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Adelaide City Council invites
engagement from the community about

Ebenezer Place

Options for Future Vehicle Access

Project Summary

A number of residents and traders have expressed an interest in the possible future closure of Ebenezer Place either permanently or on a regular timed basis in order to provide additional space for pedestrians and activities such as outdoor dining. In considering this matter, Council would like to hear the views of residents and business and property owners within the immediate area.

Council is seeking feedback on the following options for Ebenezer Place:

- Option 1:** Do not to support either a timed closure or a permanent road closure;
- Option 2:** Support a regular timed closure, Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm;
- Option 3:** Support a timed closure at other times (please suggest other day/s or times);
- Option 4:** Support a permanent road closure (removal of parking and closure to all vehicles).

Consultation closes:
5pm, Tuesday 1st December 2015

Included in this consultation pack:

- Project Information
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Options for Providing Feedback
- Feedback Form

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Project Information

Purpose

Adelaide City Council is seeking feedback from the local community on the preferred option for future vehicle access to Ebenezer Place.

The results will help inform Council's decision as to the long term future of the street.

Background

On 27th October, 2015 Councillor Slama tabled a petition dated April 2014 by the residents, traders and frequent visitors of Ebenezer Place regarding possible future options for the street.

Council received and noted this petition and requested that the Administration consult the local community on a number of possible options for future vehicle access to Ebenezer Place.

Options

Option 1: Do not support either a timed closure or a permanent road closure

Under this option there would be no change to vehicle access. Existing street conditions would be retained including one-way travel by vehicles and all current loading and timed parking zones.

Scheduled events involving the temporary closure of Ebenezer Place which have already been approved would proceed.

Council would continue to receive and assess applications for future temporary closures consistent with existing processes for street events.

Option 2: Support a regular timed closure Thursday-Sunday, between 10am and 4pm

Under this option, Ebenezer Place would be closed to vehicles each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 10am and 4pm.

Access to the basement car park would be maintained with vehicles exiting via Union St.

Regular vehicle access, consistent with current arrangements, would return on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The closure period would be notified via street signage and the closure managed through the installation of bollards or other traffic devices.

Council would continue to receive and assess applications for future temporary closures consistent with existing processes for street events.

Option 3: Support a timed closure at other times (please suggest other day/s or times);

This approach would operate in the same manner as Option 2 but on another day or days or at times suggested by members of the local community.

Option 4: Support a permanent road closure (removal of parking and closure to all vehicles)

Under this option, Ebenezer Place would be closed on a permanent basis to all vehicles. No changes to the existing infrastructure are anticipated at this stage meaning that the footpath, kerb and road surface areas would remain.

Access to the basement car park would be maintained with vehicles exiting via Union Street.

Timeline

Depending on the outcome of this consultation, Council could implement a regular timed closure under S33 of the *Road Traffic Act, 1961* relatively quickly, allowing a trial to commence as early as January 2016.

However street changes such as a permanent closure requires more extensive consultation by Council under both the *Road Traffic Act, 1961* and the *Local Government Act, 1934* to ensure the needs of all affected stakeholders in the community are considered. This consultation could take place early in 2016 with a possible implementation by mid-year.

Frequently Asked Questions

If the decision is made to close the street on a regular basis where will the closure points be located?

The exact closure points will be determined by safety considerations however it is likely that Ebenezer Place would be closed just east of the basement car park driveway, through to Rundle Street.

Could cyclists still cycle through the closed street?

Yes. Under recent amendments to the Road Traffic Regulations, cyclists are permitted to ride on the footpath (including closed roads). Cyclists are required to give way to pedestrians in these environments.

What kind of activities could take place when the street is closed? Will I have a say in deciding what happens?

Either a permanent closure or a timed closure would offer more space for pedestrians and opportunities for activities such as outdoor dining (subject to approval under Council guidelines).

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Council approval of all road events would still be required under S33 of the *Road Traffic Act, 1961*. The community directly adjacent is notified about all such activities.

If Ebenezer Place is closed, could emergency vehicles still gain access?

Yes, all emergency vehicles would be able to access the street as required.

If the street was closed could local businesses and residents gain special access to the street for their vehicles?

No. During either a timed closure or permanent closure no vehicles would have access apart from emergency vehicles.

If the street is closed will it be upgraded to remove the kerbs and create a level paved surface?

Not necessarily. The street can be closed in its current arrangement. Any decision by council to fund capital works to upgrade the street would need to be considered as part of future budget planning.

If Council decides not to make any changes to future vehicle access, will the street still continue to be closed for the Ebenezer Night Markets?

Yes scheduled events that have previously been approved by Council will be held as scheduled.

How do I provide my feedback?

There are a two ways in which you can provide feedback:

Online/ Website

Council has a dedicated website that provides an opportunity for quick and efficient online feedback.

Visit <http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/Ebenezer-Place> for information about the project and online ways to provide your comments.

Feedback Form

Complete the attached Feedback Form. All written feedback must be received by **5pm on Tuesday 1st December, 2015** and should be addressed to:

Community Consultation

Ebenezer Place: Options for Future Vehicle Access
GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

What happens to my feedback?

Council staff will review the responses and provide a report to Council in December 2015.

Respondents to this consultation will be informed via email or in writing of the Council decision and next steps. If the decision is made to close Ebenezer Place permanently Council will need to consult more widely as required under the *Road Traffic Act, 1961* and the *Local Government Act, 1934*.

How do I know my feedback has been received?

All feedback will be acknowledged either by email or in writing so that you know your contribution has been received.

Contact Person

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Feedback Form

Feedback closes 5pm on Tuesday, 1st December 2015

You can also complete this feedback form online at <http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/Ebenezer-Place>.

This feedback form asks for your preferred option on future vehicle access to Ebenezer Place and provides an opportunity to provide comments on your choice.

Please provide your contact details below. This information, which will remain confidential, will enable us to keep you informed about the outcome of the consultation and Council decisions about the long term future of the street.

First Name

Surname

E-Mail

Address

If a Business or Organisation, Organisation Name

Gender Female Male

Are you an Adelaide City Council Ratepayer? Yes No

Q1. Please tell us whether you are a: (please tick)

Business Owner/ Manager Property Owner Resident Property Manager Other (specify)

Q2. In which street is your property or business located?

- Ebenezer Place
 Vardon Avenue
 Union Street
 Rundle Street
 Other location (specify).....
 Not applicable

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Q3. Adelaide City Council is seeking feedback on options for future vehicle access to Ebenezer Place.

Which is your preferred option? (Please tick)

- Option 1:** Do not support either a timed closure or a permanent road closure
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- Option 3:** Support a timed closure at other times (please suggest other day/s or times)

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- Option 4:** Support a permanent road closure (removal of parking and closure to all vehicles).

Q4. Please tell us why you selected this option.

Q5. Do you have any further comments or ideas for the future of Ebenezer Place?

Written submissions must be received by: **5pm on Tuesday 1st December, 2015**

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Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments regarding Ebenezer Place.