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Our Ref: SUB/509
Enquiries: Geoff Trigg

15 January 2014

COTTESLOE WA 6011

Dear

RE: PROPOSED FOOTPATH IN TORRENS STREET FROM BROOME STREET TO HAWKSTONE STREET, COTTESLOE

In the 2013/2014 budget, Council has included funding for the installation of a 1.5m wide concrete footpath for the full length of Torrens Street, from Broome Street to Hawkstone Street.

This project is included as an improvement to public safety, particularly for pedestrian safety with Torrens Street being one of the few streets in Cottesloe not provided with a public use footpath.

The location of this path would be directly behind the kerb line but which side of the street has not been, as yet, finalised.

Council, as part of the installation, would relocate affected verge reticulation systems, modify crossovers if needed and repair any grassed verges damaged by the construction process.

All works would have to be completed by June 2014. Your comments and suggestions regarding this proposed path are requested. A final decision, particularly on the side of the street that the path would be installed, would take all received comments into consideration.

The matter will be considered by Council in February 2014. All comments will be required by Monday 10 February 2014.

If there are any queries, please contact this office on 9285 5050.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager of Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
109 Broome Street, Cottesloe WA 6011
PO Box 606, Cottesloe WA 6911



February 4, 2014

Proposed Footpath Torrens Street Cottesloe

Dear Mr Trigg

I am writing to express my total opposition to the proposed construction of a footpath in Torrens Street. As a resident for over 20 years I have never seen a need for a footpath and cannot understand why you would propose to use rate-payers' money for this purpose.

Over the past 20 years I have enjoyed walking to the beach from my house most days. During this time I have often been accompanied by friends and/or members of my family, which includes 11 grandchildren and their family dogs. We have taken with us a variety of equipment including wheelchairs, prams, pushers, tricycles, bicycles, roller-skates, skate-boards, rip-sticks, walking sticks, crutches, balls and surf-boards. The children have all been regularly alerted to the need to watch for traffic, which they would need to do even if there were a footpath, as from my house there are several roads to be crossed to get to the park or beach.

Nevertheless, it is relatively rare to encounter traffic in Torrens Street; the dangerous parts of the walk, particularly with young children and dogs, are crossing Hawkstone Street and Marine Parade.

If Council is concerned about possible danger to pedestrians, instead of constructing a footpath, perhaps the speed limit could be reduced to 40 kph, with speed limit signs directing motorists to drive carefully on this local road. This would be far less of an intrusion on the streetscape and very much cheaper.

Yours truly

4 Torrens Street
Cottesloe 6011
Email:



13 Torrens Street
Cottesloe WA 6011
31 January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606
Cottesloe W.A. 6011

I have owned my property at 13 Torrens Street for over 15 years and have lived here for the last several years. I wish to register my total opposition to the construction of a 1.5 metre footpath along Torrens Street from Broome Street to Hawkstone Street.

In response to your letter dated 15th January inviting comments regarding this proposal I would like to make the following points.

Torrens Street is not a thoroughfare. It is a quiet street which currently, very adequately serves the needs of its residents and their visitors and the small volume of pedestrian movement. There is very little through traffic and the construction of a footpath would not in my view improve safety for pedestrians. The issue of safety could hardly be argued due to the low volume of traffic. Local residents have quite safely used street edges or verges to move through or along Torrens Street. The street does not serve as an access way to the beach for other Cottesloe residents. There already exists a direct route along Broome Street to Hawkstone Street via an existing footpath.

The addition of another concrete strip would do nothing to enhance the visual appearance and amenity of a currently attractive streetscape with well maintained verges and landscaping.

Furthermore the logistics of constructing a viable footpath in a Street with a variety of sloping verges and levels would prove to be very difficult and expensive.

In summary I feel that this proposal is a complete waste of Ratepayers' money and serves to rectify a problem which does not exist. I would much prefer to see the funds allocated for this project be re-directed to areas of greater need.

