

Public Question Time

Question from Christina Manonian:

In relation to the proposed toilet block on Fitzroy Street. Is there consideration to move the location of the proposed toilet to be further away from the entrance to the school? Can officers confirm if this is possible? Noting that when the Assessment work and information was undertaken pre covid, Fitzroy Street now has more challenges.

Response:

When Council considered the petition in June last year, there was a number of different sewer discharge locations considered (four at that time), some of them were further away on Parks Victoria land and it was deemed that the sewer whilst on the opposite side of Fitzroy Street, meant that works needed to be undertaken to get under Fitzroy Street and under the tram lines, that this was the optimal place for sewerage discharge for the public toilet.

With regards to the location, Council's CEO and officers has worked closely with Parks Victoria to see if the location of the toilet can be shifted further away from the school entrance, and this has been accommodated to a further 20m North towards Lakeside Drive. Unfortunately going any further towards Lakeside Drive would have an impact on the mature trees on the site and would potentially lose visibility amongst the trees, as well as make the toilet less accessible by taking it away from the busy pedestrian and traffic/parking areas.

With regards to the changes in activity on Fitzroy Street since the project was originally undertaken, late last year a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) report looking at the environmental design elements of the project was made available to the public. This was updated at the end of last year, so that reflects the period of time post the pandemic as well.

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