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Cycle Ways in Glebe and Forest Lodge

Dear Fiona,

The Glebe Society is a long established community group representing the interests of over 400 members in Glebe and Forest Lodge. We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission to the City on the cycle facilities that we think are needed in Glebe and Forest Lodge.

We understand that the City is reviewing the outcome of its ten year plan, "Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017 ". The objective of that plan was to build connected cycle ways through all the City's precincts, including Glebe and Forest Lodge. We understand that following that review the City will develop a new plan for the provision of cycle ways in its precincts in consultation with the community.

We are taking the opportunity to put forward our views while the City is formulating the new plan.

Cycle Facilities in Glebe are not satisfactory.

The cycle ways that Glebe and Forest Lodge now have are rudimentary and not satisfactory. There are road markings along St Johns Road and the northern end of Glebe Point Road indicating cycle lanes on those roads, but with no protection of cyclists from vehicle traffic.

Glebe and Forest Lodge have designated shared paths allowing use by cyclists and pedestrians. The most used of these is the foreshore path running from the Crescent to Bridge Road through Jubilee Park and along Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay. Neither the Crescent nor Bridge Road, the two busiest roads in Glebe and Forest Lodge, have separated cycle ways nor cycle way road markings on the road. We understand that Bridge Road has fairly heavy cycle use.

There are no separated cycle ways in Glebe and Forest Lodge that protect cyclists from traffic. While the designated shared paths separate cyclists from traffic, these have proved problematic. The foreshore path running from the Crescent to Bridge Road is too narrow in parts for its safe use by both cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists often ride at a speed that jeopardises the safety of walkers and dogs, despite markings along the path requiring cyclists to ride at a sensible speed. We are most concerned that a very serious accident will occur along this path. We think that measures need to be taken to ensure that cyclist ride at a safe speed.

Separated Cycle Ways are needed

We believe that Glebe and Forest Lodge should have separated cycle ways that protect cyclists from traffic. We suggest that one should run west to east through Glebe and Forest Lodge giving cyclists access to and from the CBD through Pyrmont. Bridge Road or St Johns Road would be possible routes for this cycle way. The other should run north and south giving cyclist's access to the University of Sydney, UTS and Newtown. Glebe Point Road would be a possible route for this cycle way.

The need for separated cycle ways is a constant refrain from cyclists in our suburb, particularly from those who cycle to work. Separated cycle ways would also serve to reduce the numbers of cyclist using the shared foreshore path which will have safety benefits.

Cycle Parking Facilities

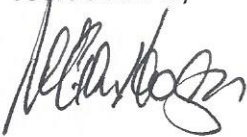
We also think that cycle parking facilities should be improved in Glebe and Forest Lodge. These facilities mostly consist of metal rings attached to parking signs. We believe that the City should explore means for the on-street parking of bicycles, which could include:

- . Bicycle racks which would take up one or two car park spaces, 10 to 12 bicycles could be stored in each parking bay in the space taken up by one car,
- . Metal bicycle storage boxes which are currently in use in Sydney railway stations and which could be located in public streets taking up one or two car park spaces, with 6 to 10 bicycles in each parking bay, or located in off street sites.

Areas near the light rail stations in Glebe and Forest Lodge, and adjacent to the Maxwell Road entrance to the Tram Sheds retail centre would we think be suitable locations for bicycle storage boxes.

We ask that the City takes our views into account when developing its new cycle plan. We would be pleased to discuss our letter with you.

Yours sincerely



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