Yours sincerely,

Ref: SUB/509

23 January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606
COTTESLOE WA 6911

Dear Geoff

Proposed Footpath in Torrens Street, Cottesloe

We write to express our absolute opposition to the construction of a 1.5m footpath in Torrens Street.

Having been residents in this location for over 13 years and Cottesloe residents for over 25 years, we can see no necessity for this unwarranted expense.

Should this proceed, it will be a total waste of Ratepayers funds.

We are amazed that this should be a priority of the Town of Cottesloe when there are far more obvious and worthy projects and improvements warranting immediate action and expenditure.

Torrens Street is an extremely quiet street and is primarily used by local residents and their visitors. There is very little other traffic and certainly no traffic using the street as a means of accessing another destination. Passing traffic accesses both Broome and Hawkstone Streets.

Further, the minimal width of verges, degree of slope – both above and below road level, the extent of landscaping integration by various residents and current alignment of various well established verge/street trees makes this an extremely impractical suggestion. Should it be undertaken it would be both expensive and result in a negative aesthetic outcome.

Torrens Street is a beautiful street and we intend for it to remain so.

Please don't waste our funds.

Yours sincerely,

cc: CEO, Town of Cottesloe
Mayor, Town of Cottesloe
Councillors, Town of Cottesloe
Residents of Torrens Street

1/9 Torrens St
Cottesloe
WA 6011



21st January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town Of Cottesloe
P O Box 606
COTTESLOE WA 6911

Re: Proposed Footpath in Torrens Street
Ref: SUB/509

I am totally opposed to the construction of a 1.5 metre concrete footpath impacting on the picturesque aesthetics of Torrens Street. It will do nothing but downgrade the quiet and beautiful streetscape that exists today.

In all the years I have lived in Torrens Street the only pedestrians you sometimes (not often) see are the local residents walking to the park or ocean.

Torrens Street is an extremely quiet street with no passing traffic making it similar to a cul-de-sac with only local residents, who can enter from the north or south which again reduces passing traffic.

I am sure you will hear from the majority of Torrens Street ratepayers that the proposed footpath is not only unnecessary but a complete waste of ratepayer funds.

Yours sincerely,

TOWN OF COTTESLOE

22 JAN 2014

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Mr. C. Askew
Town Clerk
Town of Cottesloe
Cottesloe WA 6011

Dear Carl,

Ref: Footpath construction – Torrens Street

Thank you for the council's notification in relation to considering the above. Whilst appreciating the council's views on this subject I personally feel it represents an unnecessary project for the following reasons:

- Torrens Street is not a thoroughfare with direct access to the beach (not like Hawkstone Street)
- Traffic is mainly local residents who have and still traverse the street safely without a footpath
- Disruption during construction would cause problems for both traffic and walkers
- Reticulation exists on all verges along the curb line and therefore would need resiting and reconnection
- The ambience of well-kept verges and with trees would be scarred and take time and resident care to be returned to our carefully maintained status that currently exists
- Apart from the above – THE COST, surely this expenditure could be allocated elsewhere to support community projects or other beneficial areas of the council management, rather than being used to construct a not needed facility whose usage would be minimal or not used at all

We have been residents in Torrens Street for 24 years and have never witnessed an accident or inconvenient to locals who walk to the beach, shops or public transport not having a public footpath. In closing, may I say personally the Cottesloe Council represents its resident and ratepayers with total professional services which I certainly appreciate, but this proposal doesn't have my support for the reasons aforesaid.

17 Torrens Street
Cottesloe

11c Hawkstone Street

COTTESLOE WA 6011

Mr Geoff Trigg

Manager Engineering Service

Cottesloe Council

Dear Geoff

Re: PROPOSED FOOTPATH – TORRENS STREET

This letter is to object to the proposal referred to in your letter of 15th January re the above.

Torrens Street has very little traffic and its tree lined road makes the street more like a mall – people walking to and from the park and beach with their families.

Regardless of which side the path would be sited, it would be a major disruption to residents as trees and driveways would have to be altered.

