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Keswick Creek open space concept

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### ***Keswick Creek open space concept***

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed open space concept.

#### **Welcomed addition**

The project is a much-welcomed addition to the City of West Torrens to encourage more people to walk and cycle, more often for transport and recreation. Once built, we anticipate this would be a highly used transit and access corridor. For these reasons we suggest some specific considerations.

#### **Shared Use Path**

Although the landscape vision is for a Shared Use Path, there is limited reference to bike riders/bicycles in the documentation. This is apart from the photomontage contained in the document, where a bike rider (without a helmet) is shown on the path (page 24). Along with walkers, bike riders and people using mobility aids/devices should be at the fore in planning for this pathway.

For shared use paths to be successful, there needs to be consideration at the on-set as to how pedestrians and bike riders mix on the path.

A primary 2.5m footpath is too narrow, and it is recommended that a minimum width of 3m is provided (with edge buffers). We suggest that the Government would be unlikely to provide grant support for any path less than 3m standard width. In addition, with the current limited cycle ways through the city, it is anticipated that once built, this shared pathway would be highly used as a transit corridor.

The feature artwork and seating are welcomed; however, the placement of the feature artwork needs to be considered so that it doesn't form unnecessary squeeze points or hazards along the path for users (pedestrians and cyclists).

Similarly, any intended use of bollards needs to be carefully considered as they create potential hazards and access limitations for people dependent on or using mobility devices.

For safety, and use day / night, the path should be lit along its length. As a cheaper environmentally friendly alternative, moth-friendly solar LED cateyes could be considered.

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## Connectivity

It is important that the development of this asset is supported by good connections to the local street network and neighbourhood.

This means that the path needs sufficient linkages to the existing street and path network so that reliable access to local streets and the neighbourhood area meet user expectation. Therefore, linkages and access points should be at regular intervals, seamless and well-marked.

Consideration should also be given to access to the path via back gates from private properties. This will enable residents to access the path and enliven the space as an important conduit for the community. Without sufficient connectivity, this initiative will miss the opportunity to become an intrinsic asset for community connectivity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Kelsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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