

Haslop Reserve Walking and Cycling Improvements - Community Consultation

Please accept this submission from the committee and members of the Unley BUG. This submission is prepared by the Unley BUG Committee on behalf of our 420+ current members to ensure the interests of people who cycle, walk and use mobility aids in, to and through our City are met in the above stated project.

Unley BUG are pleased to see the council look to continually improve our cycling routes, especially as they grow in popularity. Overall, we are very supportive of the proposal for Haslop Reserve along the Rugby Porter Bikeway as we believe it combines real improvements to the safety and pleasantness of walking and cycling with a meaningful increase in greenery and placemaking.

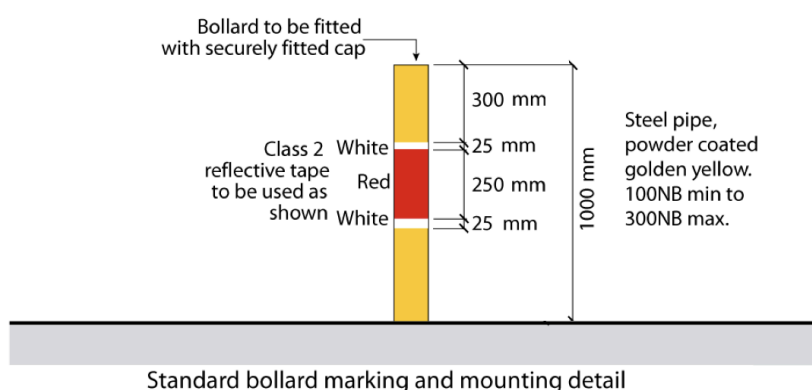
Rugby St / Cremorne St

The improvements at this intersection formalise the painted traffic island and pedestrian refuge that currently exist on the corner. By making these improvements 'concrete', we know that car speeds at this corner will be slowed significantly. This, combined with the two new refuges for people crossing the street on foot or on bike, will make the intersection significantly safer. The zebra crossing feels appropriate given the high volume of foot traffic expected adjacent the school.

One suggestion for improvement relates to the bollard. Austroads 6A discourages the use of bollards as terminal treatments to bike paths due to the risk they pose for crashing, particularly during group rides. Our experience supports this observation. Unley BUG urge council to explore the implementation of the bollard alternatives provided in Austroads 6A. If a bollard must be installed, we suggest that a more visible design such as the one below from Austroads 6A is used to reduce the chance of accidental collision and injury.

We note that the southern terminus of the path through the reserve has an alternative treatment where the bollard is complemented with garden bedding, increasing its visibility to cyclists.

Figure 7.10: Details of a bollard and U-rail





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Through Haslop Reserve

The removal of the eastern fence will provide welcome amenity improvements to people walking and cycling through the reserve, reducing the 'sheep run' feel of the current path.

Rugby St / Wattle St

Council is to be applauded for their introduction of a continuous footpath across Rugby St. While this will present a minor inconvenience for people cycling along the bikeway, this will be more than outweighed by the safety improvements brought through a reduction in speed for cars entering this dead-end section of Rugby St. Furthermore, the buildout of the kerbing with landscaping on either side of the intersection will reduce the distance needed to cross Wattle St.

Wattle St has significant car traffic and is also a neighbourhood bicycle route. While it would be ideal for the Rugby-Porter Bikeway to have priority over Wattle St as it does over most of the other streets it crosses, we understand this is not necessarily achievable. In lieu of this, we suggest council explore a surface treatment in this crossing area to highlight that cars are traversing a bikeway. We also hope that the council has considered the design of the future east-west bikeway along Wattle St in its design for this project.

Overall, we are pleased with the improvements proposed as part of this project and believe they will enhance the experiences of people walking and cycling through Haslop Reserve as well as making it a more pleasant place to stay.

Regards,

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