If the council has money to spare, which it appears to have, to be considering such a proposal for a quiet, safe and friendly street, the steps from Marine Parade to the beach (opposite the park and north of the life saving premises) are in dire need of maintenance.

Our street is lovely as it is – quiet, friendly and safe. Please DO NOT change this.

You can contact us on:

Regards

10 Torrens Street
COTTESLOE, WA 6011

30 January 2014

Attention: Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
109 Broome Street
COTTESLOE WA 6011
By email: council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au
By facsimile: (08) 9285 5001

Dear Mr Trigg

**RE: PROPOSED FOOTPATH IN TORRENS STREET FROM BROOME STREET
TO HAWKSTONE STREET, COTTESLOE**

We refer to your letter dated 15 January 2014 in relation to the proposed construction of a footpath along Torrens Street between Broome and Hawkstone Streets.

We are the owners of 10 Torrens Street, Cottesloe and therefore have a direct interest in the Council's proposed footpath.

In your letter you state that the proposed footpath is included as an improvement to public safety, particularly for pedestrian safety.

We note in this regard that the amount of pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Torrens Street is extremely limited. This may be due to the fact that Torrens Street does not act as a thoroughfare for pedestrians when accessing the coast. Pedestrians from Broome Street predominantly access the coast via Eric Street or Hawkstone Street, both of which have existing footpaths.

We are therefore of the view that the proposed footpath is unnecessary and would do little to improve safety for pedestrians.

If the Council considers a footpath along Torrens Street to be necessary, we are of the view that it would be best placed along the western side of Torrens Street.

We understand that the proposed path will be installed with a 2% cross fall. The grade can easily be accommodated on the western side of Torrens Street, whereas on the eastern side, crossovers would be affected (i.e. raised) causing access problems, particularly for low vehicles.

We would be happy to speak with you if you have any questions relating to this submission.

Yours Sincerely

7 Torrens Street,
Cottesloe. 6011

25 January 2014

The Manager,
Engineering Services,
Town of Cottesloe,
PO Box 606,
Cottesloe. WA 6911.



Dear Geoff,

Objection to proposed footpath- Torrens Street

As a long time Cottesloe resident, I was both surprised and dismayed at the proposal to construct footpath along the entire length of Torrens Street.

For the following reasons, I strongly oppose this proposed project:

- The street is a short street that is used almost exclusively by local residents and carries only a low volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic;
- During the past 17 years that I have lived in Torrens Street, I have never seen or heard of any situation that one would describe as dangerous;
- The attractive aspect, amenity and atmosphere of the street will be significantly diminished as a result of the impact of the footpath being constructed along the grassed and landscaped street verge; and
- There must surely be far more worthwhile projects within Cottesloe on which the money could be better spent.

For these reasons I strongly submit that the Council should not proceed with this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

21st January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town Of Cottesloe
P O Box 606
COTTESLOE WA 6911

Re: *Proposed Footpath in Torrens Street*
Ref: *SUB/509*

I am totally opposed to the construction of a 1.5 metre concrete footpath impacting on the picturesque aesthetics of Torrens Street. It will do nothing but downgrade the quiet and beautiful streetscape that exists today.

In all the years I have lived in Torrens Street the only pedestrians you sometimes (not often) see are the local residents walking to the park or ocean.

Torrens Street is an extremely quiet street with no passing traffic making it similar to a cul-de-sac with only local residents, who can enter from the north or south which again reduces passing traffic.

I am sure you will hear from the majority of Torrens Street ratepayers that the proposed footpath is not only unnecessary but a complete waste of ratepayer funds.

Yours sincerely,

Unit 2, 9 Torrens Street, Cottesloe
Mobile:

Geoff Trigg

From: .
Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2014 11:05 AM
To: Geoff Trigg
Cc: .
Subject: Proposed Footpath Torrens Street Cottesloe

Your ref SUB/509

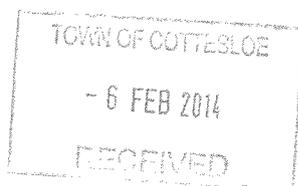
Attention Geoff Trigg

Please be advised I write on behalf of our property 11 Torrens Street and wish to register our objection to this proposal.

