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Dear Mr. Vengadasalam

Re: 2022/483352 Traffic Improvements St Johns Road

The Glebe Society has over 400 members. We work for the good of Glebe's heritage, environment and community. We have a strong interest in proposals to make Glebe a better place to live.

We feel there is a bigger question in relation to the St Johns Road improvement scheme which needs to be part of your analysis and that is how St Johns Road fits in with the overall plan for facilitating cycling in Glebe and whether the improvement scheme which makes the southern side of the road discontinuous by extending the footpaths at intersections would impede this.

The Society has long been concerned about the Bridge Road cycleway as it is neither safe for cyclists (because it disappears in a number of places thereby forcing them into the traffic stream or onto the footpaths) or equitable for residents as it has involved the removal of all street parking.

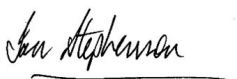
We know of at least one case where the spouse of a chronic invalid is forced to park his car illegally on the cycleway and footpath to get his wife into and out of the car so he can take her to a clinic each week. He is forced to endure verbal abuse as well as running the risk of a fine. This is quite unfair.

We feel the solution to removing these conflicts lies in looking at all the options for creating a safe and equitable east/west cycleway through Glebe, one that is continuous and does not disappear and one which allows some parking.

It is most important that your deliberations include consideration as to whether options to solve the problem of the failed Bridge Road cycleway might involve St Johns Road and, if so, would the improvement scheme be an impediment.

The Society also has concerns about loss of parking, the relocation of the Mt Vernon Street bus stop and the impact of the widening of the footpath at the Town Hall on local traffic.

Yours faithfully



Ian Stephenson
President