

# New Footpath Construction Policy

## 1. Objectives

The Town of Cottesloe aims to install new footpaths, with assessment for budgetary consideration based on the improvement of public amenity, universal access including people with disabilities and a process of public consultation including residents on affected streets.

## 2. Principles

In existing developed areas of the Town, various factors will influence the priority of the need for new footpath construction. These include:

- Safety improvements
- The installation of missing links within the existing path
- Level of improvement of universal access, particularly for the elderly and people with disabilities
- Access to Public Transport
- Level of support from affected residents
- Likely usage, for example, proximity to traffic generators (community facilities, shops, medical facilities, public transport, etc.)
- Road hierarchy
- Availability of existing footpaths in streets
- Difficulties of provision including width of verge, slope, property access and location of services.

## 3. Issues

All new footpath construction must have a budget provision to allow expenditure. The majority of footpaths in Cottesloe have been installed over many years due to resident request of Council long term provision to meet a growing pedestrian demand. Any new paths will be to ensure universal access or fill in gaps in the existing system. Any new works such as a footpath provision in a street without footpaths will require consultation with all residents in that street, because of the impact on verges and crossovers. This has to be balanced against the aim to ensure equal access capacity for elderly and people with disabilities in the community to any property in Cottesloe.

## 4. Policy

Staff will investigate all requests for the provision of new footpaths with a report to council on such investigation to include a cost estimate and recommendation regarding a potential future budget allocation for construction.

When reporting on requests for new footpath provision, staff shall consider all factors covered in Section (2) of this policy document.

The highest priority factors for new footpath provision will be for streets without any existing path where a new path will improve pedestrian safety and increase the availability of universal access, particularly people with disabilities and the elderly.

The Council report required to cover all requests for new footpath installation shall comment on the capacity for such footpaths to be built to meet the requirements of Australian Standards AS 1428.1, 2 and 3, 1993, including transverse and longitudinal slopes.

Before any new footpaths are approved for budget funding, the property owners and residents in those streets must be consulted regarding the proposal, with the results of such consultations to be considered by Council prior to funding being approved

For all new subdivisions, the Town will consider the level of footpath provision (at the developers cost) with consideration to be given to two footpaths or each road, but with a minimum of one footpath.

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