11B Hawkstone St
Cottesloe 6011

31st January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
P.O. Box 606
Cottesloe 6011



Dear Mr Trigg,

Whilst our address is 11B Hawkstone Street, our home actually fronts Torrens Street. We are opposed to the proposed footpath to be installed in our quiet street. We don't need it and don't want it.

It staggers me as to why council would even consider such a proposal when there are many many other projects that are put on the back burner due to insufficient funds. Please don't waste our rates on something we don't want.

If the council really wants to spend money to help us, may I suggest closing the bend at the end of Hawkstone Street and Hamersley Street creating two cul-de-sacs and therefore enabling the unused park on the south side to be incorporated with the Grant Street Marine Park on the north side.

On one side we have a beautiful well used park whilst the grassed area on the south side is an eye sore, it is basically unused, but to be joined with northern area it would create an even better recreational area for local residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606
Cottesloe
WA 6911



4 February 2014

Dear Geoff

Proposed footpath in Torrens St from Broome St to Hawkstone St

Thank you for your letter dated 15 January 2014 regarding the proposal to install a 1.5m wide concrete footpath in Torrens St. We appreciate the opportunity to give our comments and suggestions regarding this proposal.

We would like to register our strong objection to any footpath being constructed in Torrens St as we regard it as unnecessary and believe it will be detrimental to the existing character of the streetscape.

We have owned the block on the northern corner of Broome and Torrens Streets for 10 years. Since moving into our home in 2005 we and our three children have walked to the beach along Torrens St to Hawkstone St daily and have never encountered problems with cars or safety. In fact the street is so quiet that children play in the street on a regular basis. There is very limited traffic and what traffic there is is local and therefore travelling at very low speeds.

International visitors have commented on the amazing ambiance of the street which is a combination of limited traffic, grassed verges and mature street trees.

The many neighbours and residents of Torrens St that we have spoken to are all proud of the existing streetscape. We have personally invested significant time and effort in creating a pleasant green and shady verge including the planting of an additional three Peppermint trees by the Town of Cottesloe at our request.

We are also very concerned that given the topography of the street, the minimal width of the verges and the location of the street trees, installing a 1.5m concrete footpath has the potential to severely damage the existing street trees and may prevent the planting of future street trees.

In summary, we do not see a need for a concrete footpath along Torrens St and we object to the proposal because of the detrimental impact it will have on the existing streetscape character and the potential for damage to the existing mature street trees. We believe there are more worthy projects to spend ratepayers' money on.

Yours sincerely

12 Torrens st 12 Torrens st

Cottesloe

WA 6011

Dear Geoff

I am writing to you with regard to the proposal for a footpath on Torrens st. Our family has lived in Torrens st for 8 years this July.

I consider this a waste of ratepayers money and totally unnecessary. We have four children with an age range of 6 to 14. These children have grown up in this street and there has never been an issue regarding road safety. I cannot recall a single incident involving my children and their safety being threatened by vehicular traffic. They regularly walk to the IGA from our house to buy provisions and regularly walk to the park at the end of the street to play.

To spend money on a footpath when it is quite obvious it is not needed is a waste of time and money. Council should spend its funds on more pressing matters of public safety.

Yours sincerely

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30 JAN 2014

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Wednesday, 29 January 2014

Mr. Geoff Trigg,
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606,
Cottesloe WA 6911

Dear Mr. Trigg,

Proposed Footpath Torrens Street, Cottesloe

We write to express our absolute opposition to the construction of a 1.5m footpath in Torrens Street.

We can see no necessity for this unwarranted expense; it will be a total waste of Ratepayers funds.

