



Gladstone Road Cycleway as part of the Newmarket to Strand initiative

Dear Priscilla, Steve and Biserka,

Thanks for involving us as key stakeholders on your initial presentation. We have sought initial feedback from a few key parties, which needs consideration in your scoping for the planned cycleway project.

The notations you identify as 'Issue' or 'constraints' are accurate, but perhaps not comprehensive. Any loss of parking along this route would have an adverse impact on several parties and would be resisted and possibly opposed in the project.

- Coming up Gladstone Road from The Strand, in addition to the all day commuters parking, much of the parking is occupied by students at Whitecliffe College as well as the Callaghan Innovation Centre. Many of the 350 students carry lots of art materials and equipment and for many of the students, they have no other way of getting to the college. They are in support of additional public transport being created along The Strand. Britomart is a 15–20 minute walk for the students, and for those coming down through Parnell it has its challenges with the steep hill to walk down.
- The shortage of parking in St Georges Bay Rd, Cleveland Road etc. require that many staff park all the way up near the Rose Garden and walk down. Again we anxiously await the Parking Management Study in the hope that the outcome may free up some parking used by all day commuters.
- The businesses in the Gladstone neighbourhood centre survive on the efficiency of the short-term angled parking provided as a shopping convenience. An opposition on this was presented to the WLB recently, supported by thousands of signatures and led the WLB and AT to not proceed on the proposed removal.
- The balance of businesses along this location, including Rosie café and the Rose Park Hotel require substantial parking and patrons are often frustrated with the limited parking on offer.
- The Parnell District School is very dependent on parking at drop off and collection times.

We would certainly concur with Parnell Community Committee for an integrated/holistic approach that balances the needs of all the road users as well as residents, businesses and children going to school in the area. We also think it is really important not to fall into the trap of cycleway planning that kills the street flow and creates lanes that are not used by cyclists or creates cycle lanes that may be used heavily for an hour each day yet penalises all other road users for the balance of the time.

We would ask that comprehensive cycle flows are assessed in the process and would opt for a design that takes the mixed use amenity into account. **Please see attached detailed comments from one of our committee members.**

Kind Regards,

Cheryl Adamson, General Manager, Parnell Inc.