. Blue dye line markings can be already be seen in the south Parklands which suggests more than just planning is in progress.

Bearing in mind the poor results from precious Councils decisions regarding Adelaide bikeways (Sturt St) and other road improvements, which have proved to be very costly to remove or repair, the haste to get submissions by the 22nd of March and to proceed mid-year seems to me to be almost reckless.

I would like to state that whilst I am not actually a ratepayer I contribute to the rates paid by ECH at 241 South Terrace from my monthly Maintenance contributions and am a voter in the Council elections.

I am aged 85, am fit and walk often to my voluntary work on North Terrace and am proud to live in such a fine city as Adelaide. I rarely voice criticism of the way Council manages the City but feel bound to state my reservations about shared pedestrian-bikeways as walking in the South parklands is one of my daily pleasurable activities. When walking with a friend on the existing shared paths in the South Parklands we have quite often been startled by the sudden and silent approach of bike-riders from behind us.

I wonder what insurance Council might have for a death or injury to pedestrians or bike-riders or a council worker on the shared use paths.

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide this feedback submission.

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

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3) Comments regarding your answer: -

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: As a bicycle group ride leader I support any new trails in the Park Lands as it will only mean safer cycling in Adelaide

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1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? -

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: Hullo

I support the proposed additional bike paths – but I can't see any information about existing paths. Or how to provide comment on 'feeder paths' that might be out of your precinct but which still have a massive bearing on whether or not people decide to ride IN to the city in the first place. The new path under the Anzac Highway/Greenhill Rd interchange is great but once you come up on the side of the Parklands fringing the Anzac Highway and as it curls around onto the Western side of West Tce, it is pretty awful – full of bad bumps, cracks, tree root intrusions etc. It is really quite dangerous at present as hitting these at speed can throw you into the path of an oncoming pedestrian or cyclist. It is especially bad near and alongside the cemetery.

I try to cycle to work in the city from Glenelg as often as possible but this is a deterrent...as is the time it takes for the cycle crossings to become Green on West Tce...to allow you to enter the city proper.

Thanks

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? -

2) Do you support the construction of the project? Yes

3) Comments regarding your answer: Just letting you know that Hutt Street Precinct Association met tonight and are happy to support the walking and cycling path on South Terrace.

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -

1) Please indicate how/why you would use the proposed shared use path? -

2) Do you support the construction of the project? No

3) Comments regarding your answer: Adelaide City Council should not proceed with the proposed Park 4 Inter-Suburban Transport Transit Corridor (nothing less than a dumbed-down cycling version of the infamous MATS plan) and Park 18,19,20 abuses of the CLMPs, misleadingly termed 'shared use walking and cycling path's.

These proposed projects are a prime example of totally flawed and corrupt consultation processes, being in dereliction of Council's duty to conserve the Adelaide Park Lands and a gross violation of

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basic rights.

Such ongoing breaches of the Local Government Act 1999 and utter contempt demonstrated for the Adelaide Park Lands requires urgent rectification of Council's community 'engagement' which is obviously compromised and undermined, seemingly geared towards rubber-stamping of predetermined outcomes.

The farce of Adelaide City Council inviting 'engagement from the community' on the Park Lands months, or years, after inappropriate and illegitimate decisions have been made in contravention of the Local Government Act 1999 should not be suffered nor permitted by Elected Members of Council.

The manufacturing of consent by propagandist 'engagement' that asserts a pre-determined and biased Council position is unacceptable, and a tyrannical oppression of the community that is wasteful of community resources.

The option of not proceeding with such egregious wastage of Council resources and exploitation and abuse of Park Lands is clearly a valid option, yet 'engagement' processes seemed to be geared in such a manner as to presuppose that the community is to be subjected to the projects, reducing the process to a tawdry push-polling of overtly biased 'Consultation' packs.

The Public is informed that the project WILL occur, makes unsubstantiated and biased assertions about improving 'amenity' when it clearly intends destruction of remnant native vegetation, is contrary to the Community Land Management Plan and the Master Plan, and proposes to increase hard-surface in areas identified as being 'natural'.

Contrary to the assertions made by Council staff, residents do not need an Unley-Prospect bicycle commuter highway to enjoy the Park Lands – the danger posed by such, and the associated diminution of recreational amenity has apparently not been given sufficient consideration by Council.

4) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed shared use path alignment? -

5) Have you got any specific comments about the proposed tree and vegetation removal or pruning? -

6) Any other comments regarding this project: -