We have lived in this extremely quiet street for 12 years; it is primarily used by local residents and their visitors. There is very little other traffic and certainly no traffic using the street as a means of accessing other destinations.

The minimal width of the verges, degree of slope – both above and below road level, and the extent of landscaping integration that residents have paid to establish makes this an extremely impractical suggestion.

The lack of traffic allows for children of the neighbourhood and elderly residents to enjoy the amenity of the street, to my knowledge there has never been an accident or inconvenience to any locals who walk to the beach through Torrens Street because a public footpath is not available.

This proposal does not have my support for the reasons above and also the ratepayers funds could be spent more wisely.

6 Torrens Street,
Cottesloe

Delivered by hand to Council Office

28th January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606
COTTESLOE WA 6911



RE: Proposed Footpath in Torrens Street

REF: SUB/509

Dear Sir,

This letter is to raise objection to the proposed 1.5 metre width concrete footpath to be installed in Torrens Street.

I have been a Cottesloe ratepayer for 25 years and property owner of Apartment 3, 9 Torrens Street for close to 10 years.

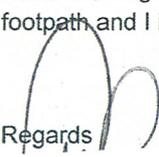
I strongly object to this significant change to the streetscape on Torrens Street, which is a very quiet and picturesque cul-de-sac styled street.

The street is primarily used by local residents because it does not link any particular destination, particularly given access to Hawkstone Street can be gained directly from Broome Street and vice-versa.

There is a lesser need for a footpath as pedestrians often avoid Torrens Street because of the steep entrance from Broome, and the fact that Broome Street, between Torrens and Hawkstone has generous walking space, shade and a picturesque setting.

Torrens is also a street of limited verge space and a developed tree line, uninfluenced by a current pathway, which limits a consistent logical option for which side of the road a path may best suit.

From the neighbours that I have spoken to, there seems a strong opposition to this unnecessary footpath and I implore the council not to waste ratepayers funds on this project.

Regards 

Mobile: |



2 Torrens Street,
Cottesloe W.A. 6011
30 January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
P.O. Box 606
Cottesloe W.A. 6911

Dear Geoff,

Proposed footpath in Torrens Street, Cottesloe

As a 10 year property owner and ratepayer in Torrens Street I write to express my total opposition to the construction of a 1.5 metre footpath in Torrens Street from Broome Street to Hawkstone Street.

I refer to your letter dated 15 January 2014 inviting comments and suggestions regarding this proposed footpath. I note from that letter that a primary rationale for the proposal is "as an improvement to public safety, particularly for pedestrian safety". I respond as follows –

1. Does the Town have any evidence that public (including pedestrian) safety is currently at risk in Torrens Street? Has the Town undertaken a proper and thorough risk assessment analysis including traffic frequency, traffic speed, traffic usage times, pedestrian utilisation, pedestrian journey origin and destination and pedestrian usage times to determine the risk exposure (frequency and severity) relative to the cost of mitigating the risk? In fact, has the Town any actual evidence of a public safety risk in Torrens Street that would be resolved by the proposed footpath?
2. Has the Town taken into consideration the following in its determination, and, if so, on what basis have these factors been discounted in favour of the proposed footpath-
 - (a) Torrens Street "goes nowhere". It currently merely duplicates an existing connection between Broome and Hawkstone Streets which is fully serviced by concrete footpaths along Broome Street and Hawkstone Street set well back from the kerbside with wide verges.
 - (b) Personal observation and experience indicate that whatever scant pedestrian and vehicular traffic there is in Torrens Street is almost exclusively sourced from the residents of Torrens Street and Torrens Court.
 - (c) To my knowledge the residents of Torrens Street have not expressed a desire for a footpath and are, in fact, vehemently opposed to the proposal (as evidenced by the correspondence now being received by the Town in strong opposition to the proposal).
 - (d) Torrens Street currently presents as a delightful streetscape retaining much of the unique ambience of Cottesloe as a coastal retreat nestled in the sand dunes. The street has well maintained verges and mature street trees. Many residents have established

attractive landscaping integrating into the streetscape. All this would be materially adversely affected by the proposal with significant aesthetic detriment.

- (e) The west to east topography of Torrens Street, together with the location of drainage sumps currently servicing both Torrens Street and Torrens Court would pose engineering and cost challenges to a proposed footpath. The proposal is not merely to install a footpath on a flat level surface in a wide verge. It would involve numerous cuts, steps and retaining walls to achieve its outcome. It is submitted that those cuts, steps and retaining walls would pose a far greater "public safety" hazard (pedestrian trip and fall risks with the attendant public liability risks to the Town of Cottesloe as the installer and owner responsible for the facility) than is currently the case without a footpath.

In summary I, and my family, absolutely oppose the Torrens Street footpath proposal. The proposal appears to be ideologically driven (i.e. "responsible" councils should ensure all streets should have footpaths to enhance public safety) rather than the product of a thorough and disciplined needs and risk management analysis leading to a fully considered business case delivering value for money for ratepayers.

In the circumstances, and as the Town's proposal is still immature without specificity as to location, design and impact, as an affected ratepayer I expect to be further consulted if, notwithstanding these submissions, the Town intends to take the proposal to the next stage. That further consultation should be before the Town has made a final decision on the proposal, but after the Town's current proposal has matured. This will allow residents of Torrens Street to express their views with respect to the Town's specific proposal concerning the footpath's location, design and impact on the landscaping, streetscape and amenity of Torrens Street.

I await your further advices.

Yours sincerely,

Cc: CEO, Town of Cottesloe
Mayor, Town of Cottesloe
Councillors, Town of Cottesloe
Residents of Torrens Street

28th January 2014

Mr Geoff Trigg
Manager Engineering Services
Town of Cottesloe
PO Box 606
COTTESLOE WA 6911



RE: Proposed Footpath in Torrens Street

REF: SUB/509

Dear Sir,

This letter is to raise objection to the proposed 1.5 metre width concrete footpath to be installed in Torrens Street.

I have been a Cottesloe ratepayer for 25 years and property owner of Apartment 3, 9 Torrens Street for close to 10 years.

The approach to the installing of this proposed footpath seems to be taken on a bureaucratic basis and yet there seems to be greater needs in other areas not being given due attention.

As an example, I have raised with Councillors a number of times over the years about the bitumen car park outside my residential property in Eric Street, that has received no attention in more than 25 years that I have lived there, despite it being highly degraded and an ugly blight on the face of Cottesloe. I have attached photos for your observations and comment.

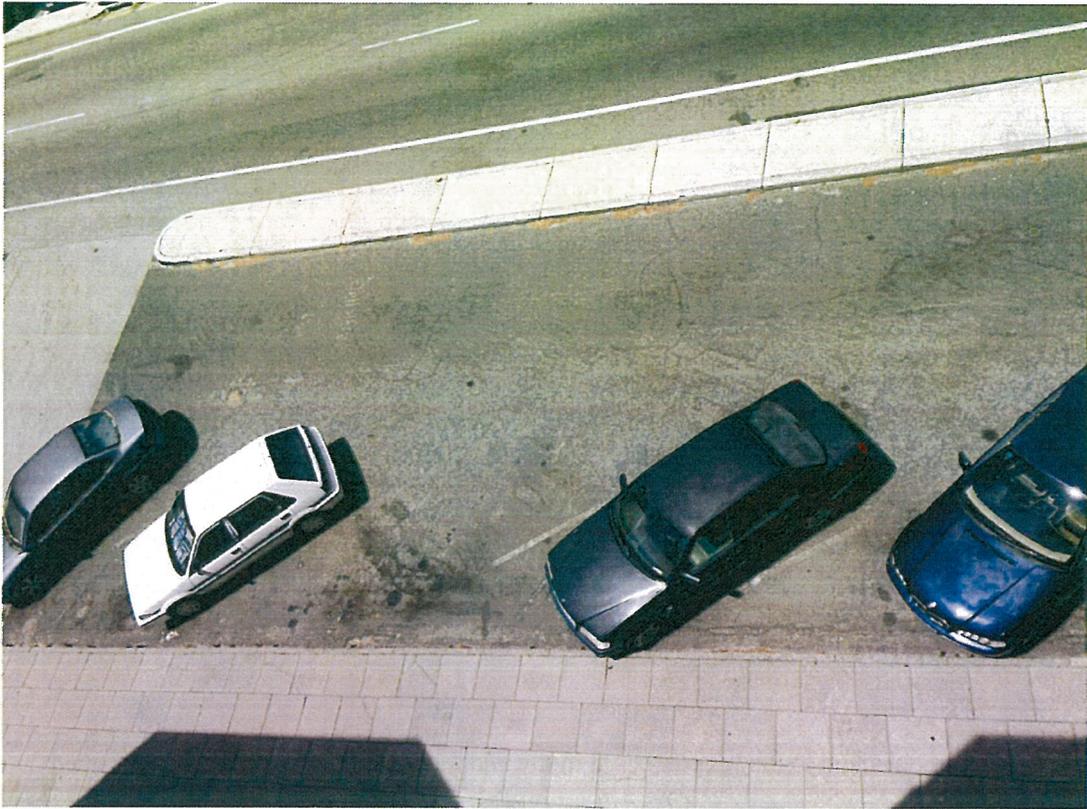
Instead, council is planning to spend money on a bureaucratic basis on an unnecessary footpath at the same time raising urgency that the money needs to be spent by June 2014.

I strongly object to this significant change to the streetscape on Torrens Street, which is a very quiet and picturesque cul-de-sac styled street.

From the neighbours that I have spoken to, there seems a strong opposition to this unnecessary footpath and I implore the council not to waste ratepayers funds on this project, but instead use these funds in areas of greater need, as described above.

Regards

Mobile: |



ATTACHMENTS

Do not place attachments over the dotted line

TOWN OF COTTESLOE

11 FEB 2014

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161 BROOM ST

COTTESLOE 6011

09-07-14

MR GEOFF TRIGG

MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

TOWN OF COTTESLOE

109 BROOM STREET

COTTESLOE 6011

RE FOOTPATH PROPOSAL FOR TORRENS ST.

Dear Mr Trigg

Having resided at the above address (with an exit to Torrens St) since January 1969 I feel I am in a position to comment on the proposed construction of a footpath in Torrens St.

I agree with the comments expressed by Mr + Mrs Alcock (January 23, 2014)

Torrens Street is utilised by local and Torrens Court residents and is a very quiet St both vehicle and pedestrian wise.

I therefore support the comments of Mr + Mrs Alcock and request you reconsider the proposed construction of a footpath in Torrens St as in my view it is not required or wanted

Yours Faithfully

Geoff Trigg

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:39 AM
To: council
Subject: Your Ref SUB/509

Attention Geoff Trigg

Re: Proposed Footpath in Torrens Street from Broome Street to Hawkstone Street, Cottesloe

My comments as follows:

- I have observed that very few people from outside the area use the route from Broome St to Hawkstone St in the years I have owned my property on Torrens St;
- The locals are happy with the current arrangements – I have spoken to many of them;
- The amenity of the area including landscaping would be destroyed unnecessarily;
- The topography is challenging and would undoubtedly create unwanted change in some areas;
- Lack of a footpath has never caused a problem;
- There is a nice 'village' feel to the area which would be destroyed;
- The cost is not justified – there must be higher priority issue to be addressed by Council;
- Given a choice, I simply do not want a foot path on either side of the road.

Regards

NEW FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION POLICY

(1) OBJECTIVE

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 i.e – 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

- a. 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.
- b. When reporting on requests for new footpath provision, staff shall consider all factors covered in Section (2) of this policy document
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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
- f. 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.

RESOLUTION NO: 11.2.9
ADOPTION: October, 2009
REVIEW: October